

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 25 and 26, 2025



THE WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Rev. David O. Stecker

Organist: Doug Reynolds, Director of Parish Music

Choir: Central Lutheran 3rd-5th Grade Choir, (A-M), Mrs. Zeckzer (8:00)
Central Lutheran 3rd-5th Grade Choir, (N-Z), Mrs. Robinette (10:30)

Acolytes: Kenzie Werling, Avary Vincenski (8:00)
Tenley Rorick, Hadley Dager (10:30)

Elder: Wade Benjamin (5:00)
Benjamin Castens (8:00, 10:30)

Ushers: Group S3 (Jay Melcher) (5:00)
Group 5 (Mike Schultz) (8:00)
Group 6 (Don Lambert) (10:30)

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Vision Statement

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

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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.

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.

PRELUDE

GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ **OPENING HYMN** ↓ *With Endurance Run Your Race* CLS Theme Hymn of the Year
In both morning services, the choir will sing verse 1.
Sung to the tune of LSB 686, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**With endurance run your race and
Cast aside sin's heavy load;
With your eyes fixed on Christ Jesus,
Founder of your faith who strode
On this earth with single purpose,
Freeing all humanity
From the weight of our transgressions
Through His death upon the tree.**

**As you run life's race remember
How Lord Jesus ran His race.
For the joy of our salvation
He died for you, took your place,
On that cross of shame and sorrow
Suffering through His pain and strife
Gladly bearing your offenses
That you'd gain eternal life.**

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**Ponder how the world despised Him
When, for His sake, you endure
Satan's tauntings and afflictions
Or the bane of sin's allure.
Jesus died, yet He is risen!
Seated on His throne above,
At the right hand of the Father
With enduring grace and love.**

**Therefore, let us not grow weary;
Neither tremble nor grow faint!
With a great cloud we're surrounded
By each witness, every saint:
Those of old, who came before us,
With the faithful living now,
Who proclaim Christ Jesus' glory
And before their Savior bow!**

↑ **Saints of every race and nation,
Lift your voices, hands, and hearts
To the Lord who grants salvation,
Who from us shall ne'er depart.
Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit,
Who, through water and the Word,
Calls us, keeps us, ever faithful
In the true faith God's conferred! Amen.**

(8:00, 10:30) RECOGNITION OF CENTRAL LUTHERAN FACULTY & STAFF

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ~ Page 268 ↓ (10:30) *Kaia Elaine Morlan*

ANTHEM ↓ **(10:30) *Do Not Be Afraid* (Stoppford/Markland)**

Refrain: Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by your name; you are mine, you are mine.

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.

When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you, I love you with a perfect love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ~ Page 203 ↑

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

People: Amen. (Matthew 28:19)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. (Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

People: Amen. (John 20:19-23)

INTROIT FOR THE DAY ↑

Pastor: You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. (Psalm 102:13)

Pastor: Let this be recorded for a generation to come,

People: so that a people yet to be created may praise the Lord:

Pastor: that he looked down from his holy height;

People: from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,

Pastor: to hear the groans of the prisoners,

People: to set free those who were doomed to die,

Pastor: that they may declare in Zion the name of the Lord,

People: and in Jerusalem his praise,

Pastor: when peoples gather together,

People: and kingdoms, to worship the Lord. (Psalm 102:18-22)

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.

Pastor: You will arise and have pity on Zion; it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come. (Psalm 102:13)

♪ KYRIE ~ Page 204 ↑

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy. (Mark 10:47)

♪ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Page 204 ↑

**To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing --
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated at God's right hand on high --**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.** (Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

COLLECT OF THE DAY ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you. (Ruth 2:4)

People: And also with you. (Luke 1:28)

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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM ↓

(8:00) *The Joy of the Lord is My Strength*

(10:30) *Kyrie Eleison*

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

♪ ALLELUIA and VERSE ~ Page 205 ↑

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, these things are written that you may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(John 20:31)

HOLY GOSPEL READING ↑

Luke 4:16-30 (ESV)

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ **HYMN OF THE DAY** ↓ *O Christ, Our True and Only Light* **LSB 839**
O Christ, our true and only light, enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice and in Your fold with us rejoice.

Fill with the radiance of Your grace the souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

O gently call those gone astray that they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed in you find peace and heav'nly rest.

Shine on the darkened and the cold; recall the wand'ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart; confirm the weak and doubting heart,

That they with us may evermore such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n by all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

SERMON ↓ *He's Just the Homeboy* **Luke 4:16-30**

NICENE CREED ~ Page 206 ↑ (5:00, 8:00)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again

according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ↑

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)



We welcome the opportunity to explain what we believe, teach and confess regarding the Lord's Supper. In order not to impose those beliefs on you, we ask that if you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, you would speak with a Pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

PREFACE ~ Page 208 ↑

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: It is truly meet, right and salutary.....evermore praising you and saying:

♪ **SANCTUS** ~ Page 208 ↑

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored:

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the

tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER ~ Page 209 ↑ (5:00, 8:00)

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ Page 209 ↑

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(John 20:19)

♪ AGNUS DEI ~ Page 210 ↑

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

(John 1:29)

♪ DISTRIBUTION ↓

O Word of God Incarnate

LSB 523

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**The Church from You, dear Master, received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass that, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands still guides, O Christ, to You.**

**O make Your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims by this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see You face to face!**

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583

**God has spoken by His prophets, spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming God the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.**

**God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.**

**God is speaking by His Spirit, speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.**

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;**

**With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

BLESSING ~ Page 210 ↑

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in
body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

People: Amen.

♪ NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Page 211 ↑

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

COLLECT ~ Page 212 ↑

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste
of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us
firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His
coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of
the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION ~ Page 212 ↑

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

♪ CLOSING HYMN ↑ *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage* **LSB 582**

**God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.**

POSTLUDE