

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

Go My Children with My Blessing

Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing — you are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story; here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you; here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you and give you peace.



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

WORSHIP LEADERS

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The Gathering

The Fourth 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 Fourth 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 ~ In a world where there is nothing new under the sun, we still run to anything that appears to be new. When Jesus taught in the synagogue, the hearers heard a man speak with the authority of the author of the Scriptures. They were surprised and even more surprised when His Word was not simply theoretical but silenced an unclean spirit and relieved the man of this demon. In their amazement, they could not help but tell the story to any who would listen. Yet even as Jesus’ fame spread, so did opposition to His teaching and preaching.

PRE-SERVICE 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*

Bridge: **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. *Bridge*

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG *Great Is the Lord*

Great is the Lord! He is holy and just, by His power we trust in His love.

Great is the Lord! He is faithful and true, by His mercy He proves He is love.

Chorus **Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice, Great is the Lord!**

Repeat chorus

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INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Psalm 32:1–2)

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: **Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Pastor: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **O most merciful God who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

PSALM 111

Pastor: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

People: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Pastor: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

People: they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Pastor: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

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

King of Kings

**In the darkness we were waiting without hope, without light,
'Til from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the word,
From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.**

Chorus: **Praise the Father, praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.**

**To reveal the kingdom coming, and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering You saw to the other side,
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake you died. *Chorus***

**And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
'Til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.**

**And the church of Christ was born. Then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. *Chorus Twice***

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (ESV)

¹⁵“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’¹⁷ And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 (ESV)

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet

for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

THY WORD

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:21-28 (ESV)

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

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 Bridge, then Refrain*

MESSAGE

The One!

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.**