



## ***Second Sunday after Epiphany***

*January 15, 2023*

**Emanuel Lutheran Church**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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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 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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*Monday through Thursday - 8 am to 3 pm*

*Friday - 8 am to 2 pm*

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 15, 2023

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**PRELUDE**

*Hymn Settings for Epiphany*

Wilbur Held

**WELCOME**

Pastor Lyn Crase

**OPENING HYMN**

*Bright and Glorious Is the Sky*

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### CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God,  
who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen**

**P:** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

**P:** Holy One, source of our renewal,  
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,**  
**and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We have not practiced your righteousness.**  
**Our hearts have turned away from you.**  
**For the sake of the world you so love,**  
**forgive us,**  
**that we may be reconciled to one another**  
**for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen**

**P:** Thus says our God:  
“The former things have come to pass  
and new things I now declare.”  
God’s mercy makes us new.  
We are forgiven in the name of <sup>☩</sup> Christ our Savior.

**Amen**

## KYRIE - Everyone sings

**ALL:**

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 de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men, a - men.

## 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, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

## PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11 MSG (Read responsively)

<sup>1-3</sup> I waited and waited and waited for GOD.

At last he looked; finally he listened.

**He lifted me out of the ditch,**

**pulled me from deep mud.**

He stood me up on a solid rock

to make sure I wouldn't slip.

He taught me how to sing the latest God-song,

a praise-song to our God.

**More and more people are seeing this:**

**they enter the mystery,**

**abandoning themselves to GOD.**

<sup>4-5</sup> Blessed are you who give yourselves over to GOD,

turn your backs on the world's "sure thing,"

ignore what the world worships;

The world's a huge stockpile

of God-wonders and God-thoughts.

Nothing and no one

compares to you!

**I start talking about you, telling what I know,**

**and quickly run out of words.**

**Neither numbers nor words**

**account for you.**

<sup>6</sup> Doing something for you, bringing something to you—  
that's not what you're after.

**Being religious, acting pious—  
that's not what you're asking for.  
You've opened my ears  
so I can listen.**

<sup>7-8</sup> So I answered, "I'm coming.  
I read in your letter what you wrote about me,  
And I'm coming to the party  
you're throwing for me."

**That's when God's Word entered my life,  
became part of my very being.**

<sup>9-10</sup> I've preached you to the whole congregation,  
I've kept back nothing, GOD—you know that.

**I didn't keep the news of your ways  
a secret, didn't keep it to myself.  
I told it all, how dependable you are, how thorough.  
I didn't hold back pieces of love and truth  
For myself alone. I told it all,  
let the congregation know the whole story.**

<sup>11</sup> Now GOD, don't hold out on me,  
don't hold back your passion.  
Your love and truth  
are all that keeps me together.

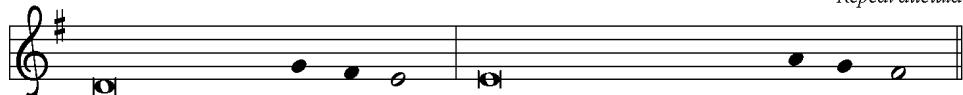
## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 NIV**

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



*Repeat alleluia*



**Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL:** John 1:29-45 MSG

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

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

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Lyn Crase

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

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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.”

(Please be seated.)

**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**

*Celestia*

Dale Wood

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice  
and let the oppressed go free.  
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving  
for all your works of merciful power,  
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.  
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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  
power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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:** Come and taste the joy of God!

*We practice continuous communion. 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, grant us peace.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

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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:** Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.

**Amen**

## BIRTHDAY BLESSING

P: Let us pray:

**God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the Gift of Life, and especially the gift of the lives of our sisters and brothers who stand before us this day and who recall this month the day of their birth. They rejoice in your gifts of life and love, family and friends.**

**Bless them with your presence and surround them with your love that they may enjoy many happy years, all of them pleasing to you. We ask this grace and blessing for each one of them through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod  
☩ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

Amen

## SENDING HYMN

*Rise, Shine, You People*

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## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Wonder Tidings*

Norberto Guinaldo



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## **Announcements: Week of January 15, 2023**

**Emanuel's Annual Meeting—January 29, 2023 10:30 am**

—Fellowship, choir practice and Sunday School will follow the meeting

**The church office and daycare will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day**



### **Outreach Activity**

Calling all kids, parents and grandparents...  
We have a secret!

Would you like to help prepare a surprise Valentine gift  
for the members of our congregation?

**Meet at church on Saturday, February 11th**  
**11 am-12:30 pm**

We will have fun putting the surprise gift together,  
and then have a little lunch when we are finished.

**On Sunday, February 12th after the service,** all kids will  
help in giving the surprise package to each member  
who attends church that day.

*We hope you will join us!*



### **FREE FAMILY CAREGIVER WELLNESS RETREAT**

*Rejuvenate, Reconnect and Refocus*

**March 22, 2023**

**8:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Stanislaus Veterans Center**  
3500 Coffee Road, Suite 15  
Modesto, CA 95355

Registration opens February 1, 2023 and is  
limited to 120 participants.

To register visit [bit.ly/3WgrvX5](http://bit.ly/3WgrvX5)

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## Ongoing Announcements

**Food for Faith Sunday** — 1st Sunday of each month. Items can be placed in the basket in the Narthex. Your generous donations benefit The Food Initiative of Greater Stanislaus.

**Choir Rehearsals** — Sundays after the service at 11:00, Augustana Hall.

**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** — *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. 1:00 pm in Luther Hall

**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 1 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.

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

**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 Hymn

### 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.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.

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

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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.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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## Communion Hymn

### Christ, Be Our Light

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for  
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for  
5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone  
wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,  
hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants

your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.  
bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-till all are fed.  
shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.  
to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath-ered to-day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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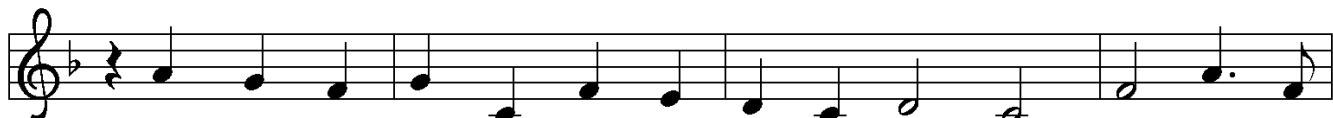
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## Sending Hymn

### Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round-ed, with grace un - bound-ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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## **Prayer Requests: January 15, 2023**

- † Prayers for healing & well-being for Arie Kroeze
- † Prayers for a successful procedure for Jack Smith
- † Prayers for good results from a biopsy for Marilyn Rowland
- † Prayers for healing & well-being for William Teaney who recently had surgery
- † Prayers for healing & well-being for Keith Johnson, Jeri Johnson's brother
- † Prayers for healing & well-being for Harold Harlot, a friend of Mary Lou Dieterich
- † Prayers for healing and well-being for Grace, Melissa Molina's sister
- † Prayers of comfort for the family of Richard Murray, friend of Suzanne Wilke. Richard passed away on January 10th

***The Prayer List has been reset. Please contact the office by phone or email with any updates for names to keep on the list.***

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

1. Deanne Crockett—health, healing & well-being (Troedson)
2. Stephanie—healing (Owen)
3. Patricia Balderas Cantley—comfort & healing (Crawford)
4. Mercy Maya—recovery, health & healing
5. Marilyn Rowland—healing & well-being
6. Janice Watkins—healing & well-being
7. Shelda Fritts—healing & comfort
8. Kaete Loeffler—recovery, health & well-being following recent surgery
9. Tom Norquist—healing & well-being
10. Mike Clarke—comfort & peace, now in hospice care
11. Alice Hoaglund—comfort & healing
12. Pat Smith—health & well-being
13. Sue Allen—well-being
14. Lois Owen—healing & well-being
15. Paula Kroeze—healing & well-being
16. Yvonne Troedson—healing & well-being
17. Prayers for the people of Ukraine, for an end to violence and war

## CALENDAR | JANUARY 16 - 22

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### Monday, January 16

1 pm Leah Circle: Luther Hall  
6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

### Tuesday, January 17

12-1:30 pm Text Study: Luther Hall  
6:30-8:00 pm RadCov Activity: Sanctuary

### Wednesday, January 18

7 am Men's Bible Study group meets at The Secret Garden Restaurant,  
2401 E. Orangeburg Ave.  
12 pm M-LinC Meeting: Luther Hall  
1:00 pm Adult Bible Study: *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking  
on Water and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans:  
Luther Hall

### Thursday, January 19

11:30 am Day Care Board Meeting: Church office  
1:30 pm Rebecca Circle: meets off-site  
6:30 pm RadCov Activity: Luther Hall

### Friday, January 20

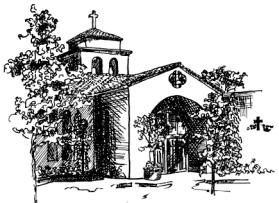
6 pm Sergio cleans the Sanctuary

### Saturday, January 21

10 am Organ Practice: Sanctuary

### Sunday, January 22

9:30 am ELC Worship Service  
10:45 am ELC Sunday School  
3-5 pm RadCov Leadership Team  
5:00 pm RadCov 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.*

