

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Baptism of Our Lord

WELCOME to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



PRELUDE

"How Lovely Shines the Morningstar"

Andreas Armsdorff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"

ELW 304

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

C: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may

**follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

READING: Acts 19:1-7

L: A reading from Acts.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—
⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Marcus

HYMN OF THE DAY

"This Is the Spirit's Entry Now"

ELW 448

INSTALLATION: Emanuel's Congregation council and Day School Board

NICENE CREED

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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 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

AM: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation. Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world.

Response to each petition: AM: God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

AM: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

ELW 314

Giving information is located on the back of the bulletin.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

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
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Communion is via continuous line. We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, "the body of Christ given for you." Gluten free wafers are available. Next, step to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, simply cross your arms for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN **"God, Whose Almighty Word"** **ELW 673**

TABLE BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN **"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"** **ELW 308**
Verses 1-4

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **"Lob Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich"** J.S. Bach

MUSICIANS TODAY: Gayle Morris, organ

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, January 7, 2024: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus;
Assisting Minister: Karen Weinstein; **Acolyte:** TBD; **Communion Assistants:** Carrie Moseley, Jeannie Hall, Earlene Jarzombek, Jeanne Palmer, Barbara McCall; **Reader:** Fran Vinyard; **Ushers:** Allan Bode, Bill Meier, Ron Schneider, Keith Vinyard; **Altar Guild:** Carrie Moseley, Cheryl Baethge, Denise Hufnagl, Pam Grandstaff; **A/V Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** TBD; **Hospitality:** Nancy Meier, Bill Meier, Fran Vinyard, Keith Vinyard

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, January 14, 2024: Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Marcus;
Assisting Minister: Wayne Stalsworth; **Communion Assistants:** Rissa Springs, Bill Elley, Stephanie Robbins, Karen Weinstein, Elizabeth Jandt; **Acolytes:** TBD; **Reader:** Cathy Anderson; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier, Faye Van Deusen, John Van Deusen; **AV/Tech:** Steve Anderson; **Council Greeter:** TBD; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit

EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP is in-person, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. Participants explore the deeper meaning found in the Bible and seek to unlock its' wisdom through fellowship and robust group discussion. The aim is to make the Bible relevant and applicable to daily life.
- **IMAGES IN REVELATION STUDY** (Family Life Center): 9:15am. Paul Sims and Pastor Marcus explore images and themes of this unique yet beautiful book of the bible. Concludes January 28.
- **JOY CLASS** (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Gathering at 9:15 on the First Sundays of the month.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** will return January 14 for PK to 5th grade learners. During worship the Vicars lead students to designated classrooms, just down the hall from the sanctuary, as we begin the "Gathering Hymn" and then guide them back as we "Share the Peace." We hope you will make this a part of your family's weekly worship rhythm!

WEEKDAY STUDIES:

Faith Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30

Joy Circle (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30

Ladies Aid (Women's Ministry Rm): 1st Wednesdays at 2:00

THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE returns to our regularly scheduled awesomeness **Sunday, January 14** at Spirit of Joy for our weekly gathering on **Sundays @6pm** for 6th to 12th grade students, hosted by our four church partners - Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church- and held on Spirit of Joy's campus. We eat, worship, play games, and enjoy each other's company. Join us!

CONFIRMATION CLASS gathers next, **on Sunday, January 21, 2024** at 1pm in the Family Life Center. Instruction for the year take place monthly at either Emanuel's or Spirit of Joy.

COUNCIL & BOARD INSTALLATION is today, **January 7** during our Sunday worship service. This time of prayer and celebration will formally install our 2024 Church Council and Officers, and our Day School Board of Directors.

FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP is a support group for widowed, divorced and single people who meet once a month on Sundays. Our next luncheon will be next week, **Sunday, January 7**, beginning at noon. We meet in the Women's Ministry Room on the 1st floor. Everyone brings their favorite dish to share. Contact Donna Simmons (830-556-3542) with questions.

SNAKE FARM FIELD TRIP! Emanuel's is making their way to the Animal World and Snake Farm in New Braunfels on Saturday, January 27 at 10am and everyone is invited! (Everyone = children, youth, families, singles, grandparents, aunt, uncles, neighbors, etc.) Email us or sign up in the Narthex to RSVP before January 23. vicarjordana@elcseguin.org, vicaraaliyah@elcseguin.org, pastormarcus@elcseguin.org

3rd THURSDAY SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB is a monthly group who like to chat over a little lunch, coffee, and maybe some games at 11:30 a.m. We meet next for pizza on **Thursday, January 18** in the Women's Ministry Room. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Contact Emanuel's Senior Care Coordinator Donna Simmons at donna@elcseguin.org.

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER: You are invited to lift in prayer our church, community, and the world every **Thursday morning at 10am**. Join us in the chapel each week for this *Sweet Hour of Prayer*. Contact Donna for more information.

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD DONATIONS are collected all year long in the narthex and the Mountain St. entrance. Most needed items include shelf stable foods (canned meats and beans, canned veggies and fruits, peanut butter, cereals, boxed mac & cheese, etc.), hygiene items (hotel toiletries are great!), plastic grocery bags, and egg cartons.

ACOLYTE FAMILIES were sent a Sign-up Genius link to get their youth signed up for Sundays starting in January and ending in May. Please take a look at the link and find the Sundays that work for you and your youth. If your youth have never been an acolyte before and they are interested, please email Pastor Marcus for training. We can always use more faces!

2024 CALENDARS NEEDED in the church office. If you have a growing collection of charity or business calendars for the new year then we would love to have some for the church office. Last year we had too many, so if you also need a calendar, please stop by and see what is available.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS and RADIO BROADCASTS are sponsored by Emanuel's members. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one in this way, please call the church office, or sign up on the calendar on the 2nd floor hallway outside the church office. Fees and submission forms are located in the narthex, the church office, and online. Thank you to everyone who participates in this meaningful worship ministry.

EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President, Rissa Springs, *Worship Team*
Vice President, Garry Miller, *Stewardship Team*
Secretary, Melissa Barbre, *Worship Team*
Treasurer, Susan Yeatts, *Congregational Care Team*
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Sarah Kennedy, *Outreach & Service Team*
Tim Kent, *Congregational Care Team*
Aaron Jenke, *Safety Team Task Force*
Debby Richardson, *Stewardship Team*
Paul Sims, *Education Team*
Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*

ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT Wednesday, February 7 at 5:30pm Women's Ministry Room

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening each month to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects. Council Members act as team leaders/coordinators, but Ministry Teams are open to, and run by, everyone in the congregation. Please join us!

EMANUEL'S STAFF

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EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT: "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

GIVING AT EMANUEL'S: Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



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 - beyed 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.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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This Is the Spirit's Entry Now



- 1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,
- 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;
- 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day
- 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

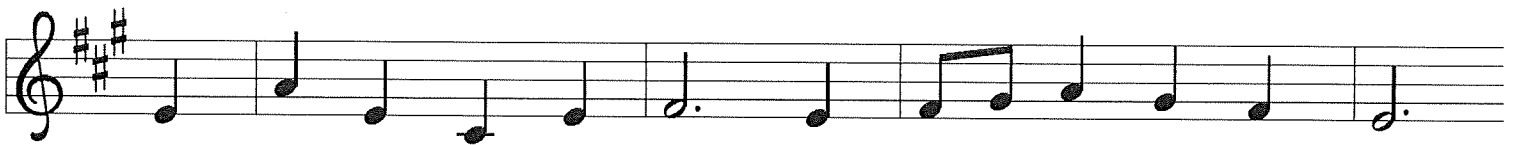
Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

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Arise, Your Light Has Come!



- 1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
- 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
- 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
- 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

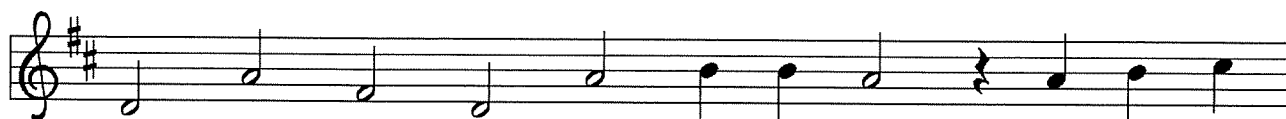


gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - mighty - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



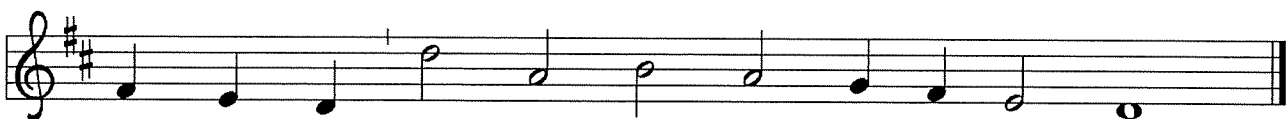
Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!