



Sunday, January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Communion

January 31, 2021 • 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Service

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Today we celebrate “The Growing Faces of Emmanuel.” Our congregation continues to be blessed by those who come together as the body of Christ in this place. Together we share the love of Christ and serve in a wide variety of circumstances and settings. As our congregation finds new ways to reach out and engage with the growing communities in Southwest Florida, it is most important for you to find your place, sharing your time, talents, and treasure. Our texts this morning draw us into the mystery of abundant life in Christ, where the face of God shines upon us restoring us and blessing our life together!

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Bish

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

*Currently there is **NO CONGREGATIONAL SINGING**. Please silently meditate upon the words to this song.*

The assembly is seated.

GATHERING SONG

Shine, Jesus Shine!

ELW 671

Sung at Emmanuel’s worship service on February 23, 2020

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: GENESIS 33:4-11

A covenant promise, first given to Abraham and passed on through his son Isaac, now moves forward in the twins born of Isaac and Rebekah. The firstborn, Esau, comes forth from the womb with Jacob gripping his heel, a sign of what is to come. Jacob will usurp Esau of his birthright and blessing. Years later Jacob fears revenge upon their encounter.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:4-10

Through the covenant of Holy Baptism, we are marked with the cross of Christ and become a spiritual house built of living stones. Look at yourself, you are beloved by God...and together we are the growing faces of Emmanuel striving to proclaim the mighty acts of God. May God's marvelous light shine through us for the sake of the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk. Alleluia! (John 5:8)

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 5:1-9

Sometimes we probably feel as though we are a mere face lost in the crowd. Standing in a crowd of people can make us feel that way. Why would God notice us? But each face is one created by God, in God's own image. Not one of us is overlooked. It is hard to believe, isn't it! But Jesus Christ sees us, as he saw the man who had been ill for many years.

The holy gospel according to John, the fifth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Pastor Steven Wigdahl

A time of silent reflection follows the sermon.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am

John L. Bell

Courtesy of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, James Biery, Conductor/Organist

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

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Edwards/Parry

Courtesy of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, James Biery, Conductor/Organist

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.

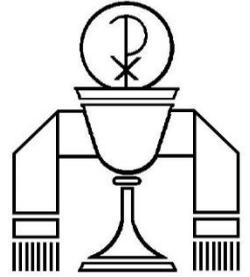
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

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.

**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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
(Sung at Emmanuel's worship service on February 9,2020)

ELW 815

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

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

arr. Wells

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