



***Third Sunday after Epiphany***

*January 24, 2021*

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

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# Welcome to Emanuel

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# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 2021

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## PRELUDE

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

Wayne L. Wold

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

*You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen**

**P:** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,**

**for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them;**

**receive them in your divine mercy. Amen**

**P:** How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus,

our sins are washed away

and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,

we are called to be the beloved community

living out Christ's justice

and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

**FIRST READING:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Pat Smith, Dan Johnson

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"*

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

**PSALM:** Psalm 62:5-12

Pat Smith, Dan Johnson

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.  
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (MSG)

Pat Smith, Dan Johnson

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

I do want to point out, friends, that time is of the essence. There is no time to waste, so don't complicate your lives unnecessarily. Keep it simple—in marriage, grief, joy, whatever. Even in ordinary things—your daily routines of shopping, and so on. Deal as sparingly as possible with the things the world thrusts on you. This world as you see it is fading away.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

P: The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 1.

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

## HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,  
<sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (REPEATED)

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

- 1) Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.....
- 2) For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 3) For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 4) For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 5) For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 6) For our congregation & our families, for our Day Care, teachers & families, for organizations in our community that strive to help those in need, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 7) In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**
- 8) Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

**And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

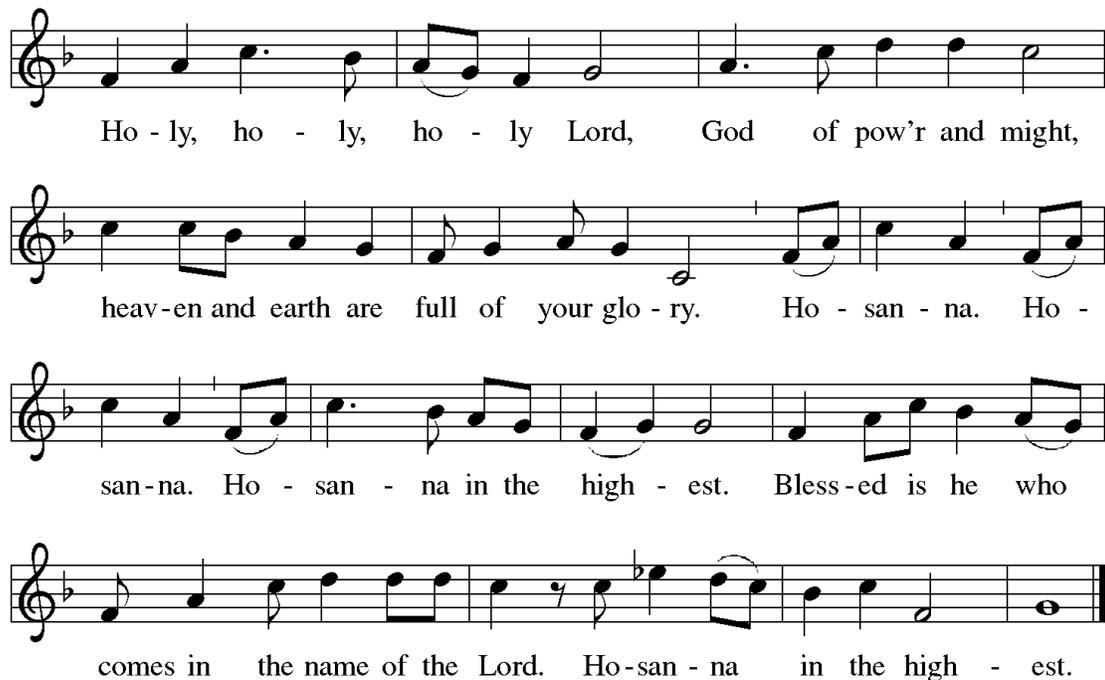
**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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—SUNG



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:** 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.

**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.

**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.

**Amen**

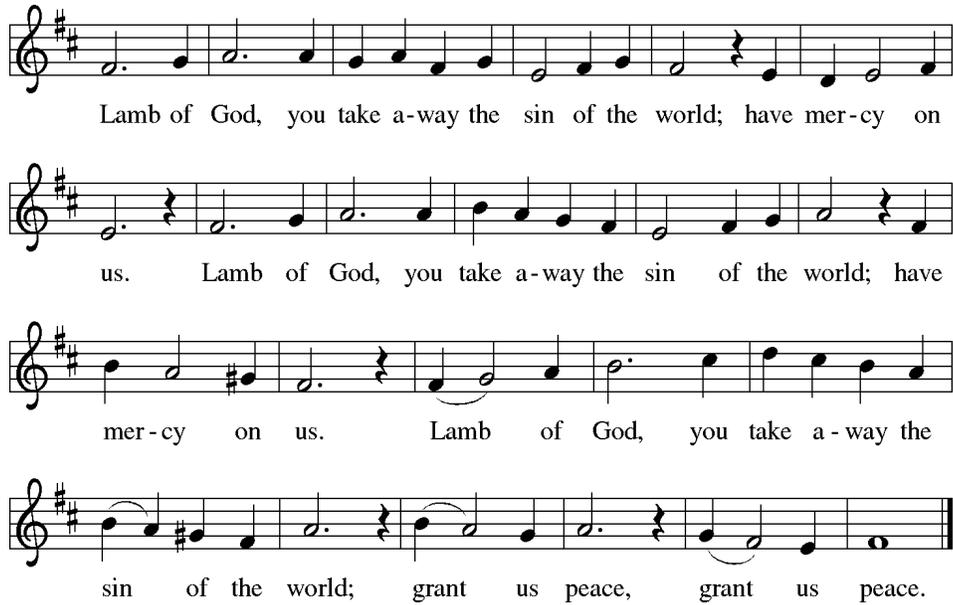
## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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:** Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.  
Come and be fed.

## LAMB OF GOD—SUNG



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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## COMMUNION BLESSING

**P:** Please rise.

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

**Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name.

**Amen**

## BLESSING

**P:** God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

**Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

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## DISMISSAL

**P:** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Bright and Glorious is the Sky*

Wayne L. Wold

## SERVICE NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Announcements:** Please check emanuellutheran.org and remember to watch your email for updates & news from the church. If you have prayer requests, please call Pastor Lyn or the office.

As we close the book for 2020 and start a new fiscal year, 2021, we pray that the pandemic will soon fade away as the coronavirus vaccine becomes available for more people. Many have recovered from the dreaded virus and others have a natural immunity to it. The numbers of immune, vaccinated and recovered will, in time, allow us to again gather for worship services as a church family.

I thank all the members of Emanuel who have been financially able to continue their support for the ongoing operations of our church and staff during 2020. It has been a trying situation for all of us. However, as we start a new fiscal year it is important to continue our financial support for Emanuel Lutheran Church. We need to continue to meet our financial obligations for staff, supplies, maintenance, insurance, and loan payments. We have been so blessed to have a very dedicated staff to keep operations running smoothly through the difficult 2020, and God willing they will be with us into a much better 2021.

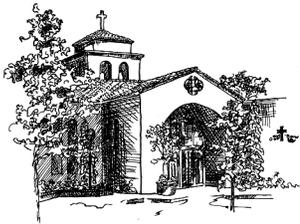
Thank you for your support during 2020 and your pledges for 2021.

Robert Reuter, Treasurer  
Emanuel Lutheran Church

# FORWARD ANEW

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### **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.*

*God is calling us to joyfully follow the Holy Spirit in ministry to others.*



# ENTRANCE HYMN

## You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore *Tú has venido a la orilla*



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -  
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther  
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing  
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo  
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my  
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's  
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.  
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
 fish nets and will for work - ing.  
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.  
 Friend, you have come to call me.

### Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,  
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi  
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.  
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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# HYMN OF THE DAY

## Will You Come and Follow Me *The Summons*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
your name? Will you care for cruel and  
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
kind and nev - er be the same?  
free and nev - er be the same?  
side and nev - er be the same?  
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
pray'r in you and you in me?"  
mean in you and you in me?"  
sound in you and you in me?"  
grow in you and you in me.

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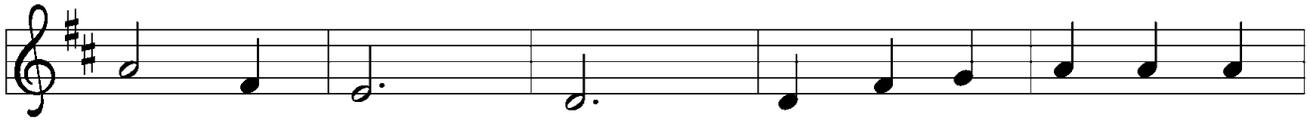
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# SENDING HYMN

## 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.

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## Prayer Requests – January 24, 2021

- ✠ Prayers for recovery, healing & well-being for John Lighthall who is currently in the hospital with COVID-19 (Nelson)
- ✠ Jeri Johnson’s daughter, Tamira Garza has stage-4 breast cancer. Prayers for healing as she enters into treatment. Prayers for Jeri, as she is a source of strength for her daughter. Also, prayers for peace and comfort for Jeri’s school friend, Linda Nelson who has stage-4 pancreatic cancer.

**On-going Prayers:** Bill Beasley—continued healing & comfort; Dianne (Santana) Horstman—continued healing and well-being, comfort & strength; Dawn Brown—healing & well-being (Ixcot); Norma Martin, now in end-stage cancer—comfort & peace (Crawford); Pat & Jack Smith and family—comfort & peace; Lois Silva—healing after eye surgery; Andrea Olson—healing after eye surgery; Connie Petersen—healing and well-being.

### **Pray for the church, the world and all those in need:**

Doctors, nurses, technicians and all hospital personnel who care for patients & their needs. For scientists, researchers, medical equipment manufacturers, corporations & employees who have stepped up to help during this crisis.

For those who are awaiting diagnostic tests results; for those already diagnosed with COVID-19 that healing will be complete.

For those who are dying and for those who grieve that they may be comforted with a sure and certain knowledge of Resurrection hope.

For all others who suffer from physical, emotional, mental or spiritual distress during this time we pray they may be sustained in love and grace.

For all this, and for whatever else you see that we need – we pray to you, O Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen

