



**Emmanuel**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**11 AM Traditional Worship Service, January 28, 2024  
Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion for All**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
Reconciling in Christ Sunday**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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# THE HOLY SPIRIT GATHERS US IN WORSHIP

## Prelude

"Melbourne March" by June Nixon  
Onelicense.net 51203.

## Welcome

*Good morning and welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church!  
You can find bulletins and ways to give online at [elcvienna.org](http://elcvienna.org). We invite newcomers to our welcome table outside the sanctuary after worship.*

## Invocation

Pastor: In this season of Epiphany, we are gathered in the name of the Father,  
✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**

**ELW 413**

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

## **A Litany of Welcome for Reconciling in Christ Sunday**

Leader: By grace we have been saved. By grace...

**All: All are welcome here.**

Leader: Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome and affirm full participation by all because God welcomes all...

**All: All are welcome here.**

Leader: ...regardless of race, culture, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, relationship or socio-economic status, addictions, physical or mental health, disability, imprisonment, age, or other circumstances. Our unity is in Christ.

**All: All are welcome here. Amen!**

## **Hymn of Praise**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

## **GOD'S WORD CALLS US TO DISCIPLESHIP**

### **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Reader: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter eighteen.

Reader:

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to

“speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Psalm 111**

Reader: A reading from Psalm 111.

Reader: <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

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

**<sup>2</sup>Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup>Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup>He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

<sup>5</sup>He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**<sup>6</sup>He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup>The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.

**<sup>8</sup>They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

<sup>9</sup>He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

**<sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.**

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter eight.

Reader: <sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader: Word of God. Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Children’s Message**

*Children are invited to Bible storytelling time in the chapel following the children’s message and will return to the sanctuary after the message.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Shine, Jesus, Shine  
ELW 671 (chorus)

Chorus  
Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land  
With the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations  
With grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord  
And let there be light

Graham Kendrick  
CCLI Song #30426

## **Mark 1:14-20**

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of Saint Mark, the first chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pastor: <sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.<sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

## **Message**

"The Holy One of God" based upon Mark 1 by Pastor Tony Prinsen

## **Hymn of the Day**

All Are Welcome  
ELW 641

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: Refrain

3. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: Refrain

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: Refrain

5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: Refrain

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950. Onelicense.net 00004.

## **Apostle's Creed**

Leader: We confess our common faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

Leader: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Leader: Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching builds up your church in love. May we all honor and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Commit us to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: Righteous God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness, remembering their covenants, and being upright in their ways. God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially...God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: Reconciling God, may our ministry be your work of living out welcome, service, and advocacy with and for our many diverse siblings that we may be one under you. God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**

Leader: Eternal God, we remember the saints who have gone before us, and we trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. God of grace,

**All: receive our prayer.**



Leader: 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.

**All: Amen.**

## Peace

Leader: May the peace of the risen Lord be with you always!

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us share God's peace.

## Offering

*Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at [www.elcvienna.org/give](http://www.elcvienna.org/give) or mailed to the church. Ushers will take the offering in person. Every gift matters!*

## Offering Music

"Impromptu" by Colin Hand

Onelicense.net 58675.

## THE LORD'S MEAL GIVES US GRACE AND LIFE

### Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving (Setting 3)

S 144a

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

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.

*The Preface portion of the Great Thanksgiving follows and is chanted by the presiding pastor.*

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion  
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.  
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Setting 3

S144b

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.

Pastor: We remember that in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: And 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

## The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Pastor: The gifts of God for the children of God—come, all are welcome!  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Communion Instructions**

*All are invited to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Wafers will be dipped in wine and handed to you. If you prefer a wafer without wine, please let us know. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. We have goldfish and a blessing for our non-communing children. You are also welcome to pray at the communion rail after you have been communed.*

## **Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)**

Lamb of God, Setting 3

ELW S 146

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 Music**

"There Is A Balm in Gilead" arr. Mark Hayes  
Onelicense.net 148980.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US IN MISSION INTO THE WORLD

### Invitation to Ministry

*As the Spirit leads us out into mission in the world, we invite you to join us in our ministries. We invite our newcomers to stop by the welcome table just outside the sanctuary to connect and learn more about the work of our congregation.*

### Blessing

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Spirit bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

Rise Up, O Saints of God

ELW 669

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God!  
The kingdom's task embrace;  
redress sin's cruel consequence;  
give justice larger place.
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
with love the weak sustain.
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

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## **Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **Postlude**

"From Thy Throne So High" by Christoph Wilibald Von Gluck  
Onelicense.net 227733.

**Thank you so much for worshipping with us!**

## **Our Mission and Vision**

Our mission is to nurture, grow, and share our Christian faith as Lutherans in a multicultural world. We envision Emmanuel Lutheran Church as a welcoming, vibrant, growing, and faith-filled Christian community whose participants generously share their time, talents, and resources in a changing world.

## **Our Welcome Statement**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcomes all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome and affirm full participation by all because God welcomes all, regardless of race, culture, national origin, citizenship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, relationship or socio-economic status, addictions, physical or mental health, disability, imprisonment, age, or other circumstances. OUR UNITY IS IN CHRIST.

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