

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** “Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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.

**Holy Communion** is the Lord’s Supper for the Lord’s People: “All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.” We practice Intinction at Emmanuel Lutheran. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) and dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ). With repentant hearts, we preach Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

**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, December 13, & 20.

**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 Service will be on Wednesday, December 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 Eight will be on Thursday, December 13 (Psalms 51 & 139).

**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 11 (Psalm 85).

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018**

**Advent II - 6 pm**

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



## **Schilbe Family Farewell Reception**

Rev. Scott Schilbe has accepted a call to serve as pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Carlyle, IL. A coffee hour reception will be served on Dec. 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.

## **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!

## **Emmanuel Nominating Committee**

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

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

## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sat., Dec. 8—G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Eve of Advent II Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, Dec. 9—Mark Smeby Concert (6pm) at Rochester Covenant
- Tues, Dec. 11 – Men’s Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am) at Grace by the Lake
- Thursday, December 13 Women’s Bible Study at Oasis (1pm); Deliver Cookies (2:30pm)
- Friday, Dec. 14—Clergy Mtg. (12:00 Noon)
- Sat., Dec. 15—Saturday School and G.I.F.T. at 5:10pm; Eve of Advent III Worship at 6pm; Schilbe Reception (7pm)

## **Discipleship Covenants for 2019 are available for signing.**

Membership at Emmanuel is an annual renewal. 64 Covenants were signed in 2018. Thanks for walking with Jesus and making Emmanuel your church home. We've already received 13 signed Covenants for 2019.

## **Calendar Items:**

- Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - Farewell reception for Pastor Scott Schilbe & his family after the Worship Service.
- Saturday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm - Advent IV: Children's Nativity
- Mon, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 9pm - Christmas Eve Worship Service with Carols, Communion and Candlelight. Theme: *Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory!* Extended prelude begins at 8:40pm
- Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - Worship Service: 12 Days of Christmas, Bell Ringing Service—Bring your bells!
- Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm - Annual Meeting, 4:45pm; Potluck Dinner, 6pm Worship
- Sunday, February 10 - Friday, February 22, 2019 - SEMAM 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 worshiping 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](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org)*



**Worship  
Advent II  
Dec. 8, 2018  
6:00 p.m.**

## **LITURGY: HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER**

### **WORSHIP NOTES: ReClaim**

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

Prelude: The Advent of our King Valerie Floeter  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel Lee Dengler

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

Scripture Readings: Malachi 3:1-7b; Phil. 1:2-11; & Luke 3:1-20.

**Children's Sermon**: "Prepare! Get Ready!"

**Sermon**: "Let Your Light So Shine"

Song of the Day: "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"  
(ReClaim #101)

Offering Music: On Jordan's Bank Thomas Gieschen  
Communion Song: "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

(ReClaim #103)

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

Postlude: Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord Mark Sedio

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!**

Pianist: Scott Schilbe

Flutist: Julie Peterson

Scripture Reader & Communion Server: Julie Steffenson

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler

Worship Leader & Set up: Julie Steffenson

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Katie Siebenaler

Ushers: Tom Vomhof & Larry Vomhof

Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

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## Philippians 1:2-11 — God Completes What God Begins

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 7 It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. 8 For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And it is my prayer that your love may abound more & more, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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## Gathering Song: "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.

## Closing Song: "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.