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Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word and 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!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Trusting, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the goodness of our heavenly Father, let us pray in Jesus’ name for the Church, the world, and one another. *a brief silence*

A: Almighty God, save and defend your Church, purchased with the blood of Christ. Give it pastors and bishops filled with your

Spirit, defend it when it is attacked, and strengthen it always through your Word and holy Sacraments. Make it perfect in love and good works, and keep it in the faith once delivered to the saints, so that one holy Christian Church may bear witness to you, the creator and redeemer of all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Grant to your persecuted Church the blessings promised by Jesus. Let it rejoice greatly that it is united in the sufferings and in the glory of our Lord. Bless and prosper the work and witness of our church body throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We commend all nations into your merciful care, so that everyone may live in peace and be guided by your providence. Give all in authority the wisdom to know your will and the strength to do it. Grant to them—and to all of us—a double portion of your Spirit, so that justice, righteousness, and peace may prevail. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially (**NAMES**). Give wholeness and hope to all who cry out to you for help. Have mercy on the dying, & comfort the grieving. Grant a measure of your love to all, shielding them with your tender care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Gracious heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all of our blessed dead who rest now in your care—especially those we name before you (**NAMES with ringing of bell**). Raise them to the glorious & eternal life you have promised to all whom you have redeemed by the Cross & Resurrection of your dear Son. Grant that we may in the power of your Holy Spirit continue our course on earth with steadfast hope, constant love, & unquenchable joy. Gather us, with all of your people of every time & place into that eternal high feast that celebrates your victory over sin and death, won for us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

Psalm 149—responsively

L: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
C: His praise in the assembly of the godly!
L: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
C: Let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
L: Let them praise his name with dancing,
C: Making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
L: For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
C: He adorns the humble with salvation.
L: Let the godly exult in glory;
C: Let them sing for joy on their beds.
L: Let the high praises of God be in their throats
C: And two-edged swords in their hands,
L: To execute vengeance on the nations
C: And punishments on the peoples,
L: To bind their kings with chains
C: And their nobles with fetters of iron,
L: To execute on them the judgment written!
C: This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the Lord!

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 and 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!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



Worship
All Saints Eve
October 31, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude—"For All the Saints" #174

Welcome/Announcements

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*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 82

P: Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, & to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

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Second Lesson: I John 3:1-3

*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 83

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Children's Message: "Easter Seals"

Sermon: "White Robes and Palm Branches" Rev. Dave Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: "Ye Watchers & Ye Holy Ones" #175

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, Nov. 3 to discuss the readings for Pentecost 24: I Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; & Mark 12:38-44.

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.

Women of the Word! The Women's Bible Study has resumed for the Fall. Session 5 will be held on Wednesday, November 4. We are studying famous Women in the Old Testament. Our next session will be on Exodus Women.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of October we are praying for Hoover & Churchill Elementary schools. We delivered goodies as an expression of our love & gratitude. Thanks for keeping staff, students & families in your prayers.

VETERANS RECOGNITION - Monday, November 9: Emmanuel Lutheran is recognizing a select group of Veterans on November 9 at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Rochester. Veterans receive outpatient medical and mental health care at this facility. Thank you cards & personal words of appreciation will be offered to our Veterans. Beverages and cookies will also be provided for the patients to enjoy. Each hand written "thank you" note will contain a \$5.00 Culver's gift card. Culvers has donated 10 gift cards in support of this project. This ministry is being funded in part by a Thrivent Action Team gift. Interested in helping out with this ministry opportunity? Contact Julie Steffenson at 507-206-3048.

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child partners with churches worldwide to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Fill a shoebox with a wow toy, hygiene items, school supplies, etc. Most importantly pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and a photo. A donation of \$7.00 helps cover the shipping costs. The collection date is November 15 at Oasis Church. Children who receive a Christmas Shoebox will be disciplined through a Bible Study course.

Revelation 7:9-17—A Great Multitude

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples & languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I John 3:1-3—Called Children of God

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th. Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when others revile you & persecute you & utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice & be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Lee Pearce

Communion: Judy Pearce

Ushers: Creig Anderson & Rich Sunde

Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Judy Pearce

All Hallows Eve: All Saints Day (All Hallows Eve) was placed on November 1 by Pope Gregory IV in 835 A.D. All Hallows Eve is a celebration of all "the holies" – those people who have died faithful to Christ; all whom God has called to glory. All Hallows Eve—All Saints Day—reminds us that we are saints (set apart, holy people) with a promise of eternal life. Jesus prepares a place in heaven for all the Saints (John 14:1-6). We stare death in the face, and live in the promise of Easter. Happy Halloween!

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015

All Saints Eve - 6 pm

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

All Saints Day Hymn Sing

Pastor Jack & Virginia Miller are inviting friends of Emmanuel to join them on Sunday, November 1 at 3:00 p.m. for a hymn sing. Participants will celebrate in song the “Feast of All Saints” and the gift of being set apart, consecrated & made holy for the glory of God.

Location: “Old Stone Church (a.k.a. Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church), Bridge Street in Millville.

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

Council Resignation

President Kari Richards has resigned from Church Council. We thank Kari for her servant leadership & many sacrifices. We pray God’s blessings on her during this time of transition. Lee Pearce will assume the role of Council President.

October Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for September—November.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, October 31
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; All Saints Worship at 6pm.
Daylight Saving Time ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!
- Sunday, November 1—All Saints Hymn Sing (3pm) in Millville
- Tues, Nov. 3 - Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ Charlie's (8am); CBL at 12:00 noon
- Wednesday, Nov. 4
Women's Bible Study at 1pm (Oasis Church)
- Saturday, November 7
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Pentecost 24
Worship at 6pm.
- Sun, Nov. 8, Pastor Dave at Rushford Lutheran