

Emanuel Lutheran Church and Christian Preschool
(A Member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)
The Second Sunday after Christmas
January 5, 2025

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.

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.

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:

9:00 am

Pastor Chris Davis

Organist: Kris Street

Sound Tech: Tracy Pinkert

Acolytes: Finley Hunt; Karlie Nies

Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

Opening Hymn "What Child is This" (LSB 370)

Confession and Absolution (LSB 184)

Introit Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

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.

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Kyrie (LSB 186)

Gloria In Excelsis (LSB 187)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word.

Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same 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 Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place.

Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD

appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And

Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father,

because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart

toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a

son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant

king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out

or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a

great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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Alleluia (LSB 190)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (LSB 191)

Sermon Hymn *"Within the Father's House"* (LSB 410)

Sermon

Offering

Prayers of the Church

Service of the Sacrament (LSB 194)

Distribution Hymns (LSB 155, LSB 387, LSB 380, LSB 366, LSB 379)

Post-Communion Canticle-Nunc Dimittis (LSB 199)

Benediction (LSB 201)

Closing Hymn *"O Word of God Incarnate"* (LSB 523)