

The Baptism of Our Lord

Worship Service



Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

10:15 AM, Sanctuary
January 11, 2026

Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:

Welcome! You'll find announcements, contact information, and more on the back of this bulletin. If you'd like to speak with Pastor Justin and/or request prayer, fill out a Contact Card and place it in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

A Message on this Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

"Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

John was scandalized at the thought of baptizing the one whose sandals he was unworthy to untie. After all, John was the appointed to baptize with water; Jesus is the one who was coming to baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. What could John possibly do for the one who came before him, who ranked above him, the one who has come to take away the sins of the world? Isn't this exactly how Jesus convinces John of the necessity of his baptism? How could he take away the sins of the world without fulfilling all righteousness? And so, once John realizes that the baptism of Jesus is part of this same mission – the very mission of taking sins away – he immediately consents.

John takes Jesus into the water and baptizes him – the very thing he had been doing for sinners! All those who came before to John, all those humbled themselves in repentance receive the gift of Jesus taking their sins upon himself. From these waters, he gathers up the sins of his people, and places them on himself.

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for the baptism of Jesus, the one who is your Son, the one who fulfilled all righteousness, the one who won for you a Holy People, Amen.

† Pastor Justin Baker



Prelude

In the Bleak Midwinter

Angels We Have Heard On High

We Three Kings of Orient Are

WOODWIND QUARTET

Arranged David Bussick, 2018

Setting Edward S. Barnes (1887-1958)

Arranged Gert Walter, 2012

Invocation & Order of Confession

¶ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

¶ 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.

¶ 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 follows for confession.

¶ Most merciful God,

¶ **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**

¶ 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.

¶ **Amen**

Opening Hymn | Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

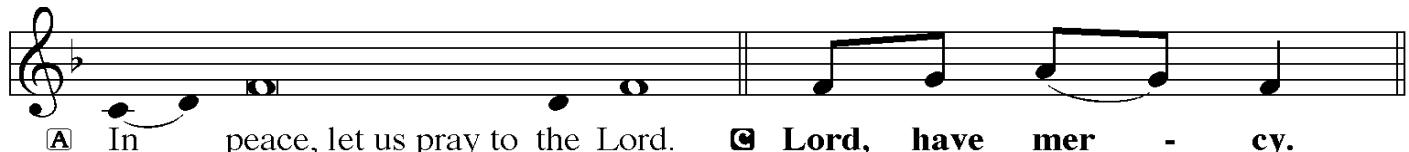
Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

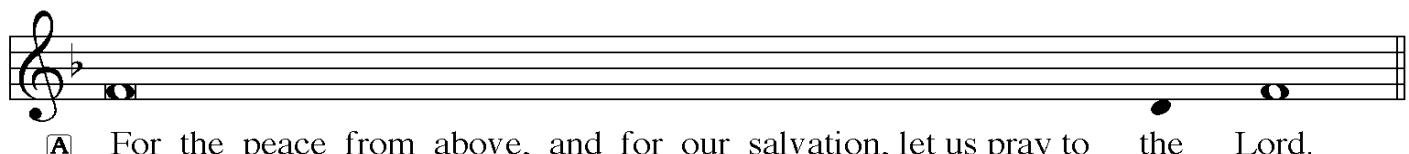
Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

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.



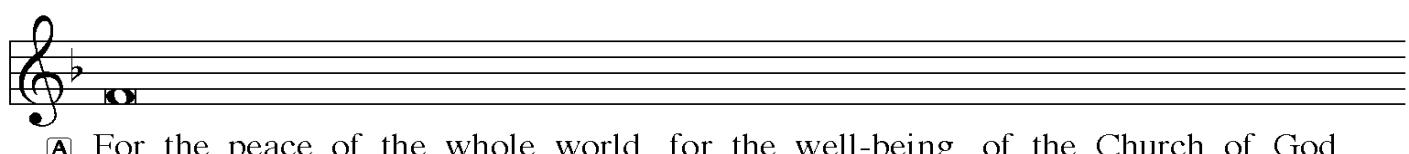
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.



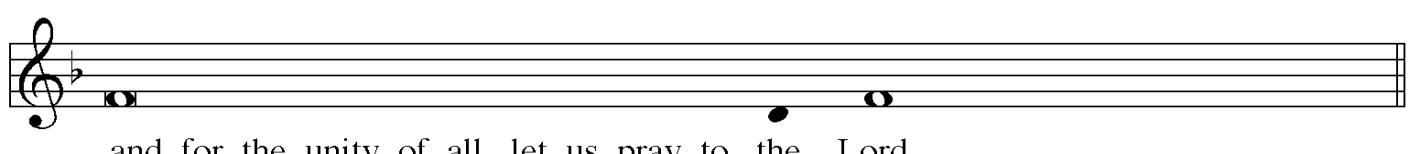
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



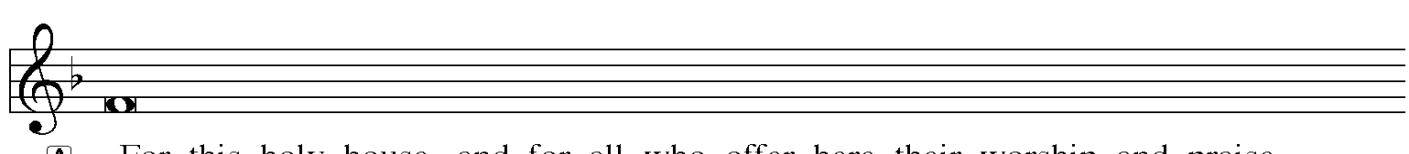
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



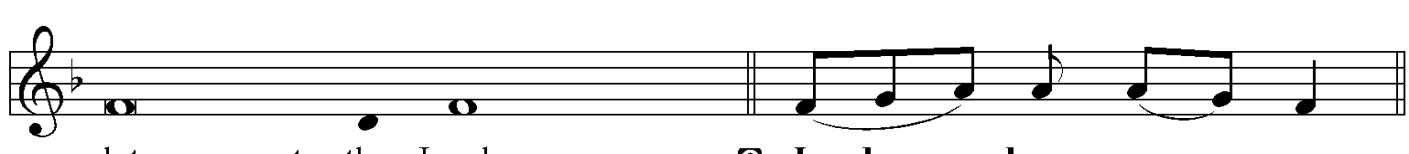
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



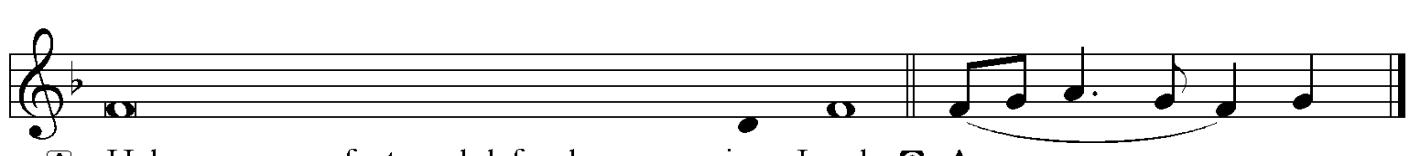
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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, gracious Lord. C A - men

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

¶ The Lord be with you.

¶ And also with you.

¶ Let us pray,

¶ Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-7

A reading from Isaiah, beginning with the forty-second chapter.

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my Spirit upon him;

 he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,

 or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,

 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;

 he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged

 till he has established justice in the earth;

 and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,

 who created the heavens and stretched them out,

 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

 who gives breath to the people on it

 and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

- A** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85 (congregation responds with the bold text)

¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
² **You forgave the iniquity of your people;**
you covered all their sin. *Selah*
³ You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
⁴ **Restore us again, O God of our salvation,**
and put away your indignation toward us!
⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
⁶ **Will you not revive us again,**
that your people may rejoice in you?
⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.
⁸ **Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,**
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
¹⁰ **Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;**
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

A reading from First Corinthians, beginning with the first chapter.

²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

P Matthew records this about the greatest in the kingdom of heaven:

18 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ² And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them ³ and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

When the children's sermon is concluded, the people stand for the hymn and remain standing for the Holy Gospel.



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.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 3rd chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Justin Baker

A large print copy of this sermon is available from the ushers.

Hymn of the Day | Christ, When For Us

ELW 304

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight- way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - obeyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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The Nicene Creed

P People of God, in whom do we believe?

C 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;
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate of the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

The Prayers

¶ Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence is kept.

Ⓐ “Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.”

O Holy God, we come before you, trusting that you do speak, so give us ears to hear you and hearts that are faithful to you. Thank you for these ways we know you spoke to us:

A sufficient pause is kept that thanksgiving for answered prayers may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy,

Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**

Ⓐ Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift that is the Christmas season. Your Son was born of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, was given the name Jesus, and is the King. Thank you for the treasures of tradition and song that glorify Jesus at Christmas. Lord, in your mercy,

Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**

Ⓐ Pour out your Spirit and your favor upon this congregation. Bless us with faith that confesses that Jesus will come again to raise the dead, judge the world, make all things right, and bring us with him into life and glory forevermore. Pour out your favor upon fellow area congregations, St. Mark's of Butler, and Reverend David Phillips. Lord, in your mercy,

Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**

Ⓐ Bless Sylvia, Dorothy, Harriet, Crosby, Finley, and Olive in their faith and in their baptisms. Bless Faith and Caleb in their faith and in their confirmation. Do not forget any who have been baptized and confirmed in this congregation. Stir up in those who have left the faith an urge to return to You. Lord, in your mercy,

Ⓒ **hear our prayer.**

A Do not quench the spirit or break the hearts of your persecuted servants, O Lord, nor let them be discouraged when they suffer on account Christ. For them, for missionaries throughout the world, for all who wonder if they are called to ministry, for seminarians, professors, pastors, bishops, and other ministers, we also lift our hearts and voices in fervent supplication to you, trusting you to hear us and to carry forth your will. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Banish those things which trouble Your people in body, mind, heart or soul. We lift before You especially:

George and Donna Campagna, Linda Casper, May Hill, Jim Troxell, David Weihe, Vince Berardinelli, Gayle Wertz, June Ugen, Cassandra, Nojia, John, Kevin, Jim, Frances, Julie and family, Trudy, Linda, Frances and family, Peggy, Brylee, Sandra, Zachary, Kevin, David, Kathy, Asa, Jerry, Jack, Al & family, Beth, Colleen, Rachael, Leila, Darin, Les & Cathy, Tony, Sarah, and Harry

We also lift up the names of those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud. *A pause is kept that other names and supplications may be offered.*

Pour out your Spirit upon them, that they may be granted the faith to endure. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Come quickly, Lord of Life. Reunite us with all the saints who from their labors rest. We ask especially that you watch over *the family of Debbie Pritts, the family of Harry Yothers, and the family of Mark*. Fill all families who mourn with the strength to grieve, the comfort of your presence, and faith unto life everlasting. Help us also withstand the bitter challenges we face and support one another along our pilgrim road to you. Lord, in your mercy.

C **hear our prayer.**

¶ Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that they may also be filled with faith, encourage this congregation, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy,

¶ **C** **hear our prayer.**

¶ Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ **C** **Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

¶ *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders. The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. (Ps. 29:2-4)*

The Peace & Offertory

¶ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

¶ **C** **And also with you.**

WOODWIND QUARTET

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Sing We Now of Christmas
Still, Still, Still

Setting William H. Cummings (1831-1915)
Arranged N. M. Lacanski, 1932
Arranged Michele Weir, 1954

Prayer for the Laying on of Hands

Anyone who desires healing for the sick through the anointing of oil may request this from Pastor Justin.

Offering | Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, Verses 1 & 2 LBW 90

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

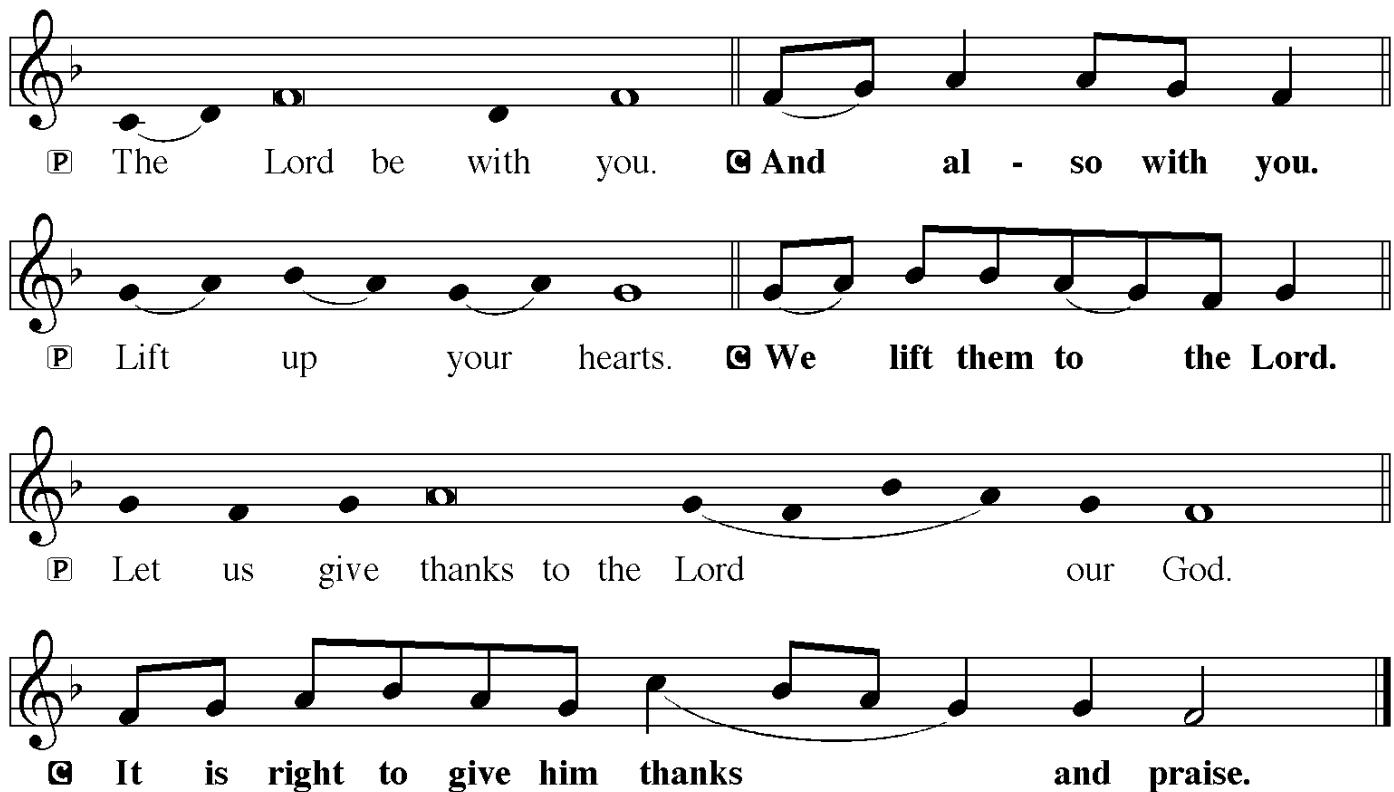
an - themes be to thee ad - dressed,
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 and may praise thee, ev - er blest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray. 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 Great Thanksgiving



[P] The Lord be with you. [C] And al - so with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts. [C] We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface for Sundays in Epiphany

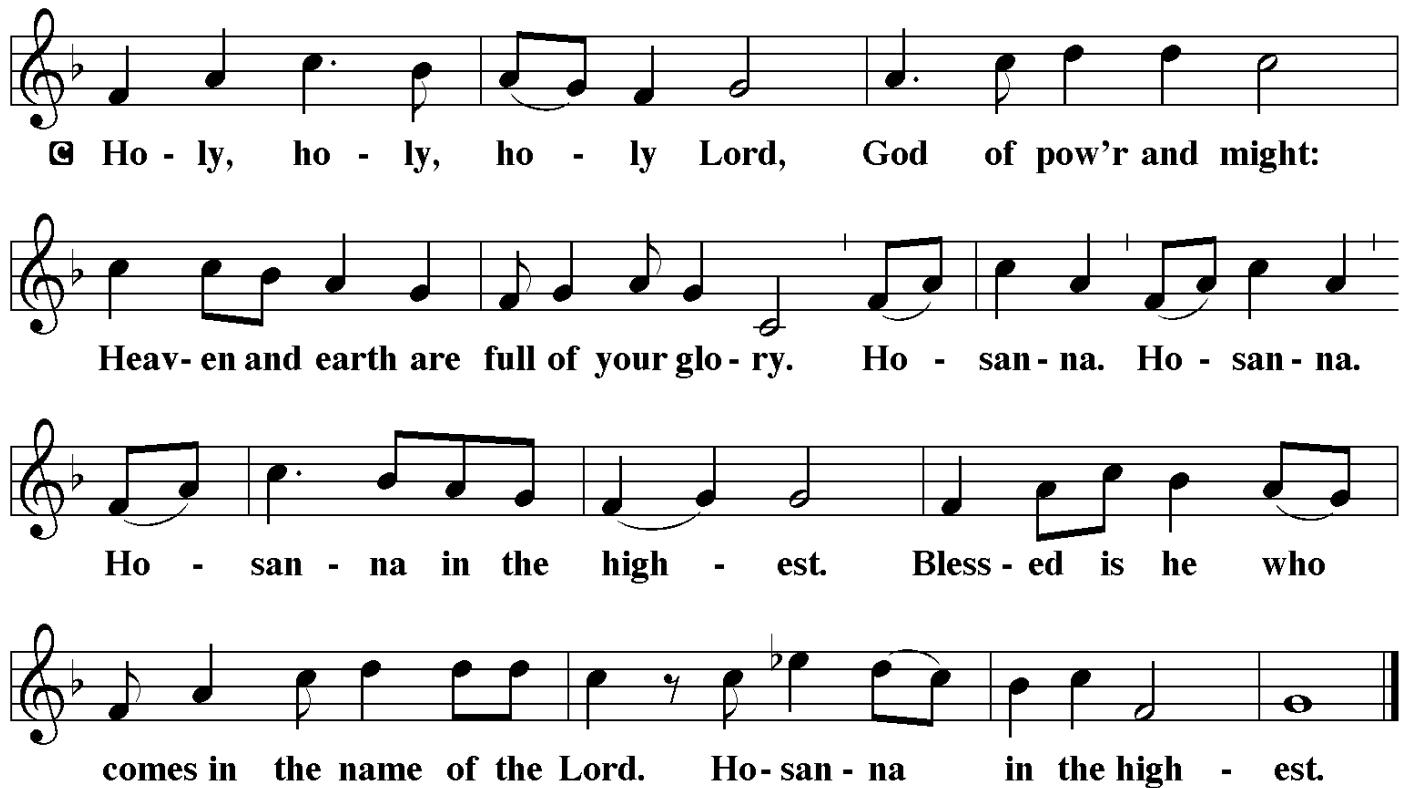
¶ All honor and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi, the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Savior sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.

Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written in a Gothic script font, aligned with the music. The lyrics are:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Canon

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

¶ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

¶ Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

¶ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

¶ Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

¶ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

¶ 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

The Breaking of the Bread

¶ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

¶ Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

C 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
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Our Practice of Holy Communion

St. Paul writes: “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus. Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30). And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.

All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Hymn | From Heaven Above

LBW 51

1 From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bring good
 2 To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,
 3 This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your
 4 The bless - ing which the Fa - ther planned the Son holds

news to ev - 'ry - one! Glad tid - ings of great joy I
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; this new - born child of low - ly
 sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your Sav - ior
 in his in - fant hand, that in his king - dom, bright and

bring birth to all the world, and glad - ly sing:
 be fair, shall be the joy of all sin will his all the earth.
 be fair, and from all sin will his set you free.
 fair, you may with us his glo - ry share.

5 These are the signs which you will see
 to let you know that it is he:
 in manger-bed, in swaddling clothes
 the child who all the earth upholds.

6 How glad we'll be to find it so!
 Then with the shepherds let us go
 to see what God for us has done
 in sending us his own dear Son.

7 Look, look, dear friends, look over there!
 What lies within that manger bare?
 Who is that lovely little one?
 The baby Jesus, God's dear Son.

8 Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
 through whom this sinful world is blest!
 You turned not from our needs away!
 How can our thanks such love repay?

9 O Lord, you have created all!
 How did you come to be so small,
 to sweetly sleep in manger-bed
 where lowing cattle lately fed?

10 Were earth a thousand times as fair
 and set with gold and jewels rare,
 still such a cradle would not do
 to rock a prince so great as you.

11 For velvets soft and silken stuff
 you have but hay and straw so rough
 on which as king so rich and great
 to be enthroned in humble state.

12 O dearest Jesus, holy child,
 prepare a bed, soft, undefiled,
 a holy shrine, within my heart,
 that you and I need never part.

13 My heart for very joy now leaps;
 my voice no longer silence keeps;
 I too must join the angel-throng
 to sing with joy his cradle-song:

14 "Glory to God in highest heav'n,
 who unto us his Son has giv'n."
 With angels sing in pious mirth:
 a glad new year to all the earth!

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 Music: VOM HIMMEL HOCH, V. Schumann, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1539

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Communion Hymn | Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

LBW 52

1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
 2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and
 3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and
 4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with

come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
 kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
 to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
 all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our

soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
 sweet-est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.
 us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
 songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

Text: Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Harriet Krauth Spaeth, 1845–1925, alt.
 Music: HER KOMMER DINE ARME SMÅ, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

Post-Communion Blessing & Hymn

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction

A Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and \dagger give you peace, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Closing Hymn | The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be in the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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Dismissal

A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C Amen

Postlude

From Heaven Above

ORGAN

Arranged Gordon Young (1919-1998)



Thank you to the Emmanuel Woodwinds for the special music today!

Oboe: Homer Adams

Violin: Ilana Aronovich

Flute: Elsa Bandli

Clarinet: Ethan Grindle

LITURGICAL DAY	The Baptism of Our Lord	The Second Sunday After Epiphany	The Third Sunday After Epiphany
DATE	1/11/2026 10:15 AM	1/18/2026 10:15 AM	1/25/2026 10:15 AM
ORGANIST	Homer Adams	Homer Adams	Homer Adams
PASTOR	Pastor Justin Baker	Traveling	Pastor Justin Baker
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Holly Pelusi		Michele Hiener
COUNTER TEAM	Ed Datemasch and Stan Casper	Danette Hunter and Lisa Yothers	Danette Hunter and Lisa Yothers
GREETERS	Scott & Carol Wilson	Kathy & Karla Gustafson	Jim & Peggy Lewis
USHERS	The Whipkeys	Dan Hunter and Steve Cehovin	Scott Wilson and Matthew Yothers
ACOLYTE	Faith Palmer	Kaleb Wee	Kaleb Wee
ALTAR GUILD	Carol McDowell and Donna Berardinelli	No communion	Jeanne Yargar and Donna Berardinelli
ALTAR FLOWERS		Neal Matthews	Volunteer Needed
COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS	Arlene Woodward	No communion	Arlene Woodward
LIVESTREAM	MaryAnn Sinwell	MaryAnn Sinwell	MaryAnn Sinwell

This Week at Emmanuel

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Sunday, Jan 11	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Luther Hall
	10:15 AM	Worship on The First Sunday After Epiphany	Sanctuary
Monday, Jan 12	All Day	Pastor Out of Office	
	2:00 PM	Quilting	Heritage Hall
	6:30 PM	AA Start The Week	Luther Hall
Tuesday, Jan 13	All Day	Pastor Out of Office	
	9:00 AM	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Bell Choir Subset	Sanctuary
Wednesday, Jan 14	All Day	Pastor Out of Office	
	11:00 AM	Prayer Group	Zoom
	7:00 PM	AA Steps and Stories	Luther Hall
Thursday, Jan 15	All Day	Pastor Out of Office	
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Luther Hall
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon	Heritage Hall
Friday, Jan 16	All Day	Pastor Out of Office	
	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts (2 troops)	Luther and Heritage
Saturday, Jan 17			
Sunday, Jan 18	9:00 AM	Sunday School	Luther Hall
	10:15 AM	Worship on the Second Sunday After Epiphany	Sanctuary

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