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The Prayers

A: As we await the advent of our King and Savior, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.
a brief silence...

A: Father, as we wait in anxious anticipation, we thank you for the gift of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, Emmanuel—God with us. He comes now as a newborn baby – he comes to change the world and to change each of us for all time. As we await the Christ child with wonder,

C: Prepare our hearts to receive Him.

A: Lord, help us to live as Advent people. Always waiting and wondering, always expecting Jesus, always open to His newness – open to His entry into every moment of our lives. Let us share this Advent spirit with all those around us. As we await the Christ child with wonder,
C: Prepare our hearts to receive Him.

A: Lord, we ask that you bless your church universal as Christians around the world join now in the celebration of your perfect gift and His humble entry into this world. Keep us always faithful to your unchanging Word. Help us put the Word into action through preaching, teaching, service to others near and far; and doing whatever work we are called to in your Name. As we await the Christ child with wonder,
C: Prepare our hearts to receive Him.

A: We thank you for people who choose lives of service, especially members of our military, police officers, fire fighters and medical professionals. Many of them are away from home or on duty as we celebrate the birth of your Son. May you be with all of them and their families as they serve our society. May we follow their example in using our talents to serve others. As we await the Christ child with wonder,
C: Prepare our hearts to receive Him.

A: Comfort your people who are hurting today: Those who are ill, those in pain, those who are hungry and those who live in sadness and despair. Even at this joyous time of year we know that some of your children are suffering – some openly and some secretly, but there are no secrets from you. We especially ask your blessing today upon those whom we name in our hearts (*brief silence*). As we await the Christ child with wonder,
C: Prepare our hearts to receive Him.

Other petitions are may be offered here...

A: Pour out your Spirit on those who are grieving the loss of loved ones today. Remind us that, in the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have the promise of eternal life. We thank you for your amazing gift of salvation and for each person you have placed here who has touched our lives. As we await the Christ child with wonder,
C: Prepare our hearts to receive Him.

P: Now in hope and with our eyes and hearts wide open to you, we commend all for whom we pray into your hands, trusting in your mercy for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19—responsively

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

C: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

L: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

C: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

L: O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

C: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

L: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

C: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

L: But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

C: Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

L: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!

C: Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org

WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Pianist: Mandy Lambrecht

Scripture Reader & Communion Assistant: Darald Bothun

Ushers: Arne Nelson & Larry Vomhof

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats & Prayers: Leitha Bothun



**Worship—Eve of
Advent Four
Dec. 21, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements—*Lighting of Advent Candles*

Prayer: Blessed are you, God of our salvation; you promised that the One of peace would come from Bethlehem to feed your flock and make us live securely. As we light these candles, kindle in us the fire of your love, infuse in us the fruit of your Word, and empower us to lift up the lowly and to fill the hungry with good things; let your face shine on us and bless us that we may be saved. Amen.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And Also with you.

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

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Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

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Membership at Emmanuel: “Now you are the Body of Christ and individually members of it”—I Cor. 12:27. Baptized members are servants of Emmanuel, living out their God-given faith in congregational life; committed to the walk of discipleship, growing up into the full maturity of Christ. Each January, Christians desiring membership at Emmanuel Lutheran of Rochester are invited to sign up (be enrolled for the calendar year) on our Servant Roster. To be a member is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, baptized and committed to the Marks of Discipleship. If you desire to “praise, proclaim, and practice Emmanuel—God With Us—in daily life,” then complete the 2014 Emmanuel Membership Covenant and walk with us to the glory of God!

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

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund: Our Thanksgiving Offering was 660.00. Thanks for your second mile gift. This money will be used by Pastor Steffenson to offer help and assistance to people in need between now and next Thanksgiving.

Calling All Busy Women! A DVD Bible Study began on Monday, Nov. 18 at the home of Margaret Quam (304—15th Ave. S.W.) with 12 women attending. Based on the Book of Proverbs, the study is called “Simplify Your Life”. Women are meeting twice a month from 1:00-2:30 pm on Mondays. The next meeting is Monday, January 13 (Session III). Contact Kari Richards for more information.

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Charlie’s (1408 2nd. St. SW) for breakfast & a first look at the lectionary readings for the week. Bring a friend, sit at the feet of Jesus, & practice being evangelical. Not meeting on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve mornings. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 7. Our Bible Readings for Jan. 7 are: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; and Matthew 3:13-17.

NALC SEMINARY SUPPORT: Emmanuel’s Christmas Eve offering will support our new Seminary. An anonymous donor has pledged a matching gift of \$1500. Emmanuel’s goal is to contribute in excess of \$3000. We have already received \$2,700.00 (which includes the matching gift). Prayerfully consider your gift and mark your offering envelope: “Christmas Gift”. Thanks for your faithful stewardship!

Thank You: Emmanuel Lutheran received \$250.00 toward advertising costs in the Post-Bulletin. Weekly ads are about \$50.00 each. Thanks for helping us get the Word out about Emmanuel.

Isaiah 7:10-16 — The Sign of Immanuel

10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, 11 "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." 13 And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. 15 He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 1:1-7 — Greeting

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of His name among all the nations, 6 including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, 7 To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Emmanuel Weekly

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew, the 1st Chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called His name Jesus.

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

Thank you to all of our Emmanuel Servant who rang bells at the Salvation Army Kettles this Advent Season.

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Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013 Eve of Advent Four—6 pm

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

ADVENT

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, as victorious Lord of all. 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!

Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24—4 p.m.
Oasis Church Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24—6 p.m.
Emmanuel Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight and the Christ Mass

Saturday, December 28—6 p.m.
Pulpit Supply

Saturday, January 4—6 p.m.
Bell Ringing "Twelve Days of Christmas"
Bring a bell and ring in the New Year!

Sunday, January 5—5 p.m.
Epiphany Party at Pastor Dave & Julie's
"Soup & Bread" Potluck with King Cake



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat. Dec. 21 at 6 pm
Emmanuel Worship
Advent IV
- Tues. Dec. 24 @ 6 pm
Emmanuel Christmas
Eve Worship: Offering
for NALC Seminary
- Sat. Dec. 28 at 6 pm
Emmanuel Worship
Christmas I
- Sat. Jan. 4 at 6 pm
Bell Ringing Worship
- Sun. Jan. 5 at 5 pm
Epiphany Party at
Steffenson's
- Tues. Jan. 7 at 8 am
Men's Bible Study
Breakfast at Charlie's
- Mon. Jan. 13 at 1 pm
Women's Study at
Margaret Quam's