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January 15, 2023 – The Baptism of Our Lord

Introduction

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Thus says our God:
"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.
Amen.

HYMN ACS 914

Jesus, the Light of the World



1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je - sus, the Light of the world;
3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je - sus, the Light of the world;



"Glo - ry to the new-born king," Je - sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je - sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je - sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness! Je - sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain
Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

THE GREETING

L: 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.

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L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Special music "Joy to the World" by the Bell Choir

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

- 1 Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- 2 He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
- 3 a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- 4 He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- 5 Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- 6 I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
- 7 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- 8 I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
- 9 See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Psalm: Psalm 29

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

L: Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

L: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

**C: The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**C: the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**C: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L: The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

**C: The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

L: O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

34Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Gospel Acclamation Christmas Hallelujah Vs 5

I know You came to rescue me
This baby boy would grow to be
A man and one day die for me and you
My sins would drive the nails in You
That rugged cross was my cross, too
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. 14John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

HYMN ELW 269

Once in Royal David's City

- 1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly,
lived on earth our Savior holy.

3 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heav'n above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

4 Not in that poor lowly stable,
with the oxen standing by,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high;
there his children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition is concluded with the words, God of grace:

The congregation responds: **hear our prayer.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**

Offering Prayer

Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.

Emmanuel is grateful for ALL of your gifts of tithes and offerings. If you are new to Emmanuel and would like to offer a financial gift, these can be placed in the brown box located on the table next to Door A. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!

Special music "Silent Night" "Deck Thyself with Joy and Gladness" by the Bell Choir

Prayer after Communion

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.

Amen.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The assembly makes affirmation:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN ELW 303

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

- 3 Manifest in making whole
weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;

manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.

- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Emmanuel! If this is your first time at Worship with us, We are grateful for you and hope you will Worship with us again. Emmanuel has a *Family Room* sitting area located just off the sanctuary with couch seating and a television that shows a livestream of today's Worship. This area is for those who might want to calm down, get the wiggles out, or regain a sense of security before rejoining the group. Please feel welcomed and invited to enjoy this area. The *Family Room* can be reached by going through the doorway with the letter "**B**" above it.

Christ in Our Home devotionals and Parish Visitors are available at the church just outside the glass front door. If you need it mailed to you, please call the church office.

The flowers are in memory of Philip Sachs on his 25th anniversary in Heaven.

"2023" Envelopes can be picked up in the hall across from Fellowship Hall. If you do not have envelopes but would like envelopes please call the church office. Thank you.

Epiphany is the season of light. If you have a special candle that you would like to share, you are welcome to bring it to light the sanctuary. Please put your name on it.

During worship services on January 15, we will be recognizing Godparents.

**Calling all Bingo Players! Let's play bingo and raise money for the Inclusive Park!
Sunday, January 22 from 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00pm**

Kelsey's Country Kitchen will be here to serve walking tacos and dessert from 4:00-6:00.

Cards will be 50 cents apiece - play as many cards as you like.

All ages welcome - children under 18 can play only if they are accompanied and sit with their parent or legal guardian? Bring your friends, family and neighbors for a fun night out raising money for the park.

If you have any questions, please talk to Lynette, Tanya, Darci or Deanna.

Just a reminder that Thrivent dollars need to be designated by March.

Community 2000 would like to thank all those who helped to support them in 2022. They worked with just shy of 200 households for 563 individuals. They had their basic needs met with hygiene items, diapers, wipes, clothing, bedding, kitchen & other household items as well as back to school supplies. Thank you and God bless you for making a difference! Community 2000

Thursday night book study will begin January 19 at 7:30PM. The book will be "The World's Greatest Book" by Lawrence Schiffman PH.D. and Jerry Pattengale PH.D. Books are available by the church office. This is a fascinating story of how we got the world's greatest book -- the Bible. It is a captivating story that includes a little bit of everything: adventure and violence, mystery and bravery, and dumb luck or divine intervention -- depending on your point of view. Retrace the passion and intrigue behind the Bible's creation. If you have questions contact Kathy Yurk 920-740-3954

The Altar Circle Ministry Team is encouraging contributions toward the Beautification Fund to provide enhancements to our church and monies toward new paraments and banners.

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Have you noticed Emmanuel's **Wall of Teams (Together Everyone Achieves More)**? Want to learn more about the teams--please take a Ministry Booklet. Would you like to join a team--please contact the church office. Are you already serving on a team--please let Sandy in the church office know. How would you like to share your talents? What area of serving would bring you joy? Thank you for participating. Thank you for considering. Thank you for sharing.

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Emmanuel's Annual Meeting will be on January 29, 2023 following the 10:30am Worship and a meal.

Next Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023

8:00 AM Worship
9:15 AM Faith Connections
10:30 AM Worship
2-4 PM Bingo
6-8 PM Bingo

Monday, Jan. 23, 2023

7:30 PM Dart ball

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023

6:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023

5:30PM Meal
6:00PM Faith Connections
6:00PM Confirmation
Worship

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023

4:30 PM Bells
6:30 PM Worship
7:30 PM Book Study

Friday, Jan. 27, 2023

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023

8:00 AM Worship with Healing
9:15 AM Faith Connections
Blood Pressure Screening
10:30 AM Worship with Healing –Meal & Annual Meeting

Worship Schedule
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/emmanuelseymour>

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 8— 8:00am Worship and 10:30am Worship
Thursday, Jan.12—6:30pm Worship
Sunday, Jan. 15— 8:00am Worship and 10:30am Worship
Thursday, Jan.19—6:30pm Worship
Sunday, Jan. 22— 8:00am Worship and 10:30am Worship
Thursday, Jan.26—6:30pm Worship
Sunday, Jan. 29— 8:00am Worship and 10:30am Worship with Meal and Annual meeting to follow
Thursday, Feb.2—6:30pm Worship