

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 27 and 28, 2024



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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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Divine Service IV with Communion – LSB page 203

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 ~ 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.

PRELUDE *Jesus Has Come (Behnke)*

GREETING AND RINGING OF THE BELLS

♪ **OPENING HYMN** ↓ *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure* **LSB 533**

**Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
God-head, humanity, union supernal,
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!**

**Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God’s thunder!**

**Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death’s fortress,
Brings forth the pris’ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!**

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**Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow’r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ~ Page 268

(8:00) Jaxson Ray Newland, Jacob Ray Newland

(10:30) Nolan Michel Richeson

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: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. (Psalm 32:10)

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

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

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
People: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
People: surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
People: you surround me with shouts of deliverance. (Psalm 32:1-2, 5-7)

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.

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♪ **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; John1:29)

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 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.’¹⁷And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸I 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.¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰But 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.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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.

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 ↑

Mark 1:21-28 (ESV)

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ HYMN OF THE DAY ↓

Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, for Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.

Freely have Your gifts been granted; freely may Your servants give.

Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;

We but stewards of Your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of Love and Prince of Peace;

Hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.

By Your patient years of toiling, by Your silent hours of pain,

Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,

Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:

By your praying, by Your willing, that Your people should be one,

Grant, O grant our hope's fruition; here on earth Your will be done.

SERMON ↓

God's Authority Meets Evil

Mark 1:21-28

NICENE CREED ~ Page 206 ↑ (5:00)

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)

(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 ↓ *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

LSB 528

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.**

**Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.**

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

Look unto Him, ye nations; own your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid; the Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made for ev'ry soul of man.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heav'n.

“Away from Us!” the Demon Cried

LSB 541

“Away from us!” the demon cried when Christ, the Lord, drew near.
“Our dark, disordered world is lost when You, the Light, appear!”

But Jesus spoke with God’s own pow’r; “Come forth!” was His command;
For evil cannot bear the Light nor sin the Truth withstand.

O risen Christ, God’s living Word, to us, we pray, draw near.
Come, speak the truth that cleanses sin with love that conquers fear.

Drive out the doubt that cripples faith; expel our pride and greed
That we, from pow’rs that threaten us, may, by Your grace, be freed.

Then help us, Lord, to greet each day with hearts and wills made new
And, when You call us forth to serve, to rise and follow You.

O God, My Faithful God

LSB 696

O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame, and may I have within
A conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.

Grant me the strength to do with ready heart and willing
Whatever You command, my calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should while trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good, for You must give success.

Keep me from saying words that later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech may from my lips be falling;

But when within my place I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace lest I offend the weak.

Lord, let me win my foes with kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends for counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught, to love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might to live in peace with all.

Let me depart this life confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul that it may live forever;
And let my body have a quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave; and let it sleep in peace.

And on that final day when all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand, my deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice, redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice with those who love Your name.

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 ↑ *O God of God, O Light of Light* *LSB 810*

O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:

To You in heaven's glory bright the song of praise forever rings.

To Him who sits upon the throne, the Lamb once slain but raised again,

Be all the glory He has won, all thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

For deep in the prophets' sacred page, and grand in poets' winged word,

Slowly in type, from age to age the nations saw their coming Lord;

Till through the deep Judean night rang out the song, "Good will to men!"

Sung once by first-born sons of light, it echoes now, "Good will!" Amen.

That life of truth, those deeds of love, that death so steeped in hate and scorn--

These all are past, and now above He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.

Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken.

Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. Amen, amen.

Then raise to Christ a mighty song, and shout His name, His mercies tell!

Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong, and all on earth, your anthem swell!

All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!

Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, all glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

POSTLUDE *O God of God, O Light of Light (Ore)*