

# WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.



I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

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Stephen Ministry Sunday  
January 14, 2018



Sunday, January 14, 2018  
Second Sunday after Epiphany  
Holy Communion

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January 14, 2018 • 7:45, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Service

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WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

*All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and ... the gate of heaven" Gen. 28:17. Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.*

PRELUDE

*Tocatta and Fugue in D minor*

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly stands.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations,  
who gives breath to us all.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly may stand or kneel.  
Silence is kept for reflection.*

Loving God,  
we confess that we have turned from your way  
to follow our own ways.  
Forgive us for the times  
we have spoken or acted too quickly;  
we have not spoken or acted at all;  
we have hurt those closest to us;  
we have hurt those we have yet to know;  
we have thought more about ourselves than others;  
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.  
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,  
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.  
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.  
God's love never runs out.  
God never tires of calling us beloved children.  
Hear God say to you now:  
Your sins are forgiven,  
for the sake of ✠ Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

ELW 798

GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ,  
the mercy of the Holy One,  
and the Spirit of the living God  
be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

GLORY TO GOD (*Assembly sings twice*)

*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and  
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

(VERSES 1 & 3)

## Rise Up! Shine!

Leader (or all)



1 Rise up! Shine! Your light has come.  
2 Bring him gold and spic - es rare.  
3 We have seen his star so bright.

All



Je - sus, the light of the world.

Leader (or all)



Glo - ry dawns on ev - 'ry - one.  
Praise his glo - ry ev - 'ry - where.  
Come and wor - ship with de - light.

All



Je - sus, the light of the world. We'll

*Refrain*

*(opt. hand claps)*



walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light,



come where the dew - drops of mer - cy are bright.



Shine all a - round us by day and by night,



Je - sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Isaiah 60:1, 6; Matthew 2:2, para. Daniel Schwandt; George D. Elderkin, refrain

Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, traditional, arr. Daniel Schwandt

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1–10

**Please turn to page 274 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible.**

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

**Please turn to page 177 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.**

*Paul is helping the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

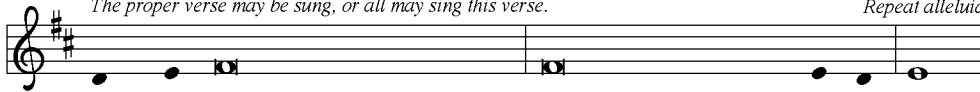
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.*

*Repeat alleluia*



We have found the Mes - siah, Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth. (John. 1: 41, 17)

**GOSPEL: John 1:43-51**

**Please turn to page 95 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

The holy gospel according to John, the first chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Steven Wigdahl**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Here I Am, Lord*

**ELW 574**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. Let us pray, Have mercy, O God.

#### *Congregational refrain: "Hear Our Prayer"*



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

*(Names from our congregation...)*

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy;  
through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior. **Amen.**

**Congregational refrain: "Hear Our Prayer"**

**PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.  
The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

*During this time, the table is set.*

**OFFERTORY**

**(7:45, 9:30)**

***Will You Let Me Be Your Servant***

**Gillard**

*(Words are on front cover of the bulletin)*

**Frank Lester (a Stephen Minister), soloist**

**11:00**

***Let Your Bright Light Shine***

**Denisen**

**Emmanuel Choir**

**Jan Gazdic, obligato**

*We live in darkness and despair with hatred all around! When will the people learn to live in love? With war and fighting everywhere, we need your heavenly grace. We pray, oh Father, give us peace! Let your bright light shine over all the earth. So the people of the world will see your love. Let your bright light shine over all the earth. Then the world will live in peace and grace from above. When will the course of this destruction ever find an end? And all the killing and brutality? When will the world unite as people and stretch out their hands? And show your love and peace in every land? Let your bright light shine over all the earth. So the people of the world will see your love. Let your bright light shine over all the earth. Then the world will live in peace and grace from above.*

*The assembly stands.*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring,

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,



shining with the light of your justice and mercy;  
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

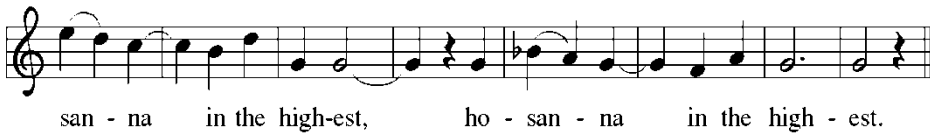
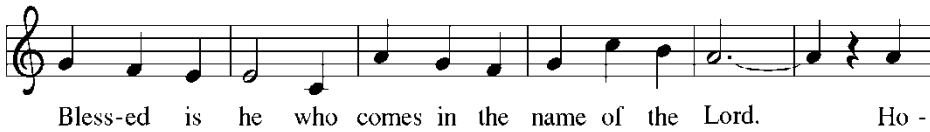
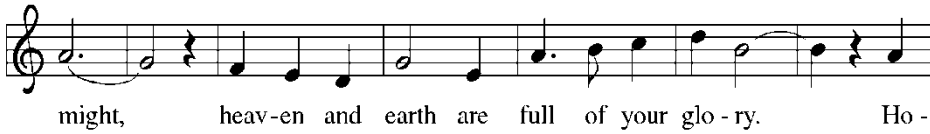
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' followed by 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' followed by 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third and fourth staves each have one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' respectively. The lyrics 'And al - so with you.', 'We lift them to the Lord.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' are in bold.

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,  
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**

*Invited to the Lord's Table are all baptized Christians who celebrate with us the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament. The Communion is administered by "intinction," that is, the bread is handed to the communicant and the communicant dips the bread into the wine. **If you are not able to take the wine, simply take the bread.** Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire Communion, but are not able to come forward, please let an usher know. We'll bring it to you. If you do not wish to partake of the Sacrament, simply remain seated when your row is directed to come forward. **GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE.** If you need a gluten-free wafer, simply ask a pastor or the person distributing Communion. The gluten-free wafers are now stored in a separate compartment of the intinction (the vessel holding the Communion wafers).*

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one bread.  
Come. Be filled with light and life.



#### COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond*  
Amen.

#### COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONGS:

(7:45, 9:30)      *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am (please sing 3 times)*      ELW 814  
*O Jesus, I Have Promised*      ELW 810  
*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*      ELW 696

(11:00)      *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*      Gillard  
(Words are on front cover of the bulletin)      Frank Lester (a Stephen Minister), soloist

(11:00)      *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*      ELW 815

*The assembly stands.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—

today, tomorrow, every day—

that we tell the story of your never-ending love  
and sing your praise both now and forever.

**Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN      *We Are Marching in the Light*      ELW 866

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE      *Toccata Héroïque*      Smith/arr. Douglas

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC



Continued appreciation to the Emmanuel Choir, who will be singing at the 11:00 service today. Also Emmanuel Choir member, Frank Lester, will be singing at all sanctuary services. Frank is one of the Stephen Ministers here at Emmanuel, and today we are highlighting this very important ministry. Thank you all for sharing your gifts with the congregation.

### 7:45 Service

Greeters: *Rita & Gordon Duwe*

Assisting Minister: *Clayton Blomseth*

Lector: *Julie Kerr*

Acolyte: *Jim Klinke*

Ushers: *Marilyn Thomack, Arlene Borman, Melissa Schrader, Kathryn Frampton*

Altar Guild: *Jean Dumouchel*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell*



*Worship  
Assistants*

### 9:30 Service

Greeters: *Glen & Shirley Gronlund*

Assisting Minister: *Carolyn Goodin*

Lector: *Pat Goodyear*

Acolyte: *Sally Johnson*

Banner: *David Beitzel*

Ushers: *Hal Williams, Jerry Kimble, Mike Conrad*

Altar Guild: *Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell*

### 11:00 Service

Greeter: *Carol Hartman and Marci Gast*

Assisting Minister: *Karl Fink*

Lector: *Bruce Bergman*

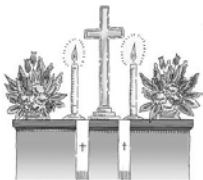
Acolyte: *Duncan Cameron*

Banner: *Frank Lester*

Ushers: *Joseph & Linda Moeller, Linda Goldberg, Laurie Wren*

Altar Guild: *Diedre Milligan*

Hospitality: *Jan Donnell*



Altar Flowers

*The flowers that beautify our altar today are given  
by Emmanuel Lutheran Church.*