



***Epiphany of Our Lord  
and Baptism of Our Lord***

*January 7, 2024*

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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# Welcome to Emanuel

## ***WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!***

*Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad that you have come to worship with us. Please help us to know you by introducing yourself to those you encounter and please be sure to sign our guest book (located on the stand in the Narthex).*

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

*Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm*

*Friday - 8 am to 2 pm*

# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024

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## PRELUDE

*Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*  
Jesus Messiah

arr. Victor Labenski  
arr. Victor Labenski

## WELCOME

Pastor Lyn Crase

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

*Bright and Glorious is the Sky*

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen**

**P:** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**P:** God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you.**

**We have known you but have not always loved you.**

**We have wounded one another  
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit  
dwelling in each of us.**

**Remember your covenant.**

**Renew your creation.**

**Restore us,**

**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**

**Amen**

**P:** The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

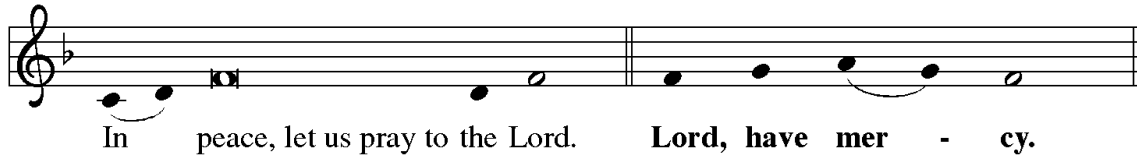
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.

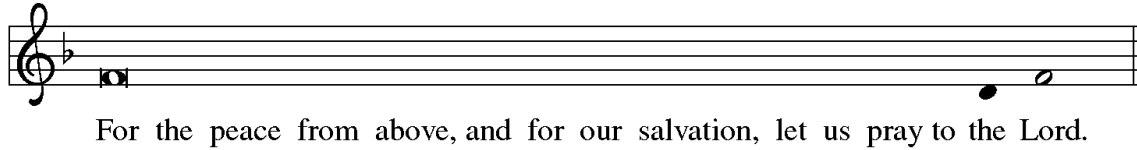
You are God's beloved.

**Amen**

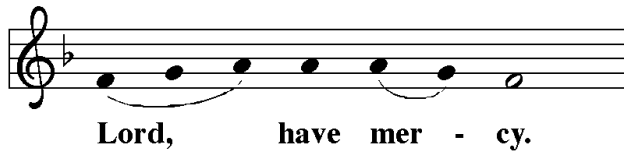
# KYRIE—everyone sings



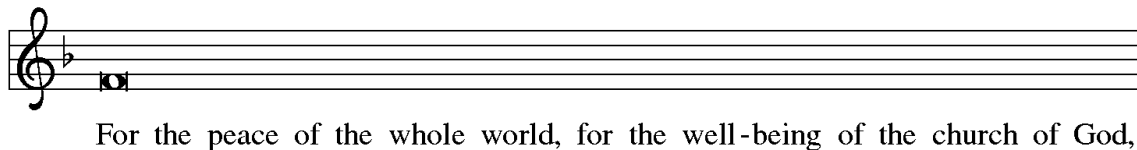
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



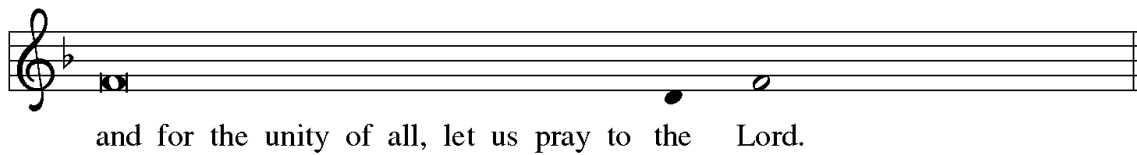
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



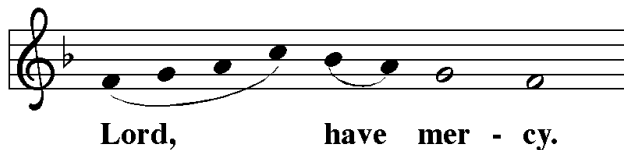
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



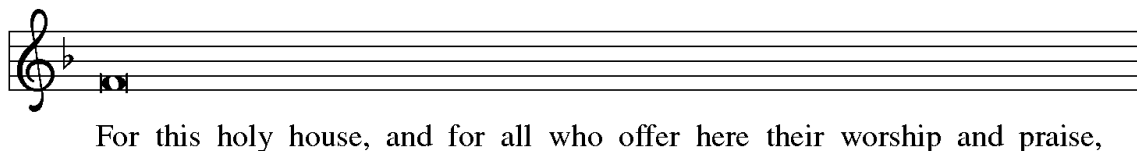
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



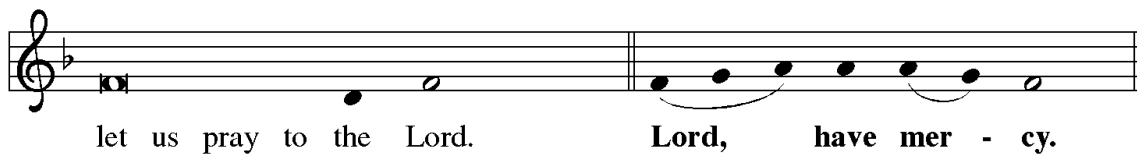
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



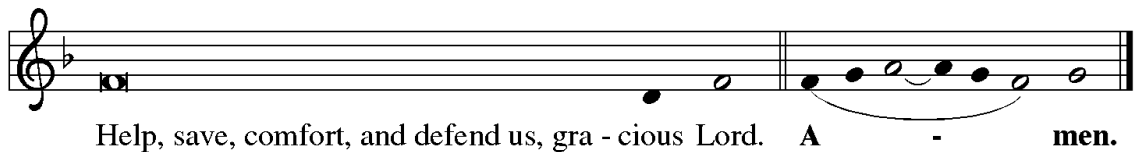
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# THIS IS THE FEAST



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



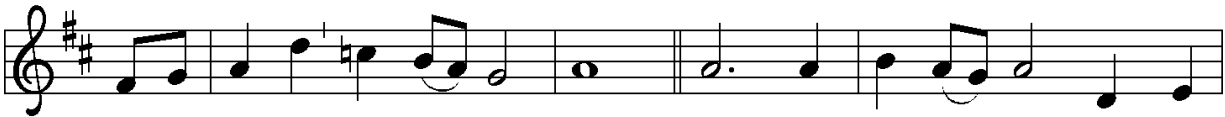
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

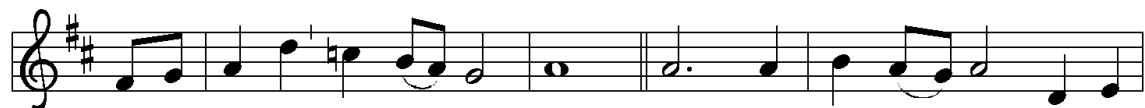
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# THIS IS THE FEAST (continued)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

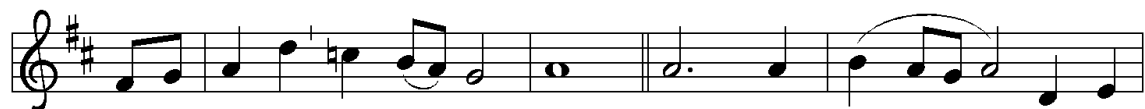


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray together....

**Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

*Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.*

## **FIRST READING:** Genesis 1:1-5

*Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

## **PSALM:** Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **SECOND READING:** Acts 19:1-7

*In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P:** The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 1.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL:** Matthew 2:1-12 and Mark 1:9-11

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)** *Please be seated.*

**SERMON** Pastor Lyn

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *As with Gladness Men of Old*

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## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**A:** With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**



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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.....congregation responds with “receive our prayer.”**

**A: Please sit or kneel as comfortable.**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

*The sharing of peace is an individual and communal act of forgiveness.*

**P: The peace of Christ be with you always.**

**And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Aria*

Anonymous

The offering is our response to God’s grace and mercy.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A: Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.**

**Amen**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**A: In recognition of God’s forgiveness, mercy and grace let us continue with the Great Thanksgiving.**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts.**

**We lift them to the Lord**

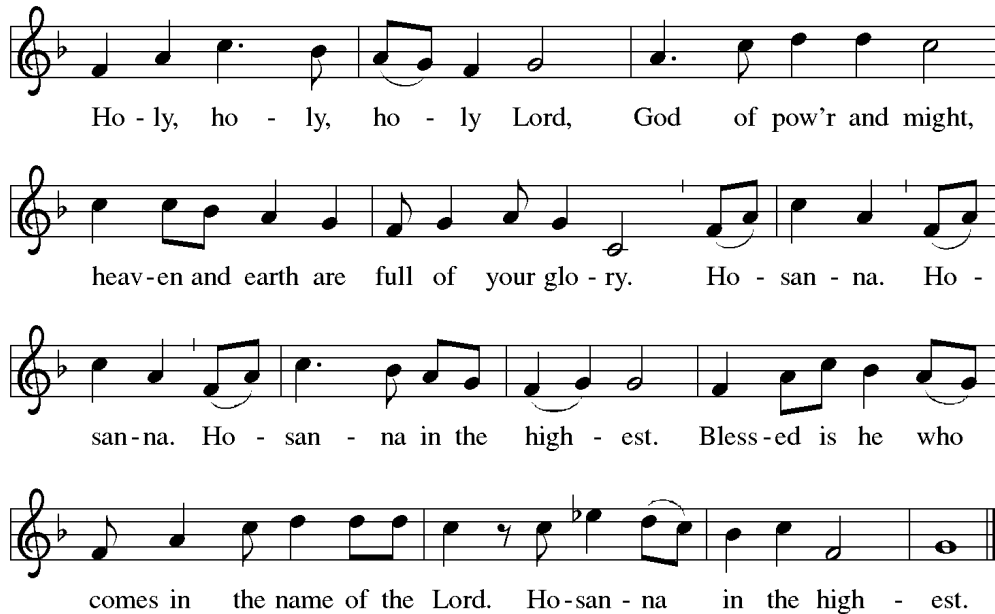
**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P:** To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church,  
now and forever.

**Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.

Come and see.

We practice continuous communion at the rail. All are welcome. White grape juice is available for those who prefer that instead of wine. Gluten free wafers available.

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** Giver of every gift,  
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.

**Amen**

## BLESSING

**P:** God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

*Shine, Jesus Shine*

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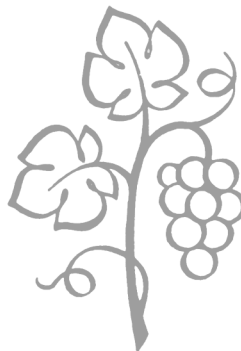
**A:** Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*  
*I Know Whom I Have Believed In*

arr. Melody Bober  
arr. Melody Bober



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## **Announcements: Week of December 24, 2023**

### **Bible Readings for January 14 - Second Sunday after Epiphany**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalm: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

### Adult Senior Day Care

Emanuel Lutheran Church continues its search for a volunteer program coordinator. For more information, contact the Pastor.



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## **Ongoing Announcements**

**Food For Faith (FIGS) now has a location** to accept donations of non-perishable food. We will collect food for them every 1st Sunday.

**Text Study: Every Tuesday**, year-round, in Luther Hall at noon. We discuss the lessons for the next Sunday. Come anytime you are available, leave early if you need to, bring your lunch. Generally, this lasts about an hour and 15 minutes....give or take.

**The Men's Bible Study Group** meets at 7 am on Wednesday mornings at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 Orangeburg Ave.

**Wednesday Adult Bible Study** — 1:30 pm in Luther Hall. Join anytime. January 10th begins a new study: "Fierce" Women of the Bible.

**Hosts are needed** for Coffee Hour. Please see the sign-up sheet in Luther Hall.

**We are asking for donations** to help support the Coffee Hour. A donation container will be available on a table in Luther Hall.

**Coin Jar** -- Your spare change makes a difference! Proceeds go to Outreach.

**Quilting Bee** -- meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:00 am. All are welcome & all skill levels as well. If you can use scissors and/or tie a knot, there will be a job for you!

**Lydia Circle** — usually meets the 2nd Monday of each month, at the home of Marsha Waggoner - 916 Kenilworth Ct. at 1:00 pm. Please be sure to check the weekly calendar in the bulletin for any updates! We use the GATHER magazine as our Bible Study. All women of Emanuel are invited to join us.

**Leah Circle** meets on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 pm at The Park Independent Senior Living Community in Modesto.

**Rebecca Circle** meets every 3rd Thursday at 1:30 pm in member's homes. All are welcome!

**Miriam Circle** meets every 4th Monday at member's homes. See Melissa Molina for more information.

**The Shower Shuttle and Laundry Shuttle** are actively taking care of our homeless communities, and the needs remain the same: personal hygiene items, etc. *Thank you all for your contributions to this Ministry, Marilyn and Chuck Rowland*

**Lutheran Disaster Response and Lutheran World Relief** directed donations go directly to the people most in need.

## Entrance

### Bright and Glorious Is the Sky



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the  
2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness  
3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this  
4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,  
won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions  
di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous  
and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the  
with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.  
new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.  
lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found  
him whose praise the ages sound.  
We too have a star to guide us,  
which forever will provide us  
with the light to find our Lord,  
with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,  
that will never lead astray  
with its message so appealing,  
is the word of God, revealing  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,  
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

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Music: DEJLIG ER DEN HIMMEL BLÅ, Danish, 19th cent.

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## Hymn of the Day

### As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872



## Communion Hymn

### Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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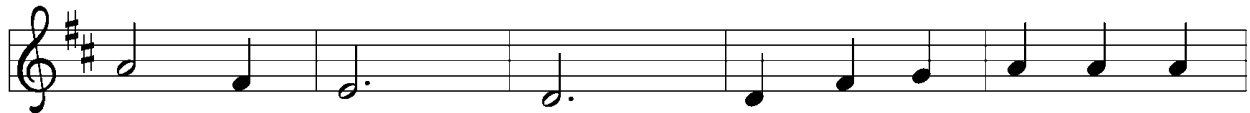
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# Communion Hymn

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
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# Sending Hymn

## Shine, Jesus, Shine

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*Refrain*



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*



Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950  
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## **Prayer Requests: January 7, 2024**

- ✝ *Prayers for comfort & peace for Audine Massengill, Kathleen Reuter's mother, who is now in hospice care*
- ✝ *Prayers for comfort & peace for Rue Knoll and family at the death of her brother, Clyde Windham. A memorial service will be held on January 20th*
- ✝ *Prayers for healing of a broken elbow for Barbara Warner, friend of Chris Schmidt*
- ✝ *Prayers for healing & well-being for Keith Johnson, family member of Jeri Johnson*

### **On-going Prayers:**

1. Lisa Poston—healing & well-being
2. Laura Marquez—health & well-being
3. Richard Clark—recovery & healing (Strand)
4. Kyle Ollenborger—health & well-being (Strand)
5. John Smith— healing (Smith)
6. Salonen family—prayers for the gift of a healthy granddaughter
7. Jennifer Turner—health & well-being (Dieterich)
8. Lena Shirley & family—well-being; daughter Jennifer—successful relocation
9. Aaron Strait—employment
10. Ray Simon—strength & healing
11. Tom & Barbara Norquist—well-being
12. Rose Epting—healing
13. Pat Smith—healing, peace & a sense of God's presence
14. Sue Allen—healing & well-being
15. Darcy Moreno—physical recovery (Ashlock)

**Please Note: the prayer list has been reset. Please call or email with any updates if needed. Thank you!**

## CALENDAR | JANUARY 8 - 14

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### **Monday, January 8**

9 am Outreach Ministry Meeting: Luther Hall  
10 am Piecemakers Quilting Bee  
1 pm Lydia Circle: Meets off-site  
6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, January 9**

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary  
12 pm Text Study: Luther Hall  
1:30 pm Sanctuary Arts Team Meeting: Luther Hall

### **Wednesday, January 10**

6 am Radiant Men's Breakfast: Luther Hall & Kitchen  
7 am ELC Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden Restaurant, 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave. in Modesto  
11:30 am Day Care Board Meeting: Church Office  
1:30 pm Bible Study: Luther Hall

### **Thursday, January 11**

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary  
6 pm Task Force Meeting: Church Office

### **Friday, January 12**

6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

### **Saturday, January 13**

(No events are scheduled)

### **Sunday, January 14**

9:30 am ELC Worship Service  
10:45 am ELC Sunday School  
3 pm Radiant Leadership Team  
5 pm Radiant Worship Service



### **Our Mission**

*To share Christ's unconditional love with everyone.*

### **Our Vision**

*Emanuel's vision is to be loving, supportive, and welcoming, as we reach out in service and in witness to our neighborhood and the city beyond.*

*We share a passion to nurture people in all stages and circumstances of life.*

*We, as disciples of Christ, minister to our changing community in challenging cultural times.*

