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### **The Prayers**

A: As we await the coming of our Lord Jesus in glory, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence*

A: Almighty God, heavenly Father, Creator of all that was, is, and ever shall be, direct our way to you in this season. Fulfill the promise that you made to your people, and cause righteousness to spring forth in our days

and in our times. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You sent your Son to be the light of the world, in order to show us your ways and teach us your paths. He demonstrated compassion and love to all. Grant that people everywhere might prepare for the coming of his light, so that it may shine everywhere, especially where there is darkness, distress and perplexity. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You sent your Son to be Lord of the nations, so that your people may dwell securely. Bring peace where there is no peace. Bring hope where there is no hope. Bring love where there is bitterness and anger. Bless all public servants, so that they effectively care for the needs of all they serve. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You sent your Son to be Lord of the church, so that it may teach, make disciples, and baptize. We pray for the church and its mission. Make it one and holy, so that many may be blessed through its ministries. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You sent your Son to be Lord of our lives. Help us raise our heads to see our redemption coming. Do not let your people be weighed down with the cares of this life. Help us to stay awake at all times, praying that we may have the strength to face whatever we must endure. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You sent your Son to be our healer and helper. We pray for His work to be done in all who suffer from emotional or physical illness. Bless the healing hands that you have called and sent to care for your people. Tonight we remember all who need your healing touch (*names*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You sent your Son to bring us to eternal life. We remember with thanksgiving those saints, martyrs, holy ones, and loved ones who have preceded us into your kingdom, especially those most near and dear to us who now rest in your arms. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Psalm 25:1-10 —responsively*

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;  
**C: Let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.**

L: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
**C: They shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

L: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

**C: Teach me your paths.**

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

**C: For you I wait all the day long.**

L: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

**C: For they have been from of old.**

L: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**C: According to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!**

L: Good and upright is the Lord;

**C: Therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

L: He leads the humble in what is right,

**C: And teaches the humble his way.**

L: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,

**C: For those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**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! May the hope & promise of Advent equip the saints for Witness in the World!

**Visit us at:** [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org).

**BENEFIT DESSERT CONCERT:** Oasis Church is hosting the “Joy Of Christmas” benefit desert concert with Crossroads Chorale & JuBell-Lante on Sunday, December 6 at 6:30pm. Concert & Dessert are free. Donations of food and cash will support the Supermarket Saturday Ministry of Oasis Church. Reservations are required (507-289-8596).



**Worship—Eve of  
Advent One  
Nov. 28, 2015  
6:00 p.m.**

**Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**Prayer:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek the ways of your justice and peace, for the night is past and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from our sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when He comes, and welcome Him into our hearts and homes, for He is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

*Lighting of Advent Candle*

*Sing: “Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah” (2x) vs. 1—Insert*

\*Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness Page 77

\*Gathering Hymn: “Through the Night” vs. 1 & 4—#355

\*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray. 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.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

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Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 83

\*Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Children’s Message:

**Pastor Bob Porisch**

***Advent Devotional Calendars are available. Pick up your copy & begin a tradition of preparing for the Comings of Christ!***

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing!** Emmanuel Lutheran Church is partnering again this year with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing campaign. There are locations throughout the Rochester area, including Byron and Stewartville, from November 14th through Christmas Eve. A manned kettle nets about \$30 more per shift than an unmanned kettle; a huge difference in donations and the ability to help those in need. Kettle donations provide services ranging from food, clothing, shelter, medical and dental assistance to counseling, adult day care programs & spiritual guidance. See Lee Pearce to sign-up now as part of the Emmanuel Bell Ringing Team to get your choice locations and times. Make it a family affair! Our Emmanuel Goal is 40 Servant Hours! 24 hours have already been committed!

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Weekly fellowship around God's Word at 8 am Tuesdays at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW). Join us in being Evangelical. Invite a friend. Share the Good News! We will meet on Tuesday, December 1 to discuss the readings for Advent II: Malachi 3:1-7b; Psalm 66:1-12; Philippians 1:2-11; & Luke 3:1-20.

**Saturday School 2015:** Join us at 5:10 p.m. each Saturday in the Oasis Church Fellowship Hall as we learn Bible Stories and enjoy two special units this year on the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. Games, skits, music and crafts will be a part of the learning experience. All kids are welcome to participate in Saturday School. No Saturday School on November 28 (Thanksgiving Weekend).

**Women of the Word!** Two studies are available. One for women during the day and one in the evening. Both groups are studying "Famous Women in the Word of God". Session Two for the Evening Study option will be held at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield, MN) on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30pm. Session Seven of the Afternoon Study will be at Oasis Church on December 2 at 1pm.

**PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS:** During the month of December we are praying for Washington Elementary School. We will deliver goodies as an expression of our love & gratitude on December 14. Thanks for keeping the staff, students & families of our area schools in your prayers.

**Thanks!** Offering thanks to everyone who gave gifts of love in support of the Pastor Dave's Discretionary Fund on Thanksgiving Eve.

### **Jeremiah 33:14-16—A Righteous Branch**

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—Thanksgiving & Blessing**

9 For 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 and 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pulpit Supply: Rev. Bob Porisch*

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Larry Vomhof*

*Communion Server: Deb Vomhof*

*Ushers: Creig Anderson & Dennis Damerval*

*Acolyte: Emma Matzke*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Judy Pearce*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Set-up and Take-down: Lee Pearce and LeRoy Quam*

**The 2016 Discipleship Covenants are available for signing. Remember, Membership at Emmanuel is an annual renewal. 54 Covenants were signed in 2015.**

## Gospel Reading—Luke 21:25-36

**P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 21st. Chapter.**  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

25 [Jesus said,] “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the 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 Then the Son of Man will be seen, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. 28 When all of this starts happening, stand up straight and be brave. You will soon be set free.” 29 Then Jesus told them a story: “When you see a fig tree or any other tree 30 putting out leaves, you know that summer will soon come. 31 So, when you see these things happening, you know that God’s kingdom will soon be here. 32 You can be sure that some of the people of this generation will still be alive when all of this takes place. 33 The sky and the earth won’t last forever, but my words will. 34 Don’t spend all of your time thinking about eating or drinking or worrying about life. If you do, the final day will suddenly catch you 35 like a trap. That day will surprise everyone on earth. 36 Watch out and keep praying that you can escape all that is going to happen and that the Son of Man will be pleased with you.”

**P: The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Feast of St. Nicholas:** On Saturday, Dec. 5, Emmanuel Lutheran Church will host a St. Nicholas Celebration from 9am-12:00 noon at Oasis Church. Saturday School and evening worship will also feature the message of St. Nicholas. Participants will learn about the real Santa, receive a keepsake photo with St. Nick and enjoy refreshments and holiday music. Each household will also receive a free book: The Legend of St. Nicholas. Reservations for a thirty minute time slot are required (507-206-3048). We hope you can join us! Pass the Word around and invite a friend!

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015**  
**Eve of Advent One—6 pm**

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

## WELCOME

Happy New Year! Tonight we begin a new church year. We are delighted to have Rev. Bob Porisch with us leading us in worship & sharing with us the gifts of Word and Sacrament. Please join us for coffee & goodies in the Fellowship Hall.

## ADVENT THANKSGIVING

We pray you are having a safe and blessed Thanksgiving Weekend. As we enter the Season of Advent we are giving THANKS to Christ our King, who is our Light and our Salvation. Advent’s color is BLUE, the color of hope. In Christ we are homing in hope! During the Days of Advent, may God prepare a way into our hearts and give us the joy of Emmanuel. We await the coming of Jesus in daily life, in the needs of our neighbors. We await the END TIME coming of Jesus. We await the coming of Christ in Word and Sacrament. We await the Advent of God in the Nativity of our Lord. Blessed Advent to you and yours! Thanks to LeRoy Quam for making our Advent Wreath, & Julie Steffenson for sewing our new Advent Pulpit Parament.

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



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Pastor Dave on vacation (November 27-December 1)
- Sat. Nov. 28—No Saturday School; Advent I Worship @ 6pm with Rev. Bob Porisch (Pulpit Supply)
- Tues., Dec. 1 at 8 am Men’s Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie’s
- Wed, December 2 at 1pm—Women’s Bible Study at Oasis
- Sat, December 5—St. Nicholas Celebration (9am-12:00 noon) Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Advent II Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, Dec. 6 @ 7pm Benefit Concert for Supermarket Saturday