

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Emanuel St. John Lutheran Church
January 28, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sins,
Receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen

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.

A brief silence is kept for reflection.

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.

In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and for his sake God forgives us all of our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn – “Shout to the Lord”

My Jesus, My Savior
Lord there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, My shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath All that I am
Never cease to worship You
Shout to the Lord All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty Praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You Forever I'll stand
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The Apostolic Greeting

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

Kyrie

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts.

Hymn of Praise

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call.
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all.
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

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

Scripture Readings and Psalm

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111 4th Sunday after Epiphany Jan 28, 2024

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the LORD!

They are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor,

and his righteousness endures forever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him;

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works

in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;

all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever,

because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;

holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

those who act accordingly have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

*Spoken response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Spoken response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – Jesus Shall Reign – LBW 530

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descent with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

The 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends:

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you. *Give each other a sign of peace.*

Offering

Thank you for your continued offerings. They are much appreciated.

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offering Prayer

Merciful Father,
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.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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, and he gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name,
Your kingdom come, Your 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death for our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Distribution – Our God

Post Communion Blessing

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Benediction

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord grant you his favor and give you his peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn – How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice, All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice

How great is our God How great is our God,
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One: Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God How great is our God,
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing How great is our God
How great is our God How great is our God,
How great, how great is our God

Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God.

Bulletin Announcements

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, January 28, 2024

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Worship Attendant: Scott Greene
Greeters: Lyn and Nancy Bruns
Acolyte: Cooper Nattress
Musicians: Brian Lantz, Pastor Ben and Faith Worley
Lay Reader: Derek Greene
Children's Sermon: Dennis Booth
Presiding: Rev. Ben C. Worley



THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL-ST. JOHN

SUNDAY, January 28th

8:45 a.m. Confirmation
9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Annual Meeting immediately following worship
11 a.m.-1 p.m. Soup Dinner

MONDAY, January 29th

7:30 a.m. Men's Group
9:00 a.m. Do-Days with noon potluck

THURSDAY, February 1st

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group

SUNDAY, February 4th

8:45 a.m. Confirmation

9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Worship



Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held this morning immediately after worship. We still are in need of several willing people to serve our church family. Positions still needing volunteers are Vice-President, Stewardship and Finance and the Property Management Committees. Thank you to all that have volunteered to serve. Church Council will be installed during worship next Sunday morning, February 4th.

Prayer concerns: Our prayers are with the following people with ongoing health concerns: LaVerne Arndt, Gary Ausborn, Ricky Dettmann, Kevin Frederick, Laurie Glasnapp, Cheryl Haden, Julia Jacobs, Bette Lohff, Jane Loux, Darwin Matter, Danny Peyton, Dale Scharn, Jacob Schultz and Ethan Simonson...We remember also our homebound & nursing home members: Joleen Harmon, Mildred Purdie and Gracia Willis...We pray for David Schultz and his family as he remains missing from our area. We pray that he may soon be found and returned safely to his family...We pray for peaceful resolutions to the wars in Israel/Palestine and Ukraine...We pray for the peace of Jerusalem...We pray for America: that God would guide us through troubled times, renewing our faith in Him and respect for one another...We pray for the safety and well-being of all law enforcement personnel and first responders...And for our Nation and the men and women serving in the armed forces at home and abroad especially Shiloh Meyer and Hannah Hildreth.

Members celebrating their birthday this week:

Jan. 29 Jess Hout, Brenna Homewood, **Dale Scharn**

Jan. 30 Jessica Meyer, Cory Walker

Feb. 1 Donald Bailey, Darcy Adams

Feb. 3 Chad Kruckenberg, Cory Waller

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Rockwell City will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Lane Kalkwarf and his family on Sunday, February 11, 2024. Benefit will start at 11:30 a.m., at the Rockwell City Community Building on the square. All you can eat! Spaghetti, garlic breadsticks, drink, salad and dessert. Free will offering. Take out available. Questions: Please call 712-297-8511. Donations may also be mailed to St. Paul's % Kalkwarf Benefit, 527 Main Street, Rockwell City, IA 50579.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Sunday, January 28th:

Praise God that Jesus was born human and knows what our life entails, and that Jesus is the Son of God, revealing the immeasurable power, love and mercy of our Creator.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Monday, January 29th: Remember in prayer those who serve in law enforcement in our communities and nation. Give thanks for the many ways they care for our well-being. Pray for their safety and ask the Spirit to nurture their wisdom, compassion and impartial judgment in the exercise of their responsibilities.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Tuesday, January 30th: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of

wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding” (Psalm 111:10). Give thanks that, in this verse, fear isn’t something negative, threatening or worrisome but instead means awe and respect for God and God’s ways, which enable us to practice wisdom, compassion and justice throughout life.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Wednesday, January 31st: Pray for leaders and organizations gathered at the Lutheran Services in America Disability Network Winter Meeting in Phoenix, that the Spirit will inspire and guide their work as they empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead their best lives in society, the church and the world.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Thursday, February 1st: Pray for synod hunger team chairs and other key ELCA World Hunger leaders participating in the ELCA World Hunger Leadership Gathering in Houston. Ask the Spirit to guide their work of energizing congregations and synods to end hunger and poverty in the world, bringing relief and hope to our neighbors.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Friday, February 2nd: Remember in prayer those who suffer from heart disease, heart failure and congenital heart defects. Pray for the doctors, nurses, surgeons, care providers, researchers and chaplains who provide treatment, care and encouragement to patients of all ages and their families.

ELCA Prayer Ventures for Saturday, February 3rd: Pray for your synod’s leaders, congregations and special ministries. Ask the Spirit to sustain them and stir their creative wisdom in carrying out the mission of the church in a changing and challenging world.