

# **Emanuel Lutheran Church**

(A Member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 1, 2026 9:00 AM

## **Welcome to Emanuel**

We warmly welcome all who join us in worship today, especially our visitors. We invite you to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship each Sunday and encourage you to sign our guest book and the friendship records in the pews. A nursery room is available at the back of the church. We also have activity bags available for all children. Please ask one of the Ushers for directions.

## **Our Mission**

Emanuel Lutheran Church shares the love of God the Father, by proclaiming the Gospel of our Savior, Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit, showing love for all people, lending a helping hand to those in need, and equipping God's people for ministry.

## **Holy Communion**

Emanuel Lutheran Church follows the biblical and historical practice of the Christian Church known as Closed Communion. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation (or a church body we are in full altar and pulpit fellowship with), and you would like to commune or if you have any questions, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you are a visitor and would like to come forward for a blessing this morning, we welcome you. Please cross your arms at the Communion rail. This blessing is for all ages. If you are unable to come to the front for Communion, please sit near the center aisle.

## **Serving in Worship:**

Rev. Dr. Chris Davis

Organist: Nancy Meyer

Sound Tech: Dave Schamber

Acolytes: Alyssa Henderson, Alyssa Rethke

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## Divine Service Setting Four (LSB 203)

### Opening Hymn

*“Christ Be My Leader” (LSB 861)*

### Confession and Absolution (LSB 203)

#### Introit

**Psalm 1:1-5; antiphon: v. 6**

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

but his delight is in the law of the Lord,

**and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

**In all that he does, he prospers.**

The wicked are not so,

**but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### Kyrie (LSB 204)

### Gloria In Excelsis (LSB 204)

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### Reading from the Lutheran Confessions

#### Old Testament

**Micah 6:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the

indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. <sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! <sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. <sup>5</sup>O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.” <sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**P** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus,

whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

P This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** (LSB 205)

**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** (LSB 206)

**Sermon Hymn**

*“Son of God, Eternal Savior” (LSB 842)*

**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Prayers of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament** (LSB 208)

**Distribution Hymns** (LSB 155, 683, 629, 851, 643)

**Post-Communion Canticle-Nunc Dimittis** (LSB 211)

**Benediction** (LSB 212)

**Closing Hymn**

*“God of Grace and God of Glory” (LSB 850)*