

The Third Sunday After Epiphany

Worship Service



Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

*10:15 AM, Sanctuary
January 25, 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 Third Sunday After Epiphany

The good wine is *now* served. That, in essence, is the message of this miracle at Cana.

John labels this the first of Jesus' miracles, to clue us in that – from the beginning of Jesus' ministry – the good wine is *at hand*. The whole of Jesus' life and ministry is the bringing about of the good wine.

I think we may have trouble hearing this because every feasting food is available to us at almost any hour of the day. It is possible, for perhaps even the average person, to always be in a state of feasting – and indeed, the rampant obesity of our culture reveals that we tend to overindulge. What good is "good wine" if it's part of daily life?

The obvious difference is that the riches of our culture are not transformative for the good of the soul – they, quite often, have the opposite effect. The promise of the life to come is different – that the good wine *will* always be available and that it will be for our good. For we will always be with our Lord Jesus Christ, and he is the one who is good.

Holy God, we give you thanks and bless you for the miracle of the water made wine at Cana. We give you great thanks that your Son is the bridegroom who has prepared for us the wedding feast, in his Name we pray, Amen.

† Pastor Justin Baker



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**

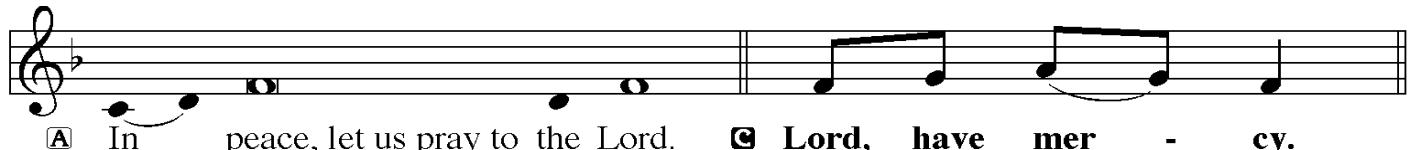
¶ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

¶ Amen

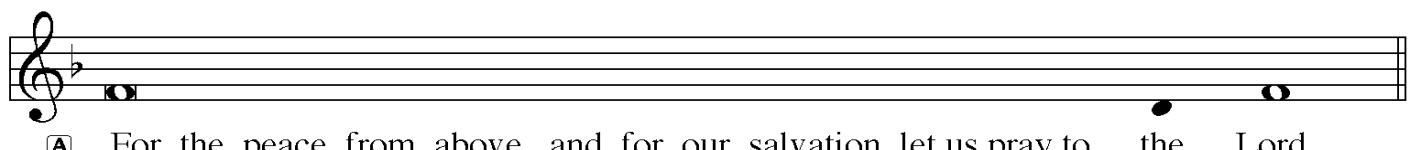
Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

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.



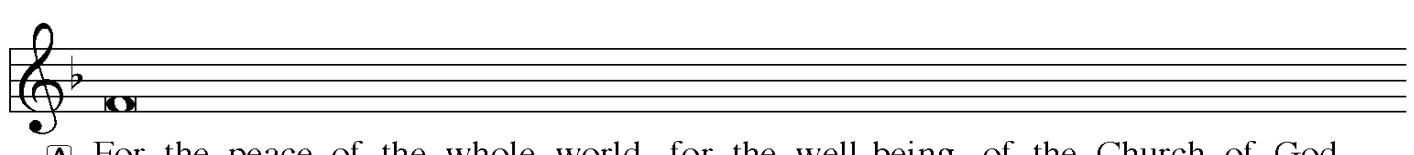
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



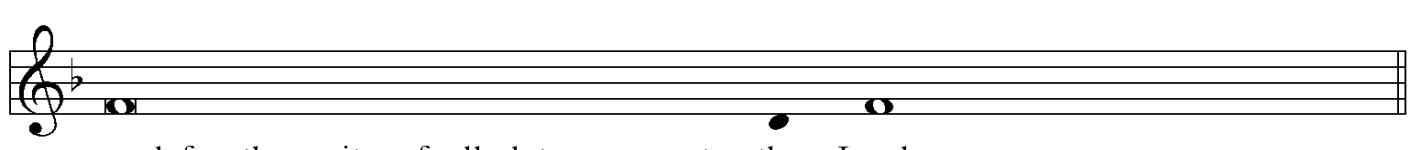
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



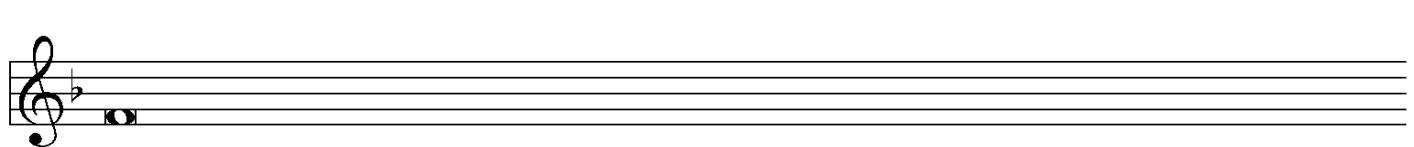
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



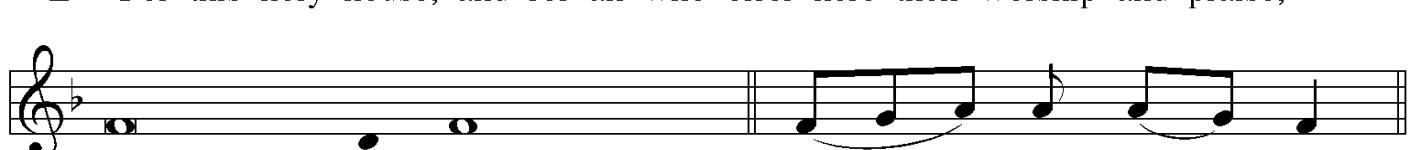
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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** Amen

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

¶ The Lord be with you.

¶ And also with you.

¶ Let us pray,

¶ Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Exodus 33:12-23

A reading from Exodus, beginning with the thirty-third chapter.

¹² Moses said to the LORD, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” ²¹ And the LORD said, “Behold,

there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67 (read responsively)

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

²**that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah***

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

⁶**The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.**

⁷**God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:6-16

A reading from Romans, beginning with the twelfth chapter.

⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 2nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the

good wine until now.” ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

¶ 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 | If You But Trust in God

LBW 453



1 If you but trust in God to guide you and place your
 2 What gain is there in futile weep-ing, in help-less
 3 In pa-tient trust a-wait his lei-sure in cheer-ful
 4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways un-swerv-ing, of-fer your



con-fi-dence in him, you'll find him al-ways there be-an-ger and dis-tress? If you are in his care and hope, with heart con-tent to take what-e'er your Fa-ther's ser-vice faith-ful-ly, and trust his word; though un-de-



side you, to give you hope and strength with-in. For those who keep-ing, in sor-row will he love you less? For he who plea-sure and all-dis-cern-ing love have sent; doubt not your serv-ing, you'll find his prom-ise true to be. God nev-er



trust God's change-less love build on the rock that will not move. took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev-ry loss. in-most wants are known to him who chose you for his own. will for-sake in need the soul that trusts in him in-deed.

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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

¶ As we await the coming of Jesus in majesty, let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence is kept.

¶ “May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face to shine upon us.” O Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for your blessings on us, especially those which you have made known to us:

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

Lord, in your mercy,

¶ **hear our prayer.**

¶ Heavenly Father, let us be those who long for the return of your Son, who comes to raise the living and the dead and to judge the world. Just as our Lord transformed water into wine, so he will transform and perfect all things. Bless us with this faith in your Son. Lord, in your mercy,

¶ **hear our prayer.**

¶ Keep all those here gathered as your disciples. Make us to trust you in all things. Make us to follow you in all things. Make us to be like Peter, confessing that, “You are the Christ,” especially to those who have not heard. Pour out your favor upon this congregation, fellow area congregations, and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church of Latrobe. Lord, in your mercy,

¶ **hear our prayer.**

¶ Come quickly, Savior. Vindicate those who are persecuted on account of Your holy Name. Decide with equity on their behalf. Lay low the wicked who refuse to repent. And hasten the day when no one shall hurt or destroy on Your holy mountain. Lord, in your mercy,

¶ **hear our prayer.**

¶ Bless seminarians and all who are called into holy ministry. Grant them right judgment, godly actions, and joy in Your presence. Bless also those

missionaries whom we have come to know together with their families: the Rev. Dan Omar, the Rev. Thomas Thorstad, Dure Negassa, and the Rev. Dagaga Gemachu. 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:

Danette Hunter, 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, 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 Linda Sydeski*. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P 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.

P 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

P Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. Everyone serves the good wine first, but you have kept the good wine until now. (John 2:11, 10)

The Peace & Offertory

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

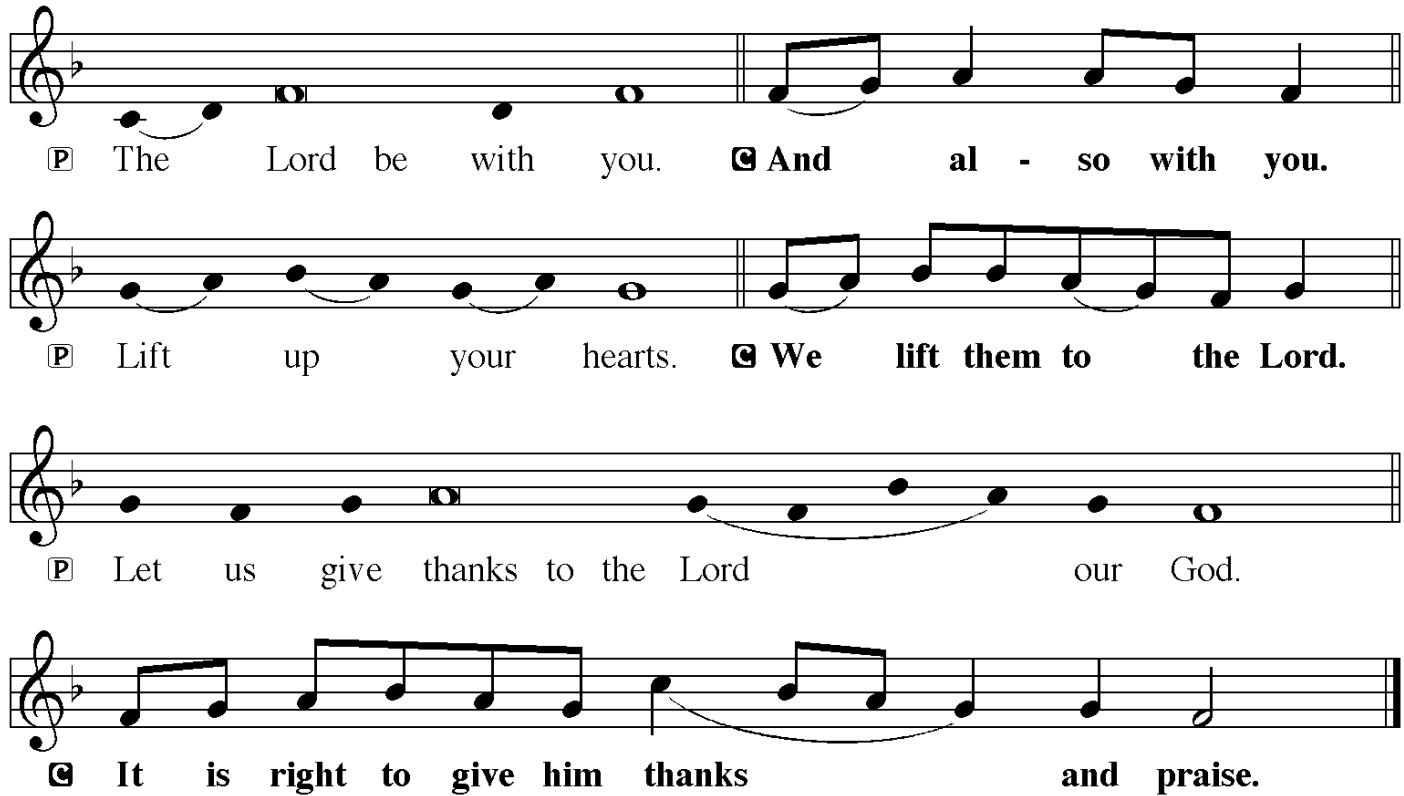
Prayer for the Laying on of Hands

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

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



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time. The lyrics are in a mix of Latin (P) and English (C). The music features various note values including quarter and eighth notes, with some notes connected by beams. The lyrics are as follows:

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

P 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

C Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.**

P 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.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P 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.

C **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**

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

The Breaking of the Bread

P The Gifts of God for the People of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

C **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

What Feast of Love

ELW 487



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Post-Communion

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

C **Amen**

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**

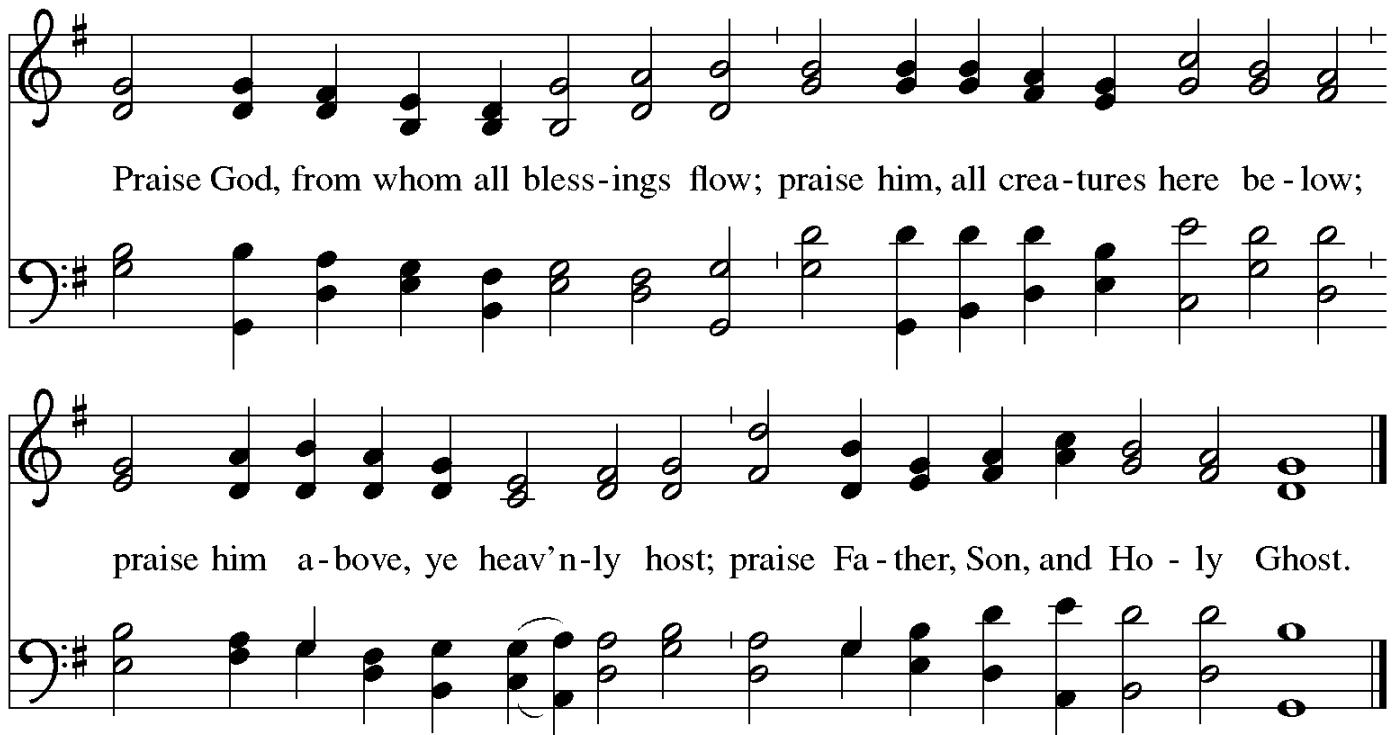
Benediction

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 Doxology

ELW 885



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

Dismissal

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



This Week at Emmanuel

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Sunday, Jan 25	9:00 AM	Fellowship Sunday: Trivia	Luther Hall
	10:15 AM	Worship on The Third Sunday After Epiphany	Sanctuary
Monday, Jan 26	6:30 PM	AA Start The Week	Luther Hall
Tuesday, Jan 27	5:30 PM	Champion Cheerleading	Heritage Hall
Wednesday, Jan 28	11:00 AM	Prayer Group	Zoom
	6:00 PM	AA Steps and Stories	Luther Hall
Thursday, Jan 29	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Luther Hall
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon	Heritage Hall
Friday, Jan 30	11:15 AM	Brookdale Worship Service	Brookdale
	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts (2 troops)	Luther and Heritage
Saturday, Jan 31	1:00 PM	Christianity in Print: <i>Live Not By Lies</i>	The Bakers
Sunday, Feb 1	9:00 AM	Sunday School: Gospel Heresies	Luther Hall
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