

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Communication Cards - Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation and ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members and visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

Holiday Cookies: Emmanuel will be delivering cookies & worship invites to area healthcare hospitality houses during the Season of Advent. Contact Judy Pearce if you would like to help. Delivery Dates are: Thursdays, November 29, & December 6, 13, & 20.

Farewell Reception for the Schilbe's: Rev. Scott Schilbe has accepted a call to serve as pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Carlyle, Illinois. A coffee hour reception will be served on Saturday, December 15 to say goodbye to our dear friend & his family. Scott has faithfully served as one of our worship pianists. We pray God's blessings upon Scott & his family.

Worship at Madonna Towers Skilled Care Chapel: On the first and third Wednesdays of each month, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Worship Services will be on Wednesdays, December 5 & 19 at 1pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to help with this wonderful ministry.

Women's Bible Study: Women of Emmanuel are studying the Book of Psalms, meeting twice a month on Thursdays at Oasis Church at 1pm. We are looking at Israel's Prayer & Hymn Book. Session Seven will be on Thursday, December 6, studying Psalms 120-134 (Songs of Ascent). Future Date: December 13.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Psalms on Tuesdays at 8am & discussing the appointed Psalm for the week. The men meet at Oasis Church weekly for conversation & coffee. This Week: December 4 (Psalm 66).

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018
Advent I - 6 pm

***"Praising, Proclaiming and Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily
life!"***

New Year's Day

Our Church Year came to a close with the arrival of the Feast of Christ the King (November 24). The Season of Advent announces the beginning of a New Church Year. Happy New Year! Our God reigns!

Site Assessment Team

Share your input with Dave Carl, Tom Vomhof, Jenna Serr, & Julie Edwards.

Emmanuel Nominating Committee

Is God calling you to serve in leadership at Emmanuel Lutheran? Opportunities: Church Council, Audit Committee, Voting Delegates, or Nominating Committee.

Mark Smeby in Concert

Rochester Covenant Church is hosting a musical message of hope on Sunday, December 9 at 6pm. All are welcome to come and hear Mark share the love of Jesus and the spirit of Christmas!

The December Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for December-February.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, December 1
Saturday School and G.I.F.T. at 5:10pm;
Advent I Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, Dec. 2—Site
Assessment Team Mtg.
at Pastor Dave's (6pm)
- Tues, Dec. 4 — Men's
Bible Study (8am); Text
Study (10:30am)
- Wed, Dec. 5—Panera
B.S. (6:30am); Madonna
Towers Worship (1pm)
- Thursday, December 6
St. Nicholas Day; Church
Council Mtg. at 10am;
Women's Bible Study at
Oasis (1pm)
- Saturday, December 8
Saturday School and
G.I.F.T. at 5:10pm; Eve
of Advent II Worship at
6pm

Discipleship Covenants for 2019 are available for signing.

Membership at Emmanuel is an annual renewal. 60 Covenants were signed in 2018. Thanks for walking the walk with Jesus and making Emmanuel your church home

Calendar Items:

- Saturday, December 15th - Farewell reception for Pastor Scott Schilbe & his family after the Worship Service.
- Saturday, Dec. 22nd, 6pm - Advent IV: Children's Nativity
- Mon, December 24th, 9pm - Christmas Eve Worship Service with Carols, Communion and Candlelight. Theme: *Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory!* Extended prelude begins at 8:40pm
- Saturday, January 5th, 6pm - Worship Service: 12 Days of Christmas, Bell Ringing Service—Bring your bells!
- Saturday, January 26th, 3:30pm - Annual Meeting, 4:45pm; Potluck Dinner, 6pm Worship
- Sunday, February 10 - Friday, February 22, 2019 - SEMACE Mission Work Trip to Wilmington, N.C.
- Wednesday, March 6th, 6pm - Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Lenten Theme: "Singing & Praying the Psalms".
- Monday, April 22nd, 6am - Public Reading of the entire New Testament at Oasis.
- Saturday, April 27th - Children's Choir of St. John's Lutheran, Howard Lake, MN. Evening meal provided.
- Saturday, May 4 - Emmanuel Choir, Grafton, IA. Expanded refreshments will be provided.
- Monday, July 29th - Thursday, August 1st - Mega Kids Camp.
- Sunday, August 4th - Emmanuel picnic at the Vomhof home.
- Tue, Aug 7th - Thu, Aug 9th, 2019 - NALC Convocation at Indianapolis, IN includes the election of a new NALC Bishop.

Thanks for worshipping with us this evening. *Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word & Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! May the power of the Holy Spirit equip the saints for Witness in the World! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org*



**Worship
Eve of Advent I
Dec. 1, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

LITURGY: HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

WORSHIP NOTES: With One Voice

Liturgy: Holden Evening Prayer, revised edition
(*Please return the Service Bulletin*)

Gathering Song: "The Advent of Our King" (LSB #331—
See Insert; Lighting of the Advent Candle

Song of the Day: "Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord" (LSB
#352—See Insert)

Children's Sermon: "Get Up Sleepy-Head"

Sermon: "Wake Me with the Morning Light"

Communion Song: "Soon & Very Soon" (WOV #744)

Closing Song: "Awake, O Sleeper" (WOW #745)

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: Scott Schilbe

Flutist: Julie Peterson

Scripture Reader: Larry Vomhof

Communion Server: Julie Steffenson

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Addison Siebenaler

Worship Leader & Set up: Julie Steffenson

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Leitha Bothun

Ushers: Darald Bothun & Bob Harms

Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

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Jeremiah 33:14-16 — The LORD is our Righteousness

14 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Thessalonians 3:9-13 — St. Paul Gives Thanks

9 What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, 10 as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face & supply what is lacking in your faith? 11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, 12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

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roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” 29 And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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The Advent of Our King

(Text: LBW 22; Tune: LBW 368—I Love Your Kingdom, Lord)



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

- 5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

(Tune: LBW 28—Savior of the Nations, Come)



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.