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Emanuel Lutheran Church is a community of faith, leading people to Christ!

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 23, 2022**

PRELUDE

Lora Sweeney

(* indicates standing - "LBW" refers to the Green Hymnal Book & "WOV" refers to the Blue Hymnal Book)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**
- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*
- P: Most merciful God,
- C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

"Have Thine Own Way"

Sola

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! _____ Thou art the
 Have thine own way Lord! Have thine own way! _____ Search me and
 Have thine own way Lord! Have thine own way! _____ Wound-ed and
 Have thie own way Lord! Have thine own way! _____ Hold o'er my

Pot - ter, I am the clay. _____ Mold me and make me, Af - ter thy
 try me, Mas-ter to - day! _____ Whit - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just
 wear - y Help me I pray! _____ Pow - er, all pow - er, Sure - ly is
 be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! _____ Fill with thy Spir - it Till all shall

will, _____ While I am wait - ing, Yield-ed and still. _____
 now, _____ As in thy pres - ence Hum-bly I bow. _____
 thine! _____ Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! _____
 see _____ Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! _____

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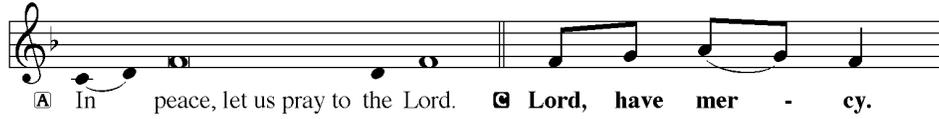
***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

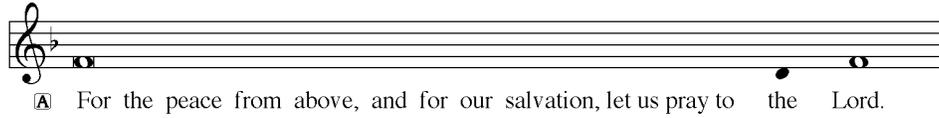
C: And also with you.

***KYRIE**

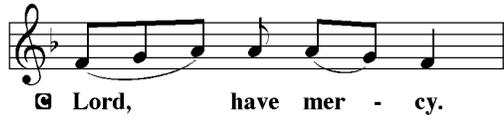
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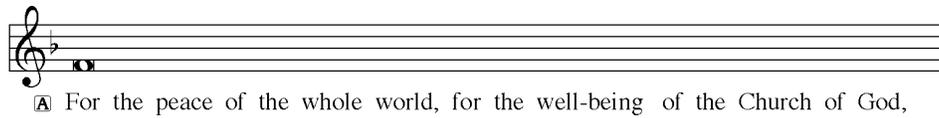
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



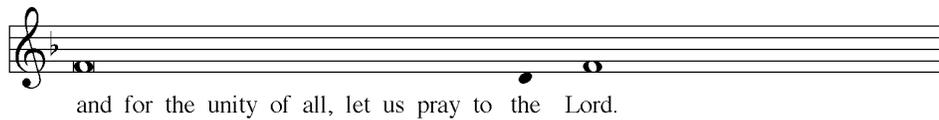
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



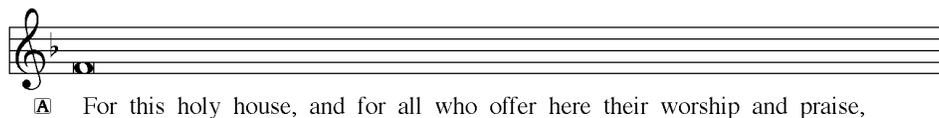
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



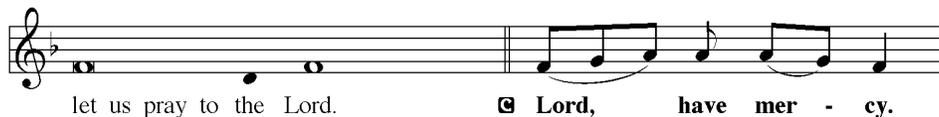
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



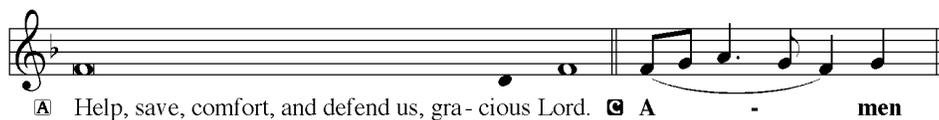
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

A musical score for the hymn "Glory to God". It consists of eight staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and a key signature change to one flat. The subsequent staves have a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are: "A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men".

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray (*brief prayerful pause*)

Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(*Please be seated.*)

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 19:1-14

¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the firmament | shows his handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale | to another,***
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

³Although they have no | words or language,*
and their voices | are not heard,

⁴**Their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,***
and their message to the ends | of the world.

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;*
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of | it again;*
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

⁷The law of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;*
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.

⁸**The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;***
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;*
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,***
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is | great reward.

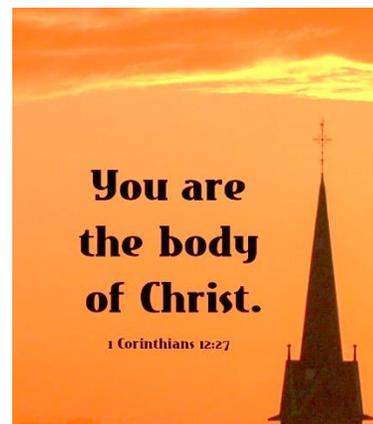
¹²**Who can tell how often | he offends?***
cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;*
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,***
O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.



R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation

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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.

*Holy Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is

L: God of grace, your Son Jesus experienced rejection by his own neighbors and friends. Comfort us as we follow in his footsteps, that when we experience the rejection and emotional pain that is bound to come from following Christ, we would know your perfect love and acceptance. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Hear the prayers we offer now either silently in our hearts or spoken aloud ... Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERING MUSIC

*OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards"

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

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P: Let us pray together: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

***BLESSING**

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P: Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Lora Sweeney

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WELCOME VISITORS! We pray you experience God’s presence and love among us today. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and sign the Guestbook downstairs. If you have **CHILDREN**, Children’s Worship Bags are available from the Usher. And, of course, we hope to see you again!

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL

- TODAY* – Annual Congregational Meeting – immediately after worship service
- Wednesday, January 26* – Bible Study with Pastor Mark via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.
 - Deadline for Acolyte submissions
- Saturday, January 29* – Discipleship Seed Group in Social Hall 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, January 30* – Worship with Healing at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Light refreshments afterward.

HEALING SERVICE Next week’s worship service will be held in the Social Hall at 10:00 a.m. and will include an opportunity for individual prayer for healing and anointing with oil. Light refreshments will be available after the service as we fellowship with one another as the body of Christ.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED Did you know that we have a small library? Located in the back Sunday school room, there are a number of books that need to be organized. If you would like to oversee this project, please speak with Pastor Mark or a member of the council.

FEEDBACK/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Are we interested in having a Vacation Bible School this summer? A volunteer is needed to direct VBS. We will also need individuals willing to assist with various stations. All volunteers would have to complete the background check prior to VBS. If you would like to assist or direct, please speak with Pastor Mark or a member of the Christian Education Committee. Parents, please let Pastor Mark know if you are interested in a VBS for your children.

Wi-Fi is available for your convenience under the User Name “LutheranChurchGuest” and the password: *church01* (lowercase).

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FOR PASTORAL CARE, contact Pastor Mark (at home, text on his cell phone & email on front of Bulletin). If Pastor does not answer immediately, please leave a message.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY continues on Wednesday. The theme is the "I Am" statements of Jesus. Let Pastor Mark know if you want to participate. He will send out a Zoom invitation prior to the study.

WAWA Coupons for a \$5.00 shorti are still available from Lutheran Church Women. The proceeds of these coupons are being used in support of the Anniversary Committee as they prepare for our 300th anniversary in 2026.

PRAYER CONCERNS – please update any prayer concerns you may have requested. Let us know if you want individual prayer requests included on the Weekly Prayer List or just prayers with the prayer chain. Names on this list will be removed at the end of each month unless Pastor, Patsy or the office is notified otherwise.

Sarah Romig	Leona Knerr	George Shimp	Elaine Williams	Mona Hess
Betty Heil	Pauline Benjamin	George Moore	Harold Tyson	Nancy Heck
Rex Cobb	Kevin Uhland	Wayne Wright	Julie Sapp	Cindy Condello
Maryanne Gallagher	Wes Harbison	Laurie Betts	Kathy Willis	Marion Moore
Cindy Kakoda	Aaron Johnson	Maudeen Vest	Johnny Scott	Jake Williams
Steve Allen	Angie Patteson	Pastor Don	Mary Ellen Knerr	Wayne May
Dorothy Hitchner	Pastor Dave	Pastor Brian	Pastor Mark	Nolan Cellmer
Donald Scheese	The O'Brien family			

THOUGHTS ON TODAY'S READINGS

The Common Thread

"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near" ([Rev 1:3](#)). Blessed are they who read the Word for others, and they who make the meaning clear. For that Word revives the soul and brings joy to the heart. It makes the simple wise and provides insight. This is a community affair; the whole congregation is involved: reading, teaching, hearing. In this ministry of the Word is found healing, liberty, understanding, and good news.

Nehemiah

In some communities, an annual reading of the Bible is done on the steps of the courthouse or some other public place. Sometimes these are called Bible Reading Marathons. It takes about three days, round the clock or 72 hours, to read the entire Bible aloud. As many as a couple of hundred people sometimes show up for these marathons. In the marathon reading of the law written in Ezra, they not only read it loudly and clearly, they also gave the people the meaning as they read. All the people present paid close attention. Something similar happens in our services of worship today. Three lessons are read. The Psalm is read too, or intoned. The whole liturgy is also Scripture. In the midst of it all, the pastor gives the sense of the reading in the sermon. May all the people be attentive.

Lessons for Next Week

Jeremiah 1:4-10 [17-19]; Psalm 71:1-6 [7-11]; 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13; Luke 4:31-44