

Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Service Times: Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM - Wednesday 6:30PM

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Notes for Visitors:

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway north of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Room:** If you need a quiet place for your children, we have a room near the church offices. If you need help finding the room, please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Hymnals:** Use the red hymn books in the rack ahead of your pew to follow along in the service. If you need help or guidance, please ask someone nearby to assist you.
- **Holy Communion:** The Sacrament of Holy Communion (The Lord's Supper) will be celebrated at the close of our church services today. If you are a communicant member of another WELS congregation, we invite you to share this Sacrament with us. If you are not a member of our church, we ask you to honor our Biblical practice of close communion and refrain from coming forward until you have completed doctrinal discussions with one of our pastors. (Please read "Attending the Lord's Supper" for more information. Pamphlets are in

January 9, 2022

First Sunday after Epiphany—The Baptism of Our Lord

The Pastors' Notes

The season of Epiphany highlights how Jesus reveals himself to us. (Epiphany comes from a Greek word, meaning: "appearance" or "manifestation.") Epiphany is a season which helps us move from the Christmas season (where the Savior is first revealed), to the season of Lent (where the Savior suffers and dies).

This first Sunday after Epiphany (celebrated on January 6) focuses on Jesus' Baptism. White is the color for the day as we consider Jesus as God's anointed Messiah. The theme for this Sunday is: Jesus Revealed as Approved by God. This is revealed to us through Baptism—both Jesus' Baptism and our Baptism. Baptism highlights the wonderful work of God to bring us to faith and make us his own. Because Jesus has given us the righteousness we need through his saving work, our heavenly Father also declares about us through Baptism: "You are my child, whom I love."

Order Of Worship: Service of Word and Sacrament, pg. 26

Hymns.....366; 89; 294

Distribution Hymns.....389; 390

Sermon Theme.....Titus 3: 4-7

Your Christmas and Baptismal Blessing

Prayer Of The Day

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons.”² Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you.”⁴ So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, “Do you come in peace?”⁵ He said, “Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.⁶ When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, “Certainly this is the LORD’s anointed.”⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”⁹ Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.”¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Is that all of the young men?” Jesse said, “There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes.”¹² He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, “Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one.”¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

Psalm 2 (hymnal, pg. 65)

Epistle Lesson: Titus 2: 4-7

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, ⁵he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.
(Mark 1:11b)

Gospel Lesson: Luke 3: 15-17, 21, 22

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. ¹⁶John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you.”

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