

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson*

*Usher to direct foot traffic: Julie S.                      Sound: Don Holtan*

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

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP:** Emmanuel has received the go-ahead to have worshipers inside the Oasis building during the month of June; presently at a 25-50% capacity. Everything has gone smoothly thus far. Baby steps have been taken; slowly and carefully. Foot traffic is one-directional. Masks are required, but may be removed at appropriate times. An usher is present to give directions. Seating is by RSVP's. The Worship Service and Hymns are projected on the Overhead Screen.

**June In-Person Worship:** Please call (507-206-3048) or send an email to reserve a spot for indoor worship on Saturday, June 27. The safety of God's people is our #1 priority as we practice in-person worship with limited seating & social distancing.

### **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.”

Philippians 2:5-11. Alleluia!

**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 & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Shining Bright for Jesus! Visit us at: [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org)*



**Worship—Eve of  
Pentecost III  
June 20, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

### **“Service of the Word”**

#### **Lutheran Book of Worship**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**\*Gathering Song: “Children of the Heavenly Father” LBW #474**

**\*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: For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13

**Psalm 91:1-16** (*Responsively by half verse*)                      **SEE INSERT**

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

**\*Gospel Verse: “Alleluia”**    **LBW page #83**

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Children’s Message: “God Cares for You”

Sermon: “Fear Not”    Rev. David Steffenson

**\*HYMN: “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”**      **LBW #453**

\*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.)

\*Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version*    Page 91

\*Closing Prayers (*A: Lord in your mercy...C: Hear our Prayers*)

\*Benediction    Page 95

**\*Sending Song: “His Eye is on the Sparrow”**    **INSERT**

\*Dismissal    Page 95

Postlude - *Worshipers may remain for a brief Emmanuel Huddle!*

now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 10th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

5a These twelve [disciples] Jesus sent out, instructing them, 21 “Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, 22 and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. 24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. 26 So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 27 What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. 32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Blessing of the LAND:** The date is still pending. Soon we will gather on the Church Land and bless it to the praise and glory of our Triune God. There is plenty of room out there for social distancing. Here is the plan: We’ll gather on God’s Land and have a short worship service (15 minutes long). We’ll sing and we’ll pray. We’ll make a joyful noise to the LORD. We’ll make sure that everyone is aware of the date and the details. You’ll want to bring a lawn chair.

# The Emmanuel Weekly

June 20, 2020

Pentecost III - 6 pm

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

### Emmanuel Huddle—Tonight

Following worship tonight (Saturday, June 20 at 7pm), Emmanuel will host a brief information sharing time to update members on plans for the Church Land and other Emmanuel matters.

### Aerial Video of Church Land

Visit the Emmanuel website and on the homepage click on the YOUTUBE video of our church land. There’s nothing like a bird’s-eye view of a holy gift from God. Enjoy!

### 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.

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

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### CALENDAR ITEMS

- June 14-20 — SEMAC Mission Work Trip (Larry Vomhof) to Gladwin, MI
- Saturday, June 20 Pentecost 3 “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm. RSVP’s required. Emmanuel Huddle at 7pm in Worship Space
- Sunday, June 21—Happy Father’s Day!
- Tuesday’s, June 23, & 30 — Men’s Bible Study at 8:30am (email study)
- Saturday, June 27 Pentecost 4 “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm. RSVP required.”

## Jeremiah 20:7-13 — Jeremiah is Humiliated

7 O Lord, you have deceived me, & I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. 8 For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. 9 If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” there is in my heart as if it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, & I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. 10 For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! “Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” say all my close friends, watching for my fall. “Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.” 11 But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. 12 O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. 13 Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *Psalm 91:1-16 — read responsively*

L: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**C: I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”**

L: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

**C: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

L: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

**C: Nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

L: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

**C: You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.**

L: Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge

**C: No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**

L: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**C: On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

L: You will tread on the lion and the adder;

**C: The young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

L: Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;

**C: I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

L: When he calls to me, I will answer him;

**C: I will be with him in trouble;**

L: I will rescue him and honor him.

**C: With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”**

## Romans 6:12-23 — Slaves of Righteousness

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. 15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity & to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. 20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are

## CLOSING PRAYERS

A: In the power of the Spirit, let us pray to God the Father, that through his dear Son, he would accomplish his will for the Church, the world, and all people for whom we pray.

*A brief silence*

A: Thank you, dear Father, for Jesus, whom we may trust, body and soul, even when he brings not peace but a sword. Thank you for the severe mercy of death and resurrection, Law and Gospel, repentance and forgiveness. Thank you for entrusting your Kingdom & your living Word to us, even though we often feel unequal to that trust! Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You established your Church as a school for mission to the world. Help them form all Christians into eager witnesses to the love of Jesus. Free the Church from worldly preoccupations, and free it to announce and share the glorious inheritance which belongs to all whom Christ has redeemed. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Fashion this congregation into a missionary outpost; a school for discipleship; a hotbed of generous service; and a temple resounding with your praise. Teach us simple ways of sharing your love with everyone we meet; & give us the strength & will to do them. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Because Jesus called you Abba, Father, we, too, may call you Father. Be the model for every father, and all who act with a father's care. Give them strength with gentleness, firmness with patience, authority with self-sacrificing love. Help us to honor and thank them, even though they are not perfect. Be the sure protector of all who do not have a loving father in their lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Bring health and gladness to all whose lives are shadowed by pain, suffering or sorrow – especially: **[NAMES]**. Be their light and life, their guide & joy. Raise them up from the dark valleys in which they wander. Give compassion, gentleness, and patience to all who care for them. Shelter them always with your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: All this we ask, dear Father, in the power of your Spirit. Receive our prayers and grant all that is in accordance with your will, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## “Children of the Heavenly Father” — LBW #474

1. Children of the heavenly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird or star in Heaven  
Such a refuge ne'er was given.
2. God, His own doth tend and nourish  
In His holy courts they flourish;  
From all evil things He spares them  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord, His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Though He giveth or He taketh  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His, the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them, pure and holy.

## “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” — LBW #453

1. If you but trust in God to guide you  
And place your confidence in him,  
You'll find him always there beside you  
To give you hope and strength within;  
For those who trust God's changeless love  
Build on the rock that will not move.
2. What gain is there in futile weeping,  
In helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in His care and keeping,  
In sorrow will He love you less?  
For he who took for you a cross,  
Will bring you safe through every loss.

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3. In patient trust await His leisure,  
In cheerful hope with heart content.  
To take whate'er your Father's pleasure,  
And all discerning love has sent;  
Doubt not our inmost wants are known,  
To him who chose us for his own.

4. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,  
Offer your service faithfully,  
And trust his word; though undeserving,  
You'll find his promise true to be.  
God never will forsake in need  
The soul that trusts in him indeed.

### **“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”**

1. Why should I feel discouraged?  
Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely  
and long for heaven and home,  
when Jesus is my portion?  
My constant friend is he:  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.

**Refrain:**

***I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.***

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2. “Let not your heart be troubled,”  
his tender word I hear,  
and resting on his goodness,  
I lose my doubts and fears;  
though by the path he leadeth  
but one step I may see:  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.

**Refrain:**

***I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.***

3. Whenever I am tempted,  
whenever clouds arise,  
when song gives place to sighing,  
when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to him;  
from care he sets me free:  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.

**Refrain:**

***I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
for his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know he watches me.***

—Prayers continue on page 4