

# Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church



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*Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)*

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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.
- **Difficulty hearing?** Tune headphones to 103.3FM (closed circuit broadcast of service). Ask for a portable FM radio and headphones if you need some.
- **Difficulty reading small print?** Magnifying readers with light are available by the bookshelf in the narthex and in the ramp by the pulpit.
- **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.
- **Bibles:** Available at the bookshelf in the narthex and on the ramp by the pulpit.

## January 19, 2025 *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

### *The Pastors' Notes*

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “reveal.” Today, if you, “have an epiphany,” it means you had some extremely important, life-changing revelation. The season of Epiphany reveals important truths about Jesus Christ, truths that will indeed change your life.

Today the Lord teaches us that he always gives more than we ask, and not less. It is easy for us to assume that if God says “no” to a request, we are getting less than we wanted. We need to have an epiphany moment, seeing the reality—that God always wants more for us than we want from him. Saying “yes” to all our requests would often result in us receiving less joy, less blessing, a lesser life. So, when God says “no” to our request, we can be assured it is because he wants to give us more. Far more than existing as a “help desk” or 911 dispatch, God’s love for us is like that of a groom for his bride. His love for us exceeds all expectation and understanding.

## Order Of Worship: Setting Three pg. 188

Hymns.....611; 375; 714; 710  
 Small Choir (10.....*The Star Proclaims the King is Here (Hymn 374)*  
 Sermon Theme.....Ephesians 3:14-21

### *For This Reason*

## 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 Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

- 1 For the sake of Zion I will not be silent.  
 For the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet,  
 until her righteousness goes forth shining brightly,  
 and her salvation burns like a torch.
- 2 Nations will see your righteousness,  
 and all kings will see your glory.  
 You will be called by a new name  
 that the mouth of the Lord will assign to you.
- 3 Then you will be a beautiful crown in the Lord's hand,  
 and a royal diadem in the palm of your God.
- 4 You will never again be called Abandoned,  
 and your land will never again be called Desolation,  
 for you will be called My Delight Is in Her,  
 and your land will be called Married,  
 because the Lord delights in you,  
 and your land will be married.
- 5 For just as a young man marries a virgin,  
 your sons will marry you,  
 and just as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride,  
 your God will rejoice over you.

## Psalm 145

## Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. 16 I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, 19 and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him, who is able, according to the power that is at work within us, to do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, 21 to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation

*(Seasonal Verse: Epiphany)*

*We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)*

## Gospel: John 2:1-11

1 Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine."

4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. 8 Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." And they did.

9 When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the banquet called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!"

11 This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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