

L: Gracious God, you establish your Church upon the solid rock of Christ, and on the faithful witness of your apostles. Make the Church truly the one body of Christ upon this earth; and do not let the gates of hell prevail against its faithful proclamation and teaching. By your Holy Spirit, make it wise, gracious & steadfast in your command to rightly forgive and retain sin; and use it to bring many to a saving faith in Jesus their Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, as schools approach opening day in a world clouded by pandemic and upheaval, we pray for students & teachers, parents, & aides. Keep them safe, & help them flourish. Bless our church colleges, schools, and seminaries with faithfulness to Jesus and love of neighbor, of wisdom, and of virtue. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, you extend your mercy and salvation to all who call upon you. We are bold to pray for all who are afflicted in body, mind, or spirit – especially those we name before you: [NAMES]. Be gracious to them, & bless them; & show them the light of your countenance. Draw them ever closer to you Son; and bestow upon them the joy of your saving help. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayer, O Father, and grant all that glorifies you and builds up your people. This we ask for Jesus' sake & in His name.

C: Amen.

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Postlude

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



**Worship—Eve of
Pentecost XII
August 22, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

“Service of the Word”

Lutheran Book of Worship

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude: “

Welcome/Announcements

*Song: “Built on a Rock” — LBW #365

*Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And Also with you.

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD.

C: A people holy to the LORD our God.

P: Keep the words of the LORD in your hearts; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, and when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone,

C: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.
(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

*Scripture Song: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” WOV #713

Sing twice:

“Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.”

* Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, your mercy endures forever, revealed through your Son's life, death, and resurrection. With faithful followers of all generations, make us boldly declare Jesus as Lord and proclaim his redeeming and reconciling work to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138 (*Responsively by half verse*)

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Second Lesson: Romans 11:33-12:8

***Gospel Verse: "Alleluia"**

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*Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Children's Message: "On this ROCK!" (*Posted on Facebook*)

Sermon: "What's the BUZZ?"

Pastor Dave Steffenson

***Song: "The Church's One Foundation"** — LBW #369

*Confession:

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (*Sharing of God's peace may be done as an expression from the heart, without actual contact.*)

Offering (No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

*Closing Prayers

L: Heavenly Father, thank you for St. Peter! He was so very human, and yet you graced him with faith to confess Jesus as your Son and Messiah. As you used him, we ask that you would also use us, to do your work of forgiving, confessing, and proclaiming Jesus as Lord to a disbelieving world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Ushers:

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

IN-PERSON WORSHIP: Emmanuel is hosting worship at a 50% seating capacity. Foot traffic is one-directional. Masks are required, but may be removed at appropriate times. An usher is present to give directions. The Worship Service and Hymns are projected on the Overhead Screen. RSVP's are no longer needed.

Sympathies: MarJean's mother, Twyla Larson, passed away on Tuesday, August 18 at the age of 90. Twyla lived a long & fruitful life to the glory of God. She passed the faith of Jesus onto her whole family. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 29 at 2pm at Christ Lutheran in Byron. Visitation will be held at 1pm. Prayers are offered for MarJean and her family.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.

Each day at 4:31pm, Members and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave Steffenson. Thanks for joining us. At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

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The Emmanuel Weekly

August 22, 2020
Pentecost XII - 6 pm

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

Matching Gift—Building Fund

A Supporter of Emmanuel has pledged a matching gift of \$25,000 to our Building Fund. Between now and August 31, every gift given to the Emmanuel Building Fund will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000. If you've been thinking of making a gift to the Building Fund, now is the time to double your gift and double your joy. Gifts received so far: \$22,420.00. Thank You!

Men's Bible Study — IN-PERSON

Join us on Wednesday, August 26 from 11am-12:00 Noon for an outdoor conversation about the Bible Readings appointed for worship for the week ahead. We'll plan on meeting outside the Oasis Church building. Bring a lawn chair, and your Bible.

The August Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotionals for June -August, & September-November.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat., Aug. 22—Pentecost 12 “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- Wed, Aug. 26—Men's In-Person Bible Study at 11am (Oasis Church)
- Thursday, August 27 — A Country Gospel Concert at Trinity Lutheran in St. Charles (6:30pm) with a freewill offering.
- Sat. Aug. 29—**Memorial Service for Twyla Larson** at Christ Lutheran, Byron at 2pm; Visitation @1pm
- Sat, Aug. 29—Pentecost 13 “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

Isaiah 51:1-6 — The Lord Will Comfort Zion

1 “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. 3 For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving & the voice of song. 4 Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, & I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. 5 My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 (Responsively)

L: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;

C: Before the gods I sing your praise;

L: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

C: For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

L: On the day I called, you answered me;

C: My strength of soul you increased.

L: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,

C: For they have heard the words of your mouth,

L: And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

C: For great is the glory of the Lord.

L: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,

C: But the haughty he knows from afar.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;

C: You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

L: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

C: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Romans 11:33-12:8 — Be Transformed

11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” 35 “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen. ... 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy & acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the

grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has

assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many,

are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts,

in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 16th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

13 When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them, “But who do

you say that I am?” 16 Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter,

and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of

Gathering Song: “Built on a Rock” — #365

1. Built on a Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling,
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
Calling the souls of those distressed,
Longing for life everlasting.

2. We are God's house of living stones,
built for His own habitation;
He fills our hearts, His humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek His face,
He in their midst would show His grace,
Blessings upon them bestowing.

3. Thro' all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear God's Word
where He this promise is bringing:
"I know My own, My own know Me,
you, not the world, My face shall see;
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

“The Church’s One Foundation” — LBW #369 (Vs. 1-2 before the sermon; Vs. 3-5 after the sermon)

1. The Church’s one foundation, Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation, By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her, To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

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Continued from front side...

3. Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

4. Through toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation, Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious, Shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union, With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion, With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

Sending Song: “Onward, Christian Soldiers” — #509

1. Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus, Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See His banners go!

*Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus, Going on before.*

2. Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the church of Jesus, Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never, 'Gainst that church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. [*Refrain*]

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Faith Practices! Signposts guide our way—Disciples pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and live & give generously.