

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Usher: Julie Steffenson

Sound: Don Holtan

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

IN-PERSON WORSHIP: Emmanuel received the go-ahead to have worshipers inside the Oasis building beginning on June 6. Presently, Emmanuel is hosting worship at a 50% seating capacity. Everything has gone smoothly thus far. 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.

New Life Family Services: “Carry Them through Campaign.”

During the month of July, New Life is seeking churches to sponsor the next 200 women seeking help and counsel for their unplanned pregnancy. For every \$550 raised, a church will be carrying one woman and her unborn child through birth and beyond. Emmanuel has committed to raise funds and to save at least one child. Gifts of support may be given directly to Emmanuel Lutheran. Please indicate on the offering envelope that your gift is for New Life (Carry Them through Campaign). Emmanuel has already received gifts of \$1,300.

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.”

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!
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**Worship—Eve of
Pentecost IV
June 27, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

“Service of the Word”

Lutheran Book of Worship

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Song: “When Peace, like a River”** **LBW #346**

***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: Merciful Father, for Jesus' sake you have welcomed us into your kingdom and given us abundant and eternal life. Set us free from the power of sin and death, and send us forth to serve and welcome others, seeing in them the very presence of your Son; 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: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 119:153-160 (*Responsively by half verse*) **SEE INSERT**

Second Lesson: Romans 7:1-13

***Gospel Verse: "Alleluia"** **LBW page #83**

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42

Children's Message: "What's My Reward?"

Sermon: "On the Receiving End" Rev. David Steffenson

***HYMN: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"** **LBW #429**

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

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***Sending Song: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"** **LBW #487**

*Dismissal Page 95

Postlude

The Emmanuel Weekly

June 27, 2020

Pentecost IV - 6 pm

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

**Men's Bible Study
Outdoor IN-PERSON**

Join us on Wednesdays, July 1 & 29 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 at the church land or outside Oasis Church. Bring a lawn chair, and your Bible.

Feast of the Visitation

July 2 recalls the moment when Mary came to visit Elizabeth, who was six months pregnant with her son, John the Baptist. When Mary entered the dwelling of Zechariah and Elizabeth, it was her voice that roused the unborn John to leaping in his mother's womb. This was the sign to Elizabeth that what the angel told her about Mary becoming the mother of the Christ child was true and forthcoming.

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, June 27
Pentecost 4 "In-Person" and Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- Tues, June 30 — Men's Bible Study at 8:30am (email study)
- Friday, July 3 — Zoom Council Meeting at 3pm
- Sat., July 4—Pentecost 5 "In-Person" and Virtual Worship at 6pm. Holy Communion will be served outdoors following worship.
- Pastor Dave on Vacation: July 5-11. Pastor Gies serving as Pulpit Supply on July 11.
- 4:31 — Prayer Time each day. Thanks for joining us!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10:34-42

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 10th. Chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

34 [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 40 Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. 41 The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's **reward**, & the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's **reward**. 42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his **reward**."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Blessing of the LAND: The tentative date for the blessing of our church land is Sunday, August 2. Good Lord willing, we will have our church picnic on the land that day as well. 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. We'll gather on God's Land and have a short worship service (15 minutes long), followed by lunch. 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.

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.

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Jeremiah 28:5-9 — The True Path to Peace

5 The prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, 6 and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. 7 Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. 8 The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, & pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. 9 As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:153-160 — read responsively

L: Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

C: Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise!

L: Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.

C: Great is your mercy, O Lord; give me life according to your rules.

L: Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies.

C: I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.

L: Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love.

C: The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

Romans 7:1-13 — Released from the Law

1 Do you not know, brothers — for I am speaking to those who know the law — that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? 2 For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. 3 Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. 4 Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. 5 For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. 6 But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. 7 What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” 8 But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. 9 I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. 10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. 11 For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. 12 So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. 13 Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

“When Peace, like a River” — LBW #346

1. When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

3. He lives— oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4. O Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul.

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” — LBW #429 (Vs 1-2 before sermon; Vs 3-4 after sermon)

1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear your voice, O Son of Man.

2. The cup of water given for you
Still holds the freshness of your grace;
Yet long these multitudes to view
The sweet compassion of your face.

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3. O Master, from the mountainside,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;

4. Till all the world shall learn your love,
And follow where your feet have trod;
Till glorious from your heaven above
Shall come the city of our God.

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” — LBW #487

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world, that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do our Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where you guide.

2. Let us also live with Jesus;
He has risen from the dead,
That to life we may awaken,
Jesus, since you are our Head,
We are your own living members;
Where you live, there we shall be.
In your presence constantly,
Living there with you forever.
Jesus, if I faithful be,
Life eternally grant to me.

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: Father, You expect us to see the world honestly, and to value your truth above even earthly peace. You speak to us of sin and death, cross bearing and persecution, suffering and service. Give us a double measure of your Spirit as we seek to be disciples of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Give the Church courage to speak your truth, even when that seems to bring not peace but a sword. Keep it faithful to the testimony of the apostles, martyrs, & saints of your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church throughout all time and space. Grant that it should prefer nothing whatsoever to Christ; and that it should count as its greatest honor the bearing of his Cross in this sin-shadowed world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bless the people and ministries of this congregation. In these strange and difficult days, give us fresh ways of being nourished in your Word & strengthened in our fellowship. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for our own nation, and for our elected and appointed leaders. We pray not only for our nation, but for the leaders and people of every nation upon earth. Bless our world with peace, and with freedom from every evil which besets it. Teach us all to live together as your children, & to work together for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bring health & gladness to all whose lives are shadowed by pain, suffering or sorrow: [NAMES]. Be their light and life, their guide & joy. Raise them up from the dark valleys in which they wander. Shelter them 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.