

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Emanuel-St. John Lutheran Church
January 23, 2022

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.

Opening Hymn – Arise, Your Light Has Come! – WOV 652

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
bind up the brokenhearted cries and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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

((Response after prayer: Amen))

((The assembly is seated.))

Scripture Readings and Psalm

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (not printed on bulletin)

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

8:1 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.³ 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.

5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

8 So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ 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 when they heard the words of the law.¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Psalm 19 for Jan 23, 2022

The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,

and their voices are not heard.

their sound has gone out into all lands,

and their message to the ends of the world.

In 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.

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.

The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, then honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above 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.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight;
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

Luke 4:14-21

((*Spoken response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***
*Spoken response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***))

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – Hail to the Lord’s Anointed – LBW 87

Hail to the Lord’s anointed, Great David’s greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression and rule in equity.

He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him, His praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom with out end.

Baptism of Wes Kenneth Jensen

The Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and was born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

**He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

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 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light – WOV 649

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Son of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

Sending

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

Bulletin Announcements

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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Worship Attendants: Ben and Susan Albright
Greeters: Dyle and Edna Rockafellow
Acolyte: Sadie Wheelock
Organist: Candace Booth
Lay Reader: Ben Albright
Children's Sermon: Barb Riley
Presiding: Rev. Ben C. Worley

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL-ST. JOHN

SUNDAY, January 23rd

8:45 a.m. Confirmation
9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Worship

MONDAY, January 24th

7:30 a.m. Men's Group
9:00 a.m. Do-Day #3 with potluck dinner

WEDNESDAY, January 26th

6:30 p.m. Potluck Supper

7:00 p.m. Family Church Night – “The Chosen”

THURSDAY, January 27th

8:00 a.m. Prayer Group

5-7 p.m. Lytton Town Night Meal ---

Washington DC Trip, Kelsie Hejtmanek

SUNDAY, January 30th

8:45 a.m. Confirmation

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

10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Congregational Annual Meeting immediately
following worship

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Soup Dinner in dining hall



Prayer concerns: Our prayers are with the following people with ongoing health concerns: Abe Clark, Pat Peyton, Grace Rosado, Evelyn Scharn, Dale Scharn, Jo Scharn, Cooper Schmidt (great-grandson of Darlene Matter-Schmidt) and Gracia Willis...We remember also our homebound & nursing home members: John Everts, Joleen Harmon, Lorene Hinrichs and Mildred Purdie...We pray for all affected by COVID-19 locally and throughout the world...We pray for the peace of Jerusalem...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, Hannah Hildreth and Joseph Schrage.

Wes Kenneth Jensen, son of Allen and Jenna Jensen, will be baptized this morning during the 10 a.m. service. His baptismal sponsors will be Nolan and Allysha Huddleson. “We praise you, Lord, that now this child is grafted to the Vine...member of your Family and bears the cross as sign.”

Our **Annual Meeting of the congregation** will be January 30th following the 10 am worship service. Annual Reports were mailed Tuesday, Jan 18th so should arrive in your mailbox soon! Please bring your report and any questions that you may have with you to the annual meeting. Our ballot is nearly complete-only one Nominee still needed for Stewardship & Finance Committee. Are you called to fill this position? Please let us know. Thank you.

The Outreach Committee is also hosting a “**Soup Dinner**” beginning at 11 a.m. on January 30th. A sign-up sheet is available in entry for food donations and kitchen helpers.

On Wednesday nights, beginning on January 19th, we will be watching episodes from “**The Chosen**,” a dramatization of Jesus' life. I've heard great things about it from many people. Join us at 6:30 to eat potluck style or come at 7 to watch on the big screen!

Members celebrating their birthday this week:

Jan 23 Darrell Ross
Jan 24 Patricia Johnson, Michelle Talbott
Jan 25 Larry Pierce
Jan 26 Samuel Musselman
Jan 27 Myla Albright, Trinity Diersen
Jan 29 Jess Hout, Brenna Lantz, **Dale Scharn**

Members celebrating their anniversary this week:

Jan 27, 2014 Rob & Melanie Fry

Snow removal sign-up sheets remain in entry.. Still have many times available. Thank you for indicating your willingness to do this.

Lytton Town Night on Thursday, January 27th, will be a fundraiser (free will donation) to help Kelsie Hejtmanek go on a school trip to Washington, DC. Menu will include Chicken Alfredo Bake, Easy Cheesy Spaghetti Bake, salad, garlic bread sticks and dessert. Kelsie is excited to welcome you to her supper!

RC-L Aftercare is in need of donations of plates, bowls, silverware, pots and pans and many other items. You will find a complete list in the February Vine. Please see Candace Booth if you have any of the needed items. Thank you for your donations.

Annual Meeting Ballot currently:

Vice-President	Doug Bartels
Parish Ed	Faith Worley
Stewardship & Finance	???
Property Management	LeRoy Johnson
Outreach	Kari Lantz
Worship & Music	Sara Pibal
	Barb Riley
Endowment Committee	Cheryl Haden 2 nd term
	Jo Grodahl 1 st term

Many of these names have been received after the Annual Report was printed and mailed to members.