

# *Emanuel Lutheran Church*

*A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

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## *Praise Team Worship*

### *Confession of Peter*

*Sunday, January 18, 2026*

“YOU ARE THE  
MESSIAH,  
THE SON OF THE  
LIVING GOD.”

MATTHEW 16:16, NRSV



**Rev. Michael L. Poole Jr.**  
**Brother Ian Boden**  
**Parish Deacon Ann Thomas**

#### **Mission Statement:**

**Emanuel: God with Us ~ Loving Christ, Loving Others**

## *Praise Band*

*Teri Turner*..... Director & Keyboard  
*Tom Schifer* ..... Drums/Percussion  
*Pat Thomas*..... Bass/Guitar  
*Rick Lyon*..... Guitar  
*Mark Schuring*..... Guitar

## *Praise Chorus*

*Carolyn Bailey, Cindy & Steve deWeber, Roger Kerr,  
Juanita Oiler, Bethany Rice, Jean Yake*

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## **2026 Congregational Watchword -**

**"Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" - Luke 6:36**

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Welcome

## Gathering of Community

Watchword                      Luke 6:36

L:     Be merciful,  
C:     **just as your Father is merciful.**

Call to Worship                Psalm 40:1-5

L:     I waited patiently upon the Lord, who stooped to me and heard  
       my cry.

- C: **The Lord lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.**
- L: The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- C: **Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies**
- L: Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!

Gathering Song "Lion and the Lamb"

He's coming on the clouds; kings and kingdoms will bow down.  
And every chain will break, as broken hearts declare His praise,  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,  
And every knee will bow before Him.  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world; His blood breaks the chains.  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.  
Oh, every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.  
So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings.  
Our God who comes to save is here to set the captives free,  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?  
Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,  
And every knee will bow before Him.  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sin of the world; His blood breaks the chains.  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.

Oh, every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord Almighty?

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Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord?

Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.

He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,

And every knee will bow before Him.

Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain

For the sin of the world; His blood breaks the chains.

And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.

Oh every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.

And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.

Every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.

### Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, The Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expenses of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, That we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

L: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: **Amen.**

### Passing of Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Let us take this time to share God's peace with one another.

### Proclamation of the Word

Scripture

Acts 4:8-13

Pew Bible pg. 773

Children's Sermon

### Song of the Word

### *"Jesus Messiah"*

He became sin who knew no sin,

That we might become His righteousness.

He humbled Himself and carried the cross.

Love, so amazing, Love, so amazing.

Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, The ransom from heaven;

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all. His body, the bread; His blood, the wine;

Broken and poured out, All for love.

The whole earth trembled, And the veil was torn.

Love, so amazing, Love, so amazing.

Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, The ransom from heaven;

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You.

All the glory to You, God, The Light of the world.  
Jesus, Messiah, Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The rescue for sinners, The ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all,  
The Lord of all, The Lord of all.

Gospel Lesson  
Sermon

Matthew 16:13-19

Pew Bible pg. 694  
Pastor Ian

### Response to the Word

#### 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 the Church

### 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.**

### Offering & Special Music

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**L: Holy God,**

**C: our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship and faithfully serve you. May our gifts be use with love for one another and all who they may reach. Amen**

### Blessing

**L: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth,  
And tuned your heart for praise bless you now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

### Sending Song

### "The Same Love"

You choose the humble and raise them high.  
You choose the weak and make them strong.  
You heal our brokenness inside and give us life.  
The same love that set the captives free,  
The same love that opened eyes to see  
Is calling us all by name; You are calling us all by name.

The same God that spread the heavens wide,  
The same God that was crucified  
Is calling us all by name; You are calling us all by name.  
You take the faithless one aside and speak the words, "You are Mine."  
You call the cynic and the proud, Come to Me now.  
The same love that set the captives free,  
The same love that opened eyes to see  
Is calling us all by name; You are calling us all by name.  
The same God that spread the heavens wide,  
The same God that was crucified  
Is calling us all by name; You are calling us all by name.  
Oh,-----Oh,-----, Oh,-----Oh,-----  
Oh,-----Oh,-----, Oh,-----Oh,-----  
You're calling, You're calling, You're calling us to the cross.  
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Is calling us all by name; You are calling us all by name.  
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### Dismissal

L: Go in love. Embody God's redeeming grace.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**We Remember with Our Prayers:** Mary Ellen Swartz, Jane Scroggins, Pat Gerfen, Sandy Mitchell, Kimberly Griffith, Mark Woodrum, Arlene Binns, Beth Beach, Ed Baldauf, Janet & Robert Brown, Paul White, Ellis, Ethan & Lucas, Elsie Mitchell, Marjorie Trittipio, Sean, Judy Rider, Sheri and Larry, Charlie Campbell, Jimmy Richardson, Kathi Rodman, Beth Meginness, Pastor Mark, John Hoch, Amy Green, Greg Pike, Larry Merchant, Dani, Allan Lust, Kenny Heimlich, and Judy Worcester.

**Winter Weather Policy** - As a reminder, if Marion County is on a level 2 or higher, all worship and church activities are cancelled.

**Altar Flowers** are given in honor of Pastor Ian's Installation by Scott Inskeep and Steve Andrews.

**Welcome Lanette Davis!** Today at the 9am service, we will receive Lanette as a member of Emanuel Lutheran Church. We welcome and pray God's blessings on her!

**Greetings Families!** Pastor Ian would love to know when youths sporting events, concerts, recitals, and such events are! He cannot promise to make everything but he certainly will try to make some, however he cannot attend any if he doesn't know when they are. Please feel free to send dates/ schedules to him via email at [pastorian@emanuellutheran.net](mailto:pastorian@emanuellutheran.net)

Thank you!

**The Hour of Prayer Group** - Due to MLK Day, the Hour of Prayer will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday this month, Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. All are welcome!

**Creative Arts Programs** - Our Yoga program continues at 11:00a.m. on Fridays! Instructor Tracy Pryor has been teaching yoga since 2007 and holds many certifications through YogaFit. This class can be adapted to all skill levels. Yoga over time improves mental focus, increases flexibility, and fosters a greater sense of wellness. Recommended donation to cover the costs of our creative ministries is \$10, but pay as you are able. We are also looking into a ceramics painting class in February. More information will be coming soon.

**Faith Journeys** - Join us for Faith Journeys on January 18<sup>th</sup>, February 15<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 as we dive into worship! Why do we worship? How do we worship? What does it all mean? How many funny worship words does Pastor know? Our worship grounds us and is a key piece of our life together as a church and is deserving of us spending some time learning about and asking questions about.

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday, January 25. We will have one worship service that morning at 9am, immediately followed by the annual meeting. There will not be an 11am worship service. The agenda will include discussion and/or voting on: Slate of Officers for Parish Planning Council, our Welcome statement, the 2026 Budget, Annual reports, and Worship times. You will receive a letter with more information in the coming days.

**Watchwords** - The 2026 Congregational Watchword is: "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful." - Luke 6:36. There is a basket of watchwords located in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to draw a personal watchword for inspiration, reflection or guidance through the new year.

**Feed the Need Wishlist:** This month we are asking for Fresh Fruit, Canned Fruit, Chicken Patties, Large Cans of Baked Beans and Lunch Meat.

**2026 Giving Envelopes are available in the Gathering Space!** We will not be mailing giving envelopes this year. Please stop by the Gathering Space to pick up your box. If you receive home communion, we will bring your envelopes during a visit.

**Sign up to Help with Worship!** An Acolyte sign-up sheet has been added to the Gathering Space. Please take a look to see if there are dates you are available to help. There are also sheets for communion assisting. Thank you!

**Thursday Book Study** - The Book for the new year is *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them* by Liz Curtis Higgs. This group meets 11:30am-12:30pm on Thursdays. Participants need to purchase a copy.

High school seniors and current college students are encouraged to apply for the **Robert and Margaret Mather Scholarship Fund**, **Agnes Baldauf Scholarship Fund**, and **The Hollensen/Dennis Fund** if you plan to attend or are already attending an accredited ELCA college or you are pursuing a career in Christian ministry or social services. This scholarship is open to any young and confirmed Emanuel Lutheran Church member. **The Rita Herbst Scholarship Fund** is now available and it is open to any Emanuel member furthering their education in any field or at any educational institution. Applications may be picked up at the church office. **The application and other support information are due no later than**

**Monday March 2, 2026** to the chairperson, Rae Andrews at 379 Brightwood Dr., Marion, OH 43302. Rae Andrews, 740-387-5432.

**The Week of January 18<sup>th</sup> at Emanuel:**

Mon. 1/19	Martin Luther King Day
	Office and Learning Center Closed
Tues. 1/20	8:30a.m. Quilters
	6:00p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
	7:00p.m. Marionaires
Wed. 1/21	9:30a.m. Bible Study
	10:30a.m. Feed the Need
	6:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal
	7:00p.m. Bell Choir
Thurs. 1/22	11:30a.m. Book Study
Fri. 1/23	11:00a.m. Chair Yoga
Sun. 1/25	9:00a.m. ELW Worship
	Followed by Annual Congregational Mtg.



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