

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Jesus Is My Rock

Refrain: Jesus is my Rock, Rock of ages, Jesus is my rock Repeat

He was with me in the beginning, when I was all lost in sin,
He came down and gave His life for me, He called me and I believe in Him. Refrain

On those days when nothing seems right, I trust in Him, and know He is there,
He will guide and guard and protect me, there's no reason for me to fear. Refrain

Now that I know Him and His truth, my life is different and I've been changed,
I need to spread His good news, so we can all always live with Him. Refrain

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. Chad E. Hoover
Choir: Central Lutheran Junior High Choir
Praise Team: Annette Carbaugh, Praise Leader
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The Gathering

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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Vision Statement

Emanuel Lutheran Church is a united and growing family of Christians joyfully dedicated to furthering God's Kingdom.

† The Third Sunday after the Epiphany †

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in! We ask guests to include your address, zip code and phone number so that we may acknowledge your visit.

AS WE GATHER ~ When Jesus unrolled the scroll, the people might have been expecting words from His mouth, but what they got was the Word made flesh, the Word that endures forever. It did not take long before they found reason to wonder. "Is this not Joseph's son?" The reality is that there are always those who look for reason to doubt or to reject but the Word is given to bring forth faith. The Word is given that by hearing we might believe, but wherever God's Word is spoken it is also a scandal and offense to the way we see ourselves and our salvation. Jesus has come to address us with the Word of Life so that by hearing we may believe and by believing we may see that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. The best appreciation for God's Word is faith.

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *The Goodness of God*

I love You, Lord, for Your mercy never fails me.

All my days, I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head,

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Refrain: **And all my life You have been faithful,**

And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able, oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire.

In the darkest night You are close like no other.

I've known You as a Father, I've known You as a Friend,

And I have lived in the goodness of God. *Refrain*

Bridge: **'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.**

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

With my life laid down I'm surrendered now, I give You everything.

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Repeat, then Refrain

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OPENING SONG

Jubilate Deo (Bedford)

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra! Oh, be joyful in the Lord God all you children of the world!

Love and serve the Lord your God with gladness evermore!

Come to God, come now into God's presence, come to God with songs of exultation!

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra! Oh, be joyful in the Lord God all you children of the world!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Psalm 19:7-9, 11-14)

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;

People: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Pastor: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

People: Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Pastor: Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

People: Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God our Father.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PSALM 19:7-14

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People: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Pastor: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Pastor: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

Pastor: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

We Bow Down

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea.

You were Lord of the heavens before there was time, Lord of all lords You will be.

We bow down and we worship you, Lord.

We bow down and we worship You, Lord.

We bow down and we worship You, Lord. Lord of all lords You will be!

You are King of creation and King of my life, King of the land and the sea.

You were King of heaven before there was time, King of all kings you will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King.

We bow down and we crown You the King.

We bow down and we crown You the King. King of all kings You will be!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (ESV)

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month.

³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. . . .

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (ESV)

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any

less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

THY WORD

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:16-30 (ESV)

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives

and recovering of sight to the blind,

to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today

this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

THY WORD

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Repeat
You're the Light unto my path.**

SONG OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free,

My God, my Savior has ransomed me;

And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Chorus twice

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

MESSAGE

Hometown Prophet

STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.