

Emanuel Lutheran Church

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Sunday, February 1, 2026

THE FOURTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY:

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.



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: “As with Gladness Men of Old”

**LBW 82
vs. 1-3**

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

Psalm 15:

Please join me in the responsive reading.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has “wearied” Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God’s service.

Reader says: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation respond: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world’s standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

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 5 verses 1-12.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please sit)

SERMON

Pastor Kim Krogstad

SERMON HYMN:

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

WOV 651

(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: **“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”** **LBW 383**

DISMISSAL:

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Roberta Ryskoski

OUR GUEST PASTOR THIS MORNING is Kim Krogstad. Thank you for leading our Worship, Pastor Krogstad.

Attendance: Last Sunday: 26

Last Sunday Facebook Lives: 6

Facebook Plays:

Sunday, January 18th: 237

Today, Service Schedule, February 1st, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Wayne Heitmann

Usher: Marlene Connell

Next Week's Schedule, February 8th, 9:30 A.M.

Reader: Charlotte Rebelein

Usher: Wayne Heitmann

February 2026 Altar Schedule

Toby and Pastor Bob Rosenberg

February 2026 Communion Schedule (February 1st)

Wayne Heitmann

THIS WEEK AT EMANUEL:

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

Charleen Strook.

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