



## *Baptism of Our Lord*

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**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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# Welcome to Emanuel

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## **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 filling out a worship attendance form (located in your bulletin) and placing it in the offering plate.*

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*(Please ask an usher)*

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# THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

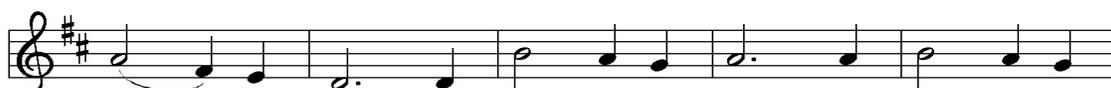


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

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.

**C Amen**

P Please be seated.

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

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: 29**

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

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

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

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

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

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

A <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD

bursts forth in lightning flashes.

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

**A** <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!"

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

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

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

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — <sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

**P** Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.



P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 1.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

L The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE** (*See previous page for Gospel Acclamation*)

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**SERMON**

Pastor Bill Ruth

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

Red Book #304

## **NICENE CREED**

A With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A .... You are invited to kneel. (*A brief silence*)

...Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

....

**Amen**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Please be seated as we collect the offering.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**      *He Comes to Us As One Unknown*      Robert J. Powell

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray

Blessed are you,

**C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

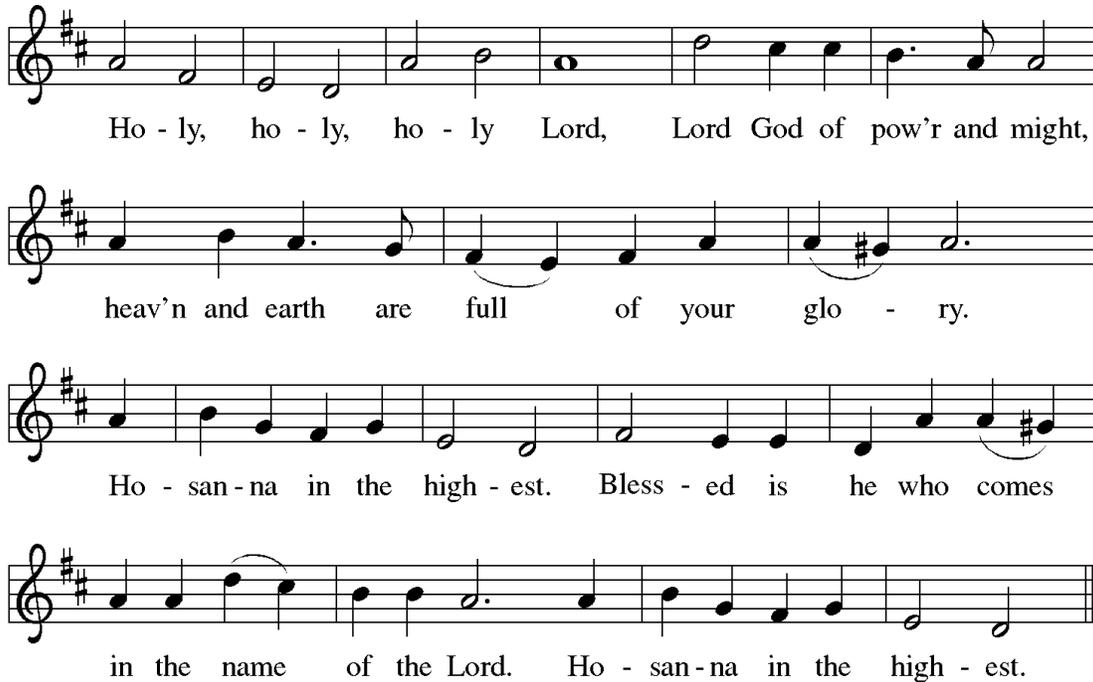
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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:

**C Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**C Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us.

Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C 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,**

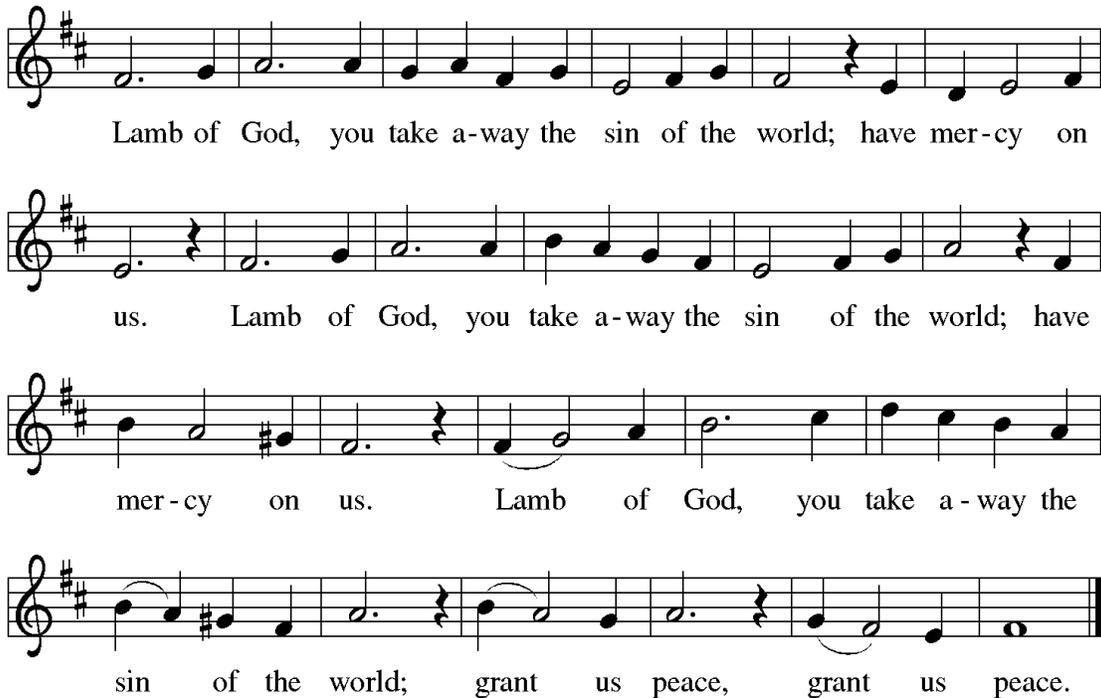
**now and forever. Amen**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Come to Christ, who comes to us in this holy supper.

Please be seated. *We will practice continuous communion at the altar rail. All baptized Christians are welcome to commune.*

## 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, grant us peace.

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Spirit of Gentleness*

Red Book #396

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

Red Book #445

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P (Please rise.) The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

## BLESSING

P God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and + give you peace.

**C Amen**

**SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS** *(If needed)*

L Let us Pray...

C O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are *homebound*. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**                      *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*                      Red Book #310

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Emmanuel: God is with us!

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**                      *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*                      Robert A. Hobby

**THOSE WHO SERVED US TODAY**

<b>Presiding Minister</b> .....	Pastor Bill Ruth
<b>Assisting Minister</b> .....	Barbara Crawford
<b>Song Leader</b> .....	Marilyn Rowland
<b>Lectors</b> .....	Paula Kroeze, Dianne Santana
<b>Communion Assistant</b> .....	Dianne Santana
<b>Home Communion Minister</b> .....	Mary Lou Dieterich
<b>Recipient</b> .....	Betty Mason
<b>Usher/Greeter</b> .....	Clarke Family
<b>Altar Team</b> .....	Rue Knoll

# Announcements

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The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Lois Owen.



**WELCA Steering Committee Meeting** TODAY after service.

**Confirmation Class** with Pr. Roger Lee after service at 10:30 am.

**Ministry Meeting** Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Following today's service and also on Saturday, January 17th, **Christmas decorations will be taken down**. Can you help for 15 minutes?



Family Promise®

Building Communities, strengthening lives

**Family Promise** guests return to Emanuel on Sunday, January 25th.

Your participation makes a big difference in the lives of these families as they work to establish more permanent housing and get their lives back on track. Please keep Family Promise in your prayers. Also sign up to bring a meal, host an evening @ Emanuel, spend the night or give funds for supplies. The volunteer sign-up sheet is in the narthex and contributions may be placed in the offering plate. Direct questions to David Holtz (davidholtz@sbcglobal.net // 578-0926)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

MON 12	TUE 13	WED 14	THUR 15	FRI 16	SAT 17	SUN 18
		7:00 am Men's Bible Study @ Mimi's	9:30 am Adult Bible Study	OFFICE CLOSED		9:30 am Communion Service
		7 pm Ministry Mtg.				10:30 am Confirmation Class
7:30 pm Women's Bible Study @ M. Waggoner's						

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Presiding Minister	Assistant Minister	Lectors	Communion Assist	Acolyte	Usher Greeter	Altar Care
Jan 18	Pastor Bill Ruth	David Holtz	P. Barton W. Teaney	Paula Barton	Kailyn Knoll	Smith/ Knoll	Rue Knoll
Jan 25	Pastor Bill Ruth	Kathleen Reuter	M. Epting S. Wilke	Sue Wilke		Petersen Family	Lois Silva
Feb 1	Pastor Bill Ruth	Paula Barton	D. Holtz M. Dieterich	Mary Dieterich	Alora Skustad	Shank/ Skustad	Marsha Waggoner

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

January 18 Epiphany 2	January 25 Epiphany 3
1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20] Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20



# Prayer Requests

**New Prayer Requests:** Lisa Dieterich—upcoming surgery on Jan. 15th (Dieterich); Kay Altmas—healing. Kay is currently at English Oaks for rehabilitation; USMC Dustin Crenwelge in Japan (Crenwelge); Dave Hart (our Pro Clean Supply Rep)—recovery from a heart attack, healing and well-being

Sympathy is expressed to Marty Strand on the passing of her brother Thomas Ferriera. Please keep Marty's family in your prayers.

**Our Members:** Drew Shank; Ben Knoll; Lori Knoll; Susan Hayes; Dianne Santana; Carolyn Crenwelge; Bob Dailey; Marilyn Rowland

**Our Homebound Members:** Harvey Hardel, Florence Broden, Kay Altmas, Shelda Fritts; Alma Johnson, Betty Mason; Esther Johnson

**Our Family:** Sharon & Harold (Owen); Meghan Ewald (Smith); Torrie & Nathan (Teaney); Marsha Schlipman (Nelson); Geraldine Walton (Hollmann); Ian McKenzie and Marian McKenzie (Schmidt); Steve Jeske (B. Norquist); Don Harlow (Virginia Dall's son-in-law); Trevor Jeske (Steve's son) (B. Norquist); Heide Brockmann (Petersen); Harry Belletto (Ixcot); Suzanne Stiver Lie (Reinheimer); Claudette Gaydon (Lori Skustad's aunt); Rusty Skustad (Skustad); Reta, Edgar, Bianca (Wise); Riegan family (Scott); Dan Farrell (Waggoner)

**Our Friends:** Dawn, Keith and Ed (Dieterich); Doyle Williams, Gene Loftis (Teaney); Nancy (Owen); Donna (Waggoner); Roger Warner (Schmidt); Melissa Gates (D. Norquist); Alice Cumbie (D. Norquist); Kathy Laughton, Loy Rodriguez & Lorna Sloan (Hardins); Donna Thayer (Petersen); Laura (a friend of the Norquists); Dr. Roger Vogelzang and family (Reinheimer)

**We Pray for Peace** in the Middle East, and for all those serving in our armed forces.

**Ryan Dangerfield, USAF** in Lakenheath Air Base, England and **Joey Sabel, USMC** in Louisville, Kentucky (Marilyn & Chuck Rowland's grandson & grandson-in-law), **Timothy Kramer** in Afghanistan (Megan Armes' brother), **Ryan Powell** (grandson of Yvonne Troedson) USN, Connecticut.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called to know, love, and follow you, O God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, we give you thanks for the common life we share in you. We grieve the loss of unity in Christ and beg your help in tearing down the walls of division within your church. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit embraces all creation, giving life, growth, and beauty. Move us to receive all we touch as your gift, and to preserve your earth for the sake of all living things now and in the ages to come. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Pour the blessings of food and shelter on the poor of every land and on all those denied the abundance of creation. Let them taste your goodness and know the delight and freedom of your presence. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Speak healing and peace to the hearts of those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Come to the forgotten, those separated from home and family, those near death, and those who grieve. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In the waters of baptism you claim us as beloved sons and daughters. Shower your joy on the newly baptized, those preparing for baptism, and those who will affirm their baptism. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Loving God, we give thanks for the saints of every generation who followed your beloved Son through the waters of baptism and beckoned us to come along. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day

### Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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## Sending Hymn

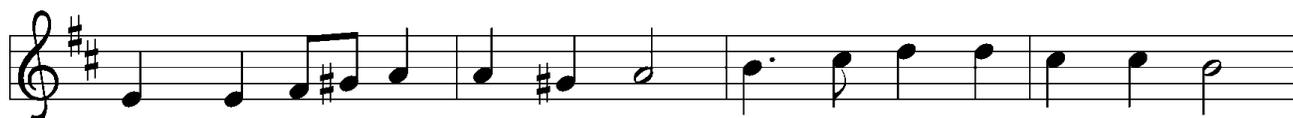
### Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702