

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, January 18, 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY after EPIPHANY:

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

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 † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” LBW 76

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

Psalms 40:1-11:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 John Chapter 1 verses 29-42.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: John 1:29-42

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please sit)

SERMON

Pastor Tabitha Gallatin

SERMON HYMN: “Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”

**LBW 494
vs. 1,3,4**

(Please stand for the Nicene Creed)

NICENE CREED:

Green, LBW page 84

(Please sit for The Prayers of the People)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

(Please Stand)

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.

**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.

(Remain Standing)

The WORDS of INSTITUTION

Green, LBW page 90

(Please join hands)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Green, LBW page 91

When we celebrate Holy Communion, guests and members alike need to know that **All Are Welcome At Our Lord's Table!** We believe Christ is present in the bread and wine. His body and blood are given in the Eucharist for the forgiveness of sins. The Lord invites you and the decision to receive Holy Communion is yours. (We have gluten-free individually packaged sacraments in one unit.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

COMMUNION HYMN: *“This is the feast”* Green, LBW page 81

(Please Sit)

COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: May the body and the blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith unto life everlasting.

C: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through 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: *“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

WOV 651

DISMISSAL:

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Charlotte Rebelein

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

Attendance: Last Sunday: 32

Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 4

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, January 4th: 331

Today, Service Schedule, January 18th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Verlyn Rebelein

Usher: Annette Raube

Next Week's Schedule, January 25th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Verlyn Rebelein

January 2026 Altar Schedule

Marlene Connell

January 2026 Communion Schedule

Wayne Heitmann

February 2026 Altar Schedule

Toby and Pastor Bob Rosenberg

February 2026 Communion Schedule

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

**THERE WILL BE COFFEE AND GOODIES THIS MORNING
FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP** provided by Pat Grams.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, January 25, 2026, at St. Catherine of Siena Ripon Christian Women and Knights of Columbus, serving from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Parish Hall located at 218 E Blossom St., Ripon, WI. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex of the church.