



7 PM Worship, Friday, January 23, 2026
Third Week of Epiphany
Reconciling in Christ
Year of St. Matthew

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Vienna, VA

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Gathering: The Holy Spirit Gathers Us in Worship



Welcome

Welcome to worship at Emmanuel Lutheran Church! You can find bulletins and information on how to give online at elcvienna.org. Here in person, you will find hymnals, Bibles, prayer cards, offering envelopes, and a QR code for offerings in the pew holders. Our liturgy is projected on the walls for you. We do have large-print bulletins and hearing-assistance devices available. Inquire about those with our ushers in the back. We invite newcomers to stop by our welcome table just outside the sanctuary after worship.

Invocation

Pastor: We are gathered in the name of the Father, **☩** the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

A Litany of Welcome for Reconciling in Christ

(Based upon Ephesians 2:8 and The Emmanuel Lutheran Church Welcome Statement, est. June 28, 2020.)

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!

Special Music*

All Who Are Thirsty

Verse

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life



Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Chorus 1
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
(REPEAT)

Interlude
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep
As deep cries out to deep we sing

Brenton Brown, Glenn Robertson
CCLI Song #2489542

Word: God Speaks to Us in Scriptures and Prayer

Isaiah 9:1-4

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 9.

Reader:

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you



as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Reader: We will read from Psalm 27 responsively, verse by verse.

Reader:

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:**

**to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,**

**to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

**Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;**

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!



Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 1.

Reader:

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Children are invited forward for a message just for them! Following the children's message, Children are invited to Bible storytelling time in the chapel and will return to the sanctuary after the message.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ Be Our Light

ELW 715, refrain

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.



Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957. One License 80229.

Matthew 4:12-23

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

Pastor:

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord!

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

Message

“Welcome to Follow” based upon Matthew 4 by Pastor Lydia Posselt



Song of the Day*

Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons
ELW 798

- 1 "Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r
in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.



Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949. One License 00076.

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: We confess our common faith in the words of the Apostles' 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: With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

Leader: Revealing God, guide the whole church with your wisdom. Nurture understanding around the globe, especially in places of ethnic and religious strife. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.



Leader: Creating God, restore your glory to the earth. Guide us to treasure the rich variety of animals and plants that share the world with us, especially those that are endangered. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Righteous God, bring the nations into the way of justice and peace. Strengthen those who work for human rights, equality, and the protection of the most vulnerable. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Delivering God, help those who are in need. We pray for... God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Redeeming God, reveal your promise by the witness of the lives of those who died trusting in you. Guide us by their example until we are gathered with them into your eternal presence. God of grace,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

All: Amen.

Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share signs of peace.

Offering

Offerings in support of our mission and ministry can be made at elcvienna.org/give or mailed to the church. Offering envelopes and QR codes are in the pew holders. Ushers will take the offering in person. Every gift matters—thank you!

Offering Music

"Thaxted" by Gustav Holst, arr. Charles Callahan. One License 292196.



Meal: Jesus Gives Us Forgiveness and Life

Dialogue (spoken)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy
S108, setting one



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

One License # 97137

Holy Communion Words of Institution

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 people 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.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

ELW S112, setting one

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, grant us peace.

OneLicense # AF2019242

Communion Music

"Deep River", arr. Calvin Taylor. One License 232219.



Sending: The Holy Spirit Leads Us in Mission to 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: May God  the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless, strengthen, and uphold always.

All: Amen.

Sending Song*

You Are The Light

Verse 1

We are the people of God
The sons and the daughters of love
Forgiven restored and redeemed
We're living our lives
To the praise of our King

Verse 2

We are the ones who will shine
His light in the darkness of night
The hopeless the broken the poor
They will be hopeless and broken no more

Chorus 1

You are the light
The light of the world
And we shine You Lord
You are the light
The light of the world
And we shine You Lord

Bridge

We shine like stars in the universe
Proclaiming the hope of our God
To the sons and daughters in all the earth



We shine You Lord
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2
To the lost and the broken
The hurting and hopeless
We shine You Lord
To the ones who are weary
The burdened and the suffering
We shine You Lord

Ending
We shine like stars in the universe
We shine we shine
To the sons and daughters in all the earth
We shine You Lord yeah

Steve Fee
CCLI Song #4939849

Sending

Leader: Let us go in peace and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

"Allegro" from Suite Gothic by Leon Boellmann. One License 206819.

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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