



Sunday, January 24, 2021
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Communion

January 24, 2021 • 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, Jesus reveals the power of God by performing seven miraculous signs, including turning water into wine, healing the sick, and raising the dead. Turning water into wine is the first miraculous “sign” in John’s gospel. It confirms that Jesus is the Messiah promised in Scripture, while pointing to the glory that will be revealed when Jesus pours out his life in love through crucifixion.

PRELUDE

Oh God, beyond All Praising

HOLST/arr.Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITARIAN CHIMES

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

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The assembly is seated.

GATHERING SONG

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ,
the mercy of the Holy One,
and the Spirit of the living God
be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Jesus did this, the first of his signs...and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Alleluia! (John 2: 11)

GOSPEL: John 2, 1-12

John selects this miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding feast to begin to reveal who Jesus is. Interestingly, this story is not found in the other gospels.

The holy gospel according to John, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Rick Bliese

A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

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APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. Let us pray, **Have mercy, O God.**

PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always.*

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.
During this time, the table is set.*

OFFERTORY

I Need Thee Every Hour
Frank Lester, soloist

arr. Courtney

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
O God,
receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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:

HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

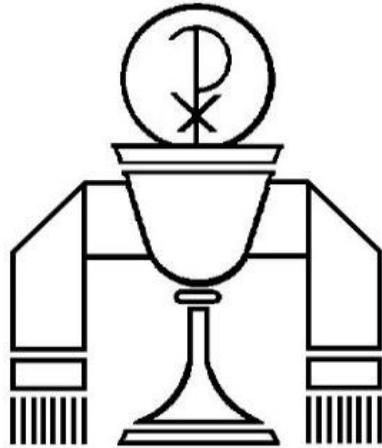
Jesus Christ is the host of this Holy Communion, in which we celebrate the Real Presence of Our Lord among us. Jesus' presence is in the sanctuary. Jesus' presence is also real in your home. Please have bread and wine available and ready (or juice). All the baptized are welcome to participate this morning in their homes during the livestream worship. Follow the presiding pastor for instructions.

THE 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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.
Come and be fed.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers and those at home say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you, *and each person may respond, Amen.*

(Parents are encouraged to bless their children at this time. Follow the instructions from the Presiding Minister).

The assembly stands.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Christ Jesus,
at this table we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name.
Amen.

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.

Amen.

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SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows. Please wait until the usher directs you to exit.

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

Rutter

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