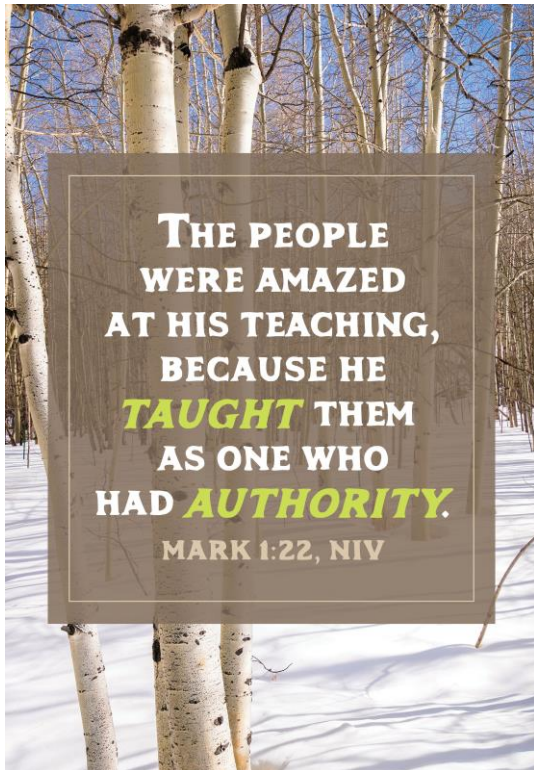


EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mission Statement:

Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others

Our Ministers This Morning Include:
Pastor Jonathan Bull
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

Special Music “*David’s Giant Problem*” Children’s Choir
Children’s Sermon

Watchword Hebrew 13:5

- 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.

Call to Worship

- P: Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised. God’s righteousness endures forever.
C: **We come together as children of God. We give thanks to God with whole hearts.**
P: God is gracious and merciful and trustworthy. At all times, God is mindful of the covenant.
C: **The works of God’s hands are established among us. We can count on God’s righteousness and faithfulness.**
P: Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom. All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

C: Holy and awesome is God's name. We call on God to empower our worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of the prophets, help us to recognize your voice among the competing claims of our day. Raise up in our midst authentic witnesses to your truth. Be present with us now to guide our prayers and praise. Let us not presume to know your message without careful listening or to speak your word without discerning the Holy Spirit. Light your fires within us so we may heed your summons and give our best in your service.

C: We are called to confession if we have distorted God's word, knowingly or unknowingly. We are invited to repent if our freedom in Christ has led others astray. We join in prayer together because the church is not the perfect body of Christ. Let us seek God's forgiveness. Amen.

P: Faithful God, we have claimed to have more knowledge than we really possess.

C: We have presumed to judge others on the basis of our limited understanding. We have grasped for freedom without taking responsibility for our actions. Our witness is weak, and is directed primarily toward those with whom we prefer to associate. By our actions, some of our sisters and brothers are excluded, some are misled, and some are unjustly accused. If we have violated another's conscience, if we have caused someone to fall, we are deeply sorry. For failing to do all Christ expects of the church, we repent and seek your forgiveness. Amen.

P: All who love God are known by God, whose intention is that we live by eternal values, in loving relationships with one another. God applauds our

efforts to rid our lives of false gods we create, habits that destroy, and prejudices that divide. We count on God to understand us, to free us from our bondage to sin, and to dwell among us, transforming our lives. Let us praise God forever and ever!

C: All-powerful God, whose revelation in Jesus Christ communicated authority and wisdom and strength among people who lived long ago, let your word today address the unclean spirits in our midst, that your church may more fully represent Christ in today's world, reaching out in love to all who need food, inspiration, transformation, care, and healing. Amen.

Gathering

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

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Greeting

L: 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.



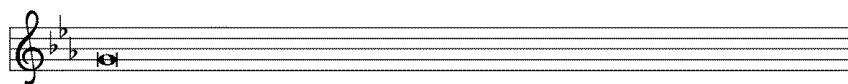
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



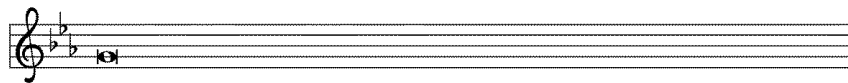
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



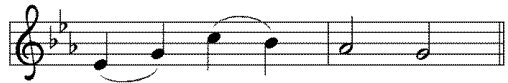
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



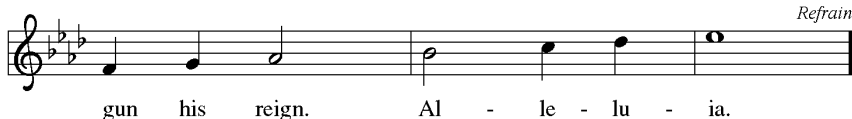
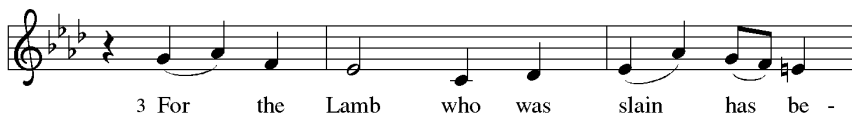
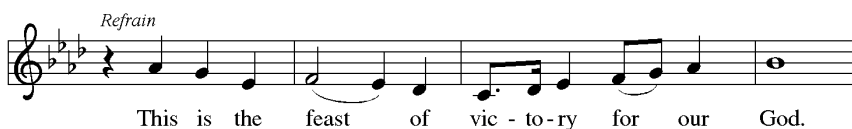
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.



Prayer of The Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Compassionate God,

C: **you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.

Anthem

"He Is"

Emanuel Choir

If you're troubled, heavy-hearted, come to Jesus and find your peace; If you're rundown, empty-handed, come to Jesus and find your strength. He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting, He is. He is mending the broken, bearing the burden, all that you're needing He is. If you're wand'ring in the darkness, come to Jesus and find your way. If you want freedom, need forgiveness, just come to Jesus and find His grace. He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting, He is. He is mending the broken, bearing the burden, all that you're needing He is. Comforter, Counselor, Prince of Peace, Author and Maker of ev'rything; Defender, Deliverer, King of kings, He is. Helper and Healer forevermore, Savior and Shelter thro' ev'ry storm; My Refuge, Redeemer and Lord of lords, He is. He is Child of Heaven and Son of Man, Provider, Protector, the Great I AM. Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End, He is, He is. He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting, He is. He is mending the broken, bearing the burden, all that you're needing He is.

First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Pew Bible pg.138

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Pew Bible pg. 810

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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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 1:21-28 Pew Bible pg. 707

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

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

L: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Jonathan Bull

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”* #310

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

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Offertory Response

♪ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. By giving away some of the wealth we cherish so much, we keep ourselves focused on who you are, gracious God, and on what you expect of us.

C: As the body of Christ, we seek to be a healing force in our world. May the offerings we present be used in ways that encourage healthful behaviors among us in the church, within our community, and to the ends of the earth. Receive us and these gifts, we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 Preface

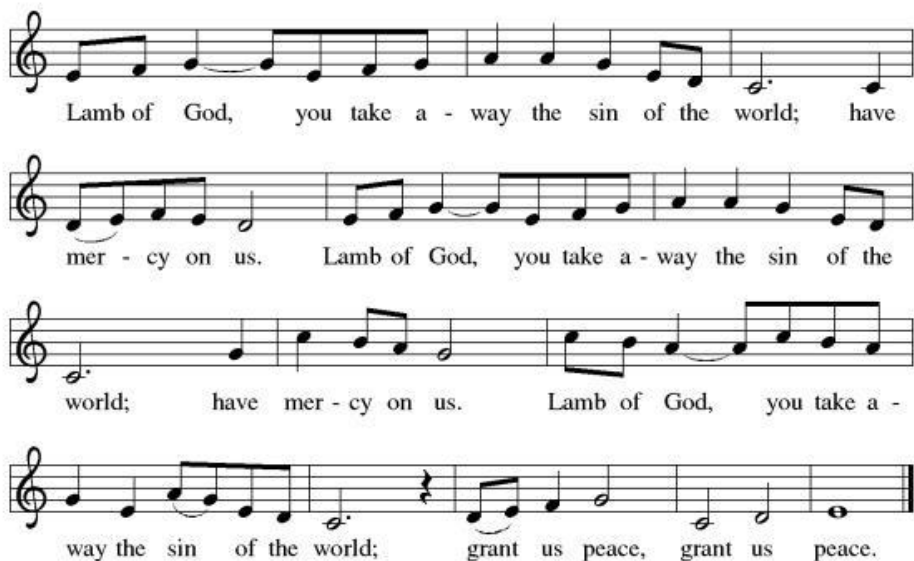
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Communion Songs

Praise Team

"Above All"

Above all powers, Above all kings
Above all nature, And all created things
Above all wisdom, And all the ways of man
You were here, Before the world began
Above all kingdoms, Above all thrones
Above all wonders, The world has ever known
Above all wealth, And treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure, What You're worth
Crucified, Laid behind a stone
You lived to die, Rejected and alone
Like a rose, Trampled on the ground
You took the fall, And thought of me
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You took the fall, And thought of me, Above all

“Once Again”

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice.
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I’ve wondered at Your gift of life,
And I’m in that place once again.
I’m in that place once again.
And once again I look upon the cross where You died,
I’m humbled by Your mercy and I’m broken inside.
Once again I thank You, Once again I pour out my life.
Now You are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens where one day I’ll bow.
But for now I marvel at Your saving grace,
And I’m full of praise once again.
I’m full of praise once again.
And once again I look upon the cross where You died,
I’m humbled by Your mercy and I’m broken inside.
Once again I thank You, Once again I pour out my life.
Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
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Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
Thank You for the cross, thank You for the cross,
Thank You for the cross, my Friend.
And once again I look upon the cross where You died,
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank You, Once again I pour out my life.
Once again I thank You, Once again I pour out my life.

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Prayer after Communion

- P: Let us pray. An important way to give thanks to God is through sharing the bounty we have been honored to receive.
- C: **We can never do enough to earn God's generous blessings. We can only express our gratitude by passing on our gifts. It is a privilege to be able to give. Amen.**

Benediction

- P: Go out to witness the good news you have heard. God is even now raising up prophets among us.
- C: **We thank God for this time of being together. We are grateful for freedom to worship and grow.**
- P: God is establishing truth among us, inviting us to learn. Dare to question and explore, as disciples of Christ.
- C: **We praise God for the insight and guidance we have received. We delight in ways we are able to help others.**
- P: God will supply us with words for our witness. We will be led to offer others appropriate help.
- C: **All honor and majesty and glory be to God! May we never stop praising God with our lives! Amen and amen!**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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