

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday after Epiphany
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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Our Ministers This Morning Include:
Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr.
Director of Music - Organist: Paul Burnside

2024 Congregational Watchword –

“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have because God has said never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” Hebrew 13:5

2023 Theme – What is God Calling Us to Do?

Prelude

2024 Watchword

- L: Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have;
C: **For God has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Confession and Forgiveness

- P: We await your message, Lord of all places and times. Sometimes we do not like what we hear, but we know we need to listen. Your message is inclusive and fair, while we like to make distinctions that favor us and our friends. You call us out of our comfort zones to do new things and try better ways. You direct us to reach out to people with whom we seem to have little in common. Speak your truth to us at this service so we can carry it to the places where you want us to go, to the people you are eager to reach.
- C: **God’s Word sometimes comes as a warning. How often we have pushed aside the Word we find unpleasant. Even if we grudgingly acknowledge its truth, we like to postpone any action to**

change. God comes to us today, saying that our days are fewer than we think. This time for us to repent is now.

P: Sovereign God, we reluctantly confess that we have installed our own gods in our lives.

C: **They take our time. They use our resources. They exact from us care and devotion. We do not like to hear that our way of life is endangered. Yet we sometimes realize that innocent steps into self-indulgence are really deliberate strides away from you. We hear distant echoes of warning and judgment. We want to return to you, O Lord, before it is too late. We repent of everything in our lives that cuts us off from you. Hear our prayer.**

P: The people of Nineveh proclaimed a fast and put on the garments of repentance. They begged God to turn around what seemed so inevitable – their own destruction. God listened, and they were saved. The present form our world is passing away. God has better things in store for us than we have yet known. Our lives, enlisted in God’s realm, can count for something good. Forgiven and forgiving people make a difference.

C: **God, whose reign is nearer that we have realized, and whose realm is available to us even here and now, speak your invitation to us today in ways we have never fully heard before. Confront us again with the good news you want us to share. Enlist us in reaching out to the world with love and joy, so all may be saved from calamity and know the fulfillment you intend for every person. Amen.**

Gathering “*O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True*” #675

Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



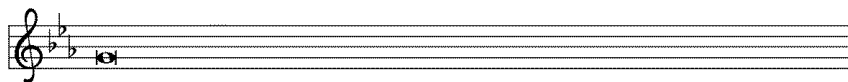
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



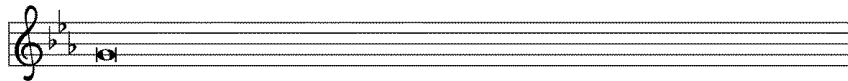
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



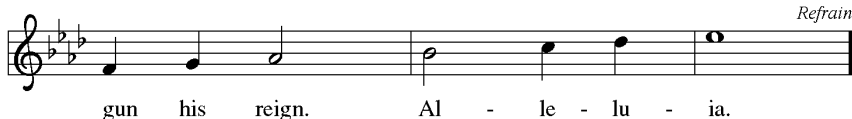
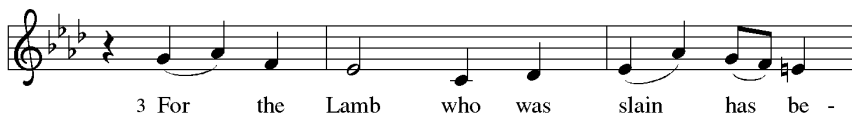
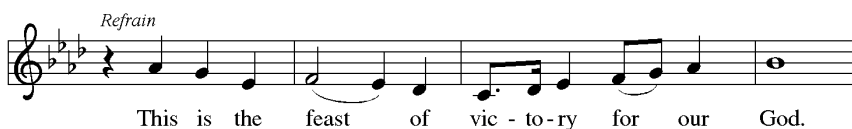
Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.



Prayer of The Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: **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.**

*Please be seated.

Anthem *“In Christ Alone”* Emanuel Choir (10:30)

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe. This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. ‘Till on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied For ev’ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live. There in the ground His body lay. Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine, bought by the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death this is the pow’r of Christ in me; From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand; ‘Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I stand.

First Lesson Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Pew Bible pg. 655

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Pew Bible pg. 810

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon (10:30)

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluiah”

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

Repeat alleluia

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

Pew Bible pg. 707

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

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

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.

Sermon

“Carrying Baggage”

Pastor Mike

Mark 1:14-20

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn

“I Love to Tell the Story”

#661

Apostles' 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

L: God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

Bell Choir (10:30)

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Offertory Response *“Create in Me a New Heart”* #186

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

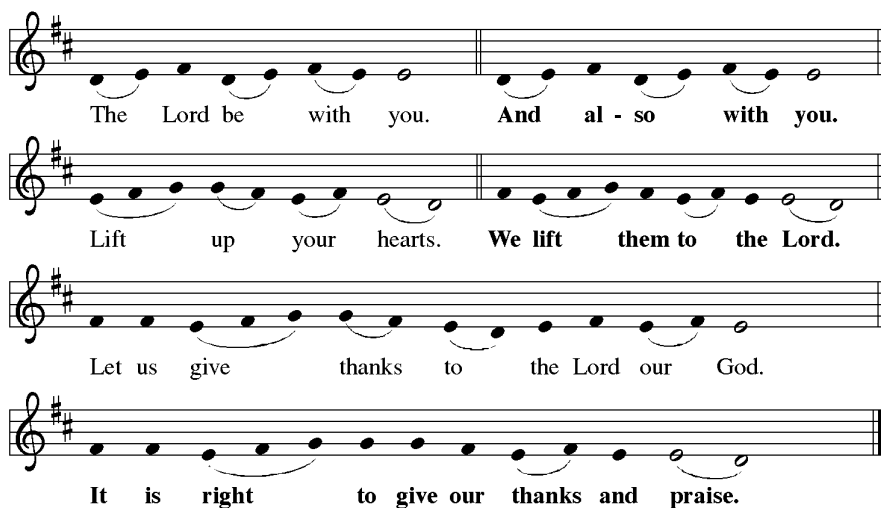
Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. When our riches increase,

C: **We are tempted to put our trust and confidence in them. But riches are not meant to satisfy us. They are placed in our hands that we might accomplish some good purpose. Giving to make the Kingdom better is always an opportunity for us. We pray that you will love the world through the offering we make of ourselves. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and half notes, with some slurs indicating phrasing. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Preface

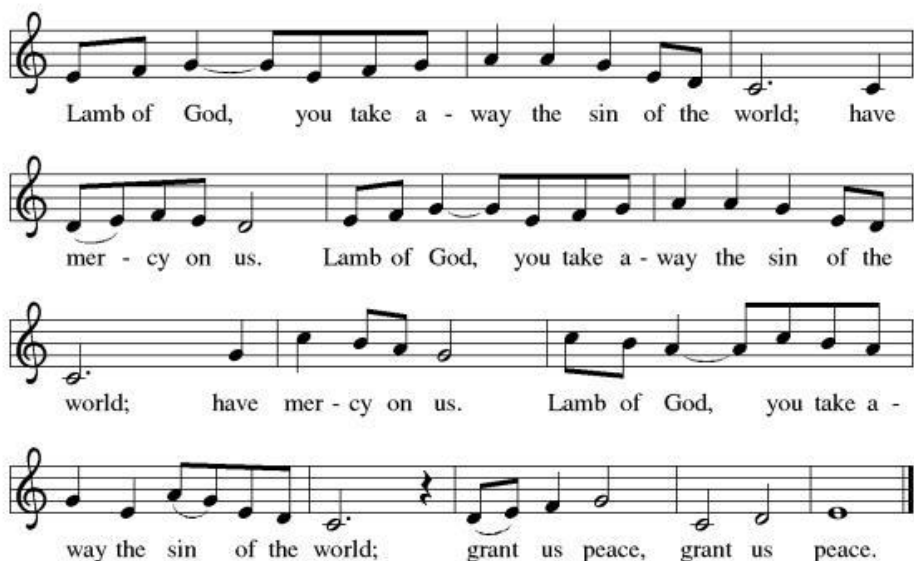
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer
Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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.

*Please be seated



*Please stand in body or spirit.

Blessing of Sacrament for Sending Out

(8:00)

L: Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care; as you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your Word and Sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence by the power of the Holy Spirit, and through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray. God of steadfast love,

C: **We pray that your work of transformation will be carried forward from this table. As a church, we seek to follow where Jesus leads. As individuals, we heed that call to discipleship. Bless our efforts**

to fish for people, for their sakes and not for our own. Amen.

Benediction

P: God sends us out into the world with good news.
God directs us to warn and to give assurance.

C: **We are disciples of Jesus Christ. We have been commissioned and blessed.**

P: We go out as people who know our own weakness.
We rise above our shortcoming in the strength Christ gives.

C: **We will trust in God at all times. We will speak God's truth in love.**

P: The reign of God is drawing near to us. It can be realized in our lives here and now.

C: **We accept God's rule among us. We are citizens of God's realm. Amen.**

Sending *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* #815

Dismissal

P: God in peace. Turn to God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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