

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY:

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

Please feel free to sit anytime during the service if the need arises.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please stand for the Confession and Forgiveness)

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS:

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.



Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,

C: **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in \dagger Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

(Remain Standing)

OPENING HYMN: “We Three Kings of Orient Are” WOV 646

APOSTOLIC 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.

(Please Sit)

PRAYER OF THE DAY: (Located on the Today's Readings Insert)

GOD'S WORD

Please join me in the responsive reading.

PSALM 27:1, 4-9

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation)

Sing: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

P: The gospel reading is from Matthew Chapter 4 verses 12-23.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please Sit)

SERMON

Pastor Tabitha Gallatin

(Please stand for the Apostles Creed and The Sharing of the Peace)

APOSTLES' CREED:

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THE PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Let us share signs of peace with one another.

(Please sit for The Prayers of the People)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

P: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

(Please stand and join hands)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The OFFERING is RECEIVED AND WE STAND and SING
“Create in Me” Green, LBW Page 96

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION:

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” WOV 649

DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING is Tabitha Gallatin. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Gallatin.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 25

Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 3

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, January 11th: 282

Today, Service Schedule, January 25th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Verlyn Rebelein

Next Week's Schedule, February 1st, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann

Usher: Marlene Connell

January 2026 Altar Schedule

Marlene Connell

January 2026 Communion Schedule

Wayne Heitmann

February 2026 Altar Schedule (February 1st)

Toby and Pastor Bob Rosenberg

February 2026 Communion Schedule

Wayne Heitmann

DATE TO REMEMBER:

EMANUEL'S ANNUAL MEETING will be held next Sunday, February 1, 2026, after the service.