

CLOSING SONG

Let God Arise

Hear the holy roar of God resound, watch the waters part before us now,
Come and see what He has done for us, tell the world of His great love.

Bridge: Our God is a God who saves! Our God is a God who saves!

Chorus: Let God arise! Let God arise!

Our God reigns now and forever, He reigns now and forever.

His enemies will run for sure the church will stand, she will endure.

He holds the keys of life, our Lord. Death has no sting, no final word.

Repeat Bridge and Chorus



Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.

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The Gathering

The Baptism of Our Lord

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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 Baptism of Our Lord †

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 ~ Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to “listen to Him.” We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In His Baptism, our Lord was not washed because He was unclean but because we are. The Father saw the prophetic words of Isaiah fulfilled in the water of the Jordan, and He claimed Jesus as His own Son and our appointed Redeemer. “You are Mine,” said the Lord to Jesus. Because He said those words to Jesus, they are now addressed to us—the people for whom Jesus was baptized.

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE *Whom Shall I Fear*

**You hear me when I call, You are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night it cannot hide the light. Whom shall I fear?
You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my Sword and Shield, though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?**

Chorus: **I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.
The One who reigns forever, He is a Friend of mine.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.**

**My strength is in Your name, for You alone can save.
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?**

Chorus

**And nothing formed against me shall stand,
You hold the whole world in your hands.
I'm holding onto Your promises. You are faithful, You are faithful.**
Repeat, then Chorus

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OPENING SONG

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

**Jesus, lover of my soul, Jesus, I will never let You go;
You've taken me from the miry clay,
You've set my feet upon the rock and now I know.
I love You, I need You, though my world will fall, I'll never let You go;
My Savior, my closest Friend, I will worship You until the very end.** *Repeat*

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: With these words you are baptized into Christ and given the new birth of water and the Spirit.

People: **So shall we stand in faith without fear now and forever.**

Pastor: Yet even as God's people in this world, when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find that we daily struggle against our weakness and sin that so easily besets us. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: **God our Father, though You have made us Your own possession by our Baptism into Christ, still we struggle to live as Your redeemed children in this fallen world. Therefore, we confess our sin and weakness to You and in repentance pray You of Your mercy to forgive our sins and grant us Your grace and strength.**

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. The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

PSALM 29

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.

People: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Pastor: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

People: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Pastor: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Pastor: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

People: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

Pastor: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

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

God of Wonders

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky,

The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on High.

Chorus: God of wonders, beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.

The universe declares Your majesty; You are holy, holy,

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light;

And as I stumble through the darkness, I will call Your name by night. *Chorus*

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. (3 times)

God of wonders, beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.

Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me, Father holy, holy.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth. (3 times)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-7 (ESV)

¹But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my eyes,

and honored, and I love you,

I give men in return for you,

peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I will say to the north, Give up,

and to the south, Do not withhold;

bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the end of the earth,

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.”

EPISTLE READING**Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)**

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

THY WORD

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

GOSPEL LESSON**Luke 3:15-22 (ESV)**

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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***King of Glory***

**Your face out shines the brightest sun, Jesus, You're glorious, You are so glorious.
With eyes that blaze like burning fire, Jesus, You're glorious, You are so glorious.**

Repeat

Chorus: King of glory, have Your glory. King of glory have Your glory.

King of glory have Your glory.

**Your voice like rushing water sounds, Jesus, You're powerful. You are so powerful.
In your hands you hold the stars, Jesus, You're powerful, You are so powerful. Chorus**

MESSAGE**STATEMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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.