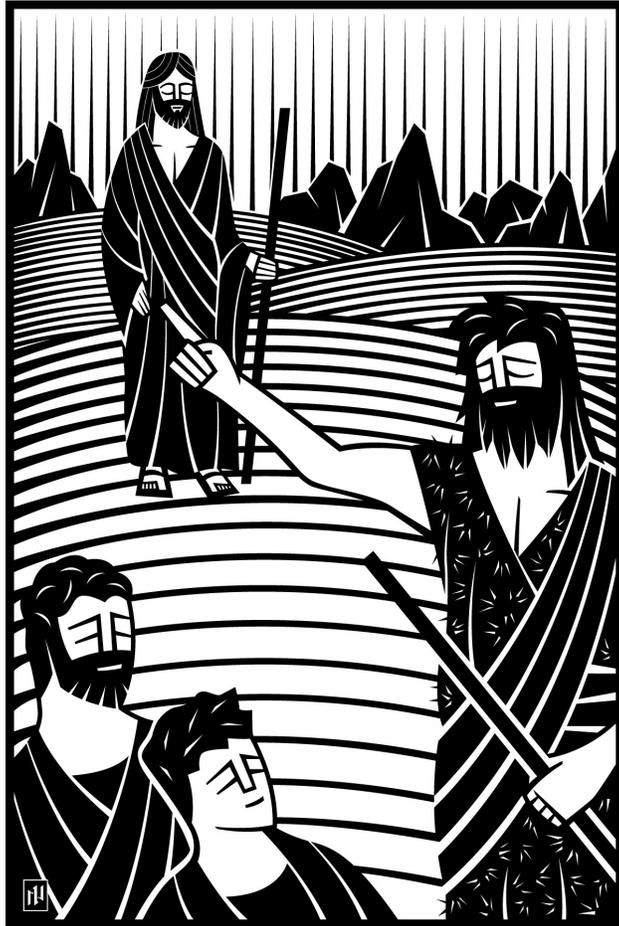


# Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church



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## Notes for Visitors:

- **Welcome!** If you are a guest this morning, please fill out a cream colored card. These cards are placed in every pew. One side of the card is for members receiving communion, the other side is for visitors. You may place the card in the collection plate. Feel free to also speak with one of the pastors to introduce yourself or ask any questions.
- **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 blue 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.

## **January 15, 2023** *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

### *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). Green will be the color each Sunday until Transfiguration. Green signifies growth and new life in the Church as Jesus reveals himself to us.

This second Sunday after Epiphany we see Jesus appear as the Lamb of God. For centuries the priests of Israel offered sacrifices to God for sin. The blood shed from these sacrifices clearly testified that the penalty for sin was death. The animals that died as sacrifices pictured the coming substitute for sin. Eventually, the Lord would sacrifice a lamb, *The Lamb*, himself. Jesus, the Messiah, took our sins, stood in our place, and died as the substitute for sinful mankind. In doing so, Jesus fulfilled the entire sacrificial system. Hearts that believe the Savior who willingly became God's Lamb in our place cannot help but take the news of salvation to the ends of the earth.

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Hymns.....913; 375; 550; 929  
 Senior Choir (10:30).....*Arise, Shine*  
 Sermon Theme.....Isaiah 49:1-7

### *The LORD Uses His Servant*

### Prayer Of The Day

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

### First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you faraway peoples! The LORD called me from the womb. When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharpened sword. He hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow. He concealed me in his quiver. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory."

<sup>4</sup>But I said to myself, "I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing. Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD, and my reward is with my God."

<sup>5</sup>But now the LORD, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, because my God has been my strength—

<sup>6</sup>the LORD said: It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth.

<sup>7</sup>This is what the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, its Holy One, says to the one deeply despised, to the one who is detested by the nation, to the servant of rulers. Kings will see and stand up. Officials will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, because of the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.

### Psalm 40

### Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-15

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>by being rooted and built up in him, and strengthened in the faith just as you were taught, while you overflow in faith with thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. <sup>9</sup>For all the fullness of God's being dwells bodily in Christ. <sup>10</sup>And you have been

brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

<sup>13</sup> Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. <sup>14</sup> God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2)*

## **Gospel Lesson: John 1:29-41**

<sup>29</sup>The next day, John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘The one coming after me outranks me because he existed before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know who he was, but I came baptizing with water so that he would be revealed to Israel.”

<sup>32</sup>John also testified, “I saw the Spirit descend like a dove from heaven and remain on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>I saw this myself and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day, John was standing there again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup>When John saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look! The Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

<sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned around and saw them following him, he asked, “What are you looking for?”

They said to him, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup>He told them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying. They stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.

<sup>40</sup>Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup>The first thing Andrew did was to find his own brother Simon and say to him, “We have found the Messiah!” (which is translated “the Christ”).

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