

CLOSING PRAYERS

L: Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus! We marvel that in all things, even so small a matter as being presented in the Temple as an infant, your Son was perfectly obedient to your Law. Thank you for the faithfulness & Spirit-led insight of Anna and Simeon. They rejoiced in the appearance of Messiah Jesus, who perfectly fulfilled your Law, and became your holy Temple. Grant that we may worship you in Spirit & Truth, becoming portable temples of your praise. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Make each member of this congregation into a disciple of Jesus, so that we, like Anna & Simeon, may discern your presence & your will, and proclaim your goodness & salvation to others. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord you have shown us your salvation so that we might live with hope in this life, and at our final breath depart in heavenly peace. Keep Christmas always in our hearts. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bless, heal, and strengthen everyone who is burdened by suffering, especially those we name now before you: [Names]. Let all who seek the healing presence of Jesus, say with confident joy: “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?!” Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Communion Server: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Bob Harms & Darald Bothun

Acolyte: Nora Serr

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**Worship—Eve of
Epiphany IV
February 1, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

“Service of Word & Sacrament” — LBW

“Presentation of our Lord”—Christmas Day 40

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**Gathering Song: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” #42*

**Greeting:*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And Also with you.

P: In the beginning was the Word,

C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P: In the Word was life,

C: And the life was the light of all people.

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

C: And we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.

**Scripture Song: “Break Now the Bread of Life” #235*

**Salutation and Prayer of the Day*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to see with our own eyes He who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: I Samuel 1:21-28

Psalm 84 (*Responsively by half verse*)

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Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

***Gospel Verse: “Alleluia”**

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*Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Children’s Message: “What’s a Presentation?”

Sermon: “The Nunc Dimittis”

Rev. David Steffenson

***Song of the Day: “In His Temple Now Behold Him” #184**
(To the tune of LBW #50—“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”)

***Confession:**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (Share God’s peace with one another.)

Offering—**Gift of Music by our Worship Pianist**

***The Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Epiphany

*Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version*

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Invitation & Distribution:

Communion Song: “How Great Thou Art”

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*Table Blessing

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*Benediction

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***Sending Song: “O Lord, Now Let Your Servant”**

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*Dismissal

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Postlude

The Emmanuel Weekly

February 1, 2019
Epiphany IV - 6 pm

**“Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily
life!”**

Candlemas – Christmas Day 40

Traditionally, February 2 is the day when Church Candles are blessed. This is fitting seeing Jesus is the Light of the World and February 2 falls in Epiphany (the Season of Light). Candlemas celebrates 3 events in the life of Jesus: the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus’ first entry into the Temple; & the Virgin Mary’s purification.

Holy Communion...

Is the Lord’s Supper for the Lord’s People: “All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body & Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.” We practice head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction.

The February Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for December-February.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, February 1
Saturday School & G.I.F.T. (5pm); Epiphany IV Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, February 2
Candlemas; Pastor Dave preaching in Ackley, IA
- Tues, February 4—Men’s Bible Study at 8am; Text Study (10:30am)
- Wed, Feb. 5—Madonna Tower’s Worship at 1pm
- Thursday, February 6
Council Mtg. at 11am; Women’s Study (1pm)
- Saturday, February 8
Saturday School & G.I.F.T. (5pm); Epiphany V Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, February 9
Pastor Dave preaching at FLC, Hope, MN

through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” 36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members and visitors may use the offering envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

Women’s Bible Study: A new study (6 sessions) on Luther’s Small Catechism has begun! Sessions are held on Thursdays at 1pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Dates: February 6 & 20.

Men’s Bible Study: Men of Emmanuel are meeting at Oasis Church and looking at the Augsburg Confession (*Augustana*) on Tuesdays at 8am. Please join us for coffee, goodies, and conversation!

SEMAC—February 9-21: Larry Vomhof & his team of dedicated servants will be lending a helping hand in the name of Jesus Christ to the residents of Dayton, OH. Please keep SEMAC in your prayers.

Madonna Towers Worship: Twice a month on Wednesday afternoons, Emmanuel members participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Services will be on Wednesdays, February 5 & 26 at 1pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this ministry.

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. *Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word & Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Shining Bright for Jesus!*
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I Samuel 1:21-28 — Samuel is Lent to the LORD

21 The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. 22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the Lord and dwell there forever.” 23 Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the Lord establish his word.” So the woman remained & nursed her son until she weaned him. 24 And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh. And the child was young. 25 Then they slaughtered the bull, & they brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. 27 For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition that I made to him. 28 Therefore I have lent him to the Lord. As long as he lives, he is lent to the Lord.” And he worshiped the Lord there.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84 (Responsively)

L: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

C: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;

L: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

L: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

C: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

L: As they go through the Valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

C: They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.

L: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

C: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

L: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

L: For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

C: The Lord bestows favor and honor.

L: No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

C: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

Hebrews 2:14-18 — He Became One with Us

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh & blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 2nd. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” 33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce