

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016  
Christmas Day—10:00 a.m.**

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

**Merry Christmas to You and Yours!  
Remember that Christmas is a  
Season, Twelve Days long! Share the  
Real Presence with others!**

## ***A GIFT FOR YOU!***

*Emmanuel Lutheran* has an annual tradition of providing a Christmas keepsake ornament for each family. This year's ornament is a “Christmas Angel”. We hope this keepsake will provide a cherished memory of your life at *Emmanuel*. Be sure to get yours today. An angel is a messenger. Thanks for being a messenger of God's mercy and love.

**Ending 2016 with New Year's Eve  
Worship - Saturday, Dec. 31 at 6 p.m.**

Special thanks to Rev. Waldemar Gies who will serve as our guest pastor on New Year's Eve while Pastor Dave Steffenson is away!

**The January Emmanuel Prayer  
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are  
available in print! Also available, the  
current issue of the Our Daily Bread  
Devotional. Pick yours up today.**



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sunday, December 25  
Christmas Day  
Worship at 10am
- Pastor Dave is on  
Vacation this week.
- Tues, Dec. 27 - Men's  
Bible Study Breakfast  
at Oasis Church (8am)  
Final conversation on  
the Book of Revelation
- Saturday, Dec. 31  
NO Saturday School &  
NO G.I.F.T.; Christmas  
I Worship @ 6pm with  
guest preacher, Rev.  
Waldemar Gies.
- Sunday, December 1  
Happy New Year 2017
- Tuesday, January 3  
Men's Bible Study  
Breakfast (8am) —  
Day 3 (pp 7-10)

\*The Prayers: each petition ends with, “Lord in your mercy,” ...  
and the congregation responds with, “**Hear our prayer.**”

\*The Peace Page 86

**Offering - Gift of Music—MarJean**

\*The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer for Christmas

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

*Invitation & Distribution—Holy Communion is the Lord's Supper for the Lord's People: “All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit & believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life & salvation.” The fruit of the vine - consecrated wine and grape juice are available. Also, bread and gluten free wafers.*

**Communion Hymn: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” .. #55**

\*Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Word made flesh and born of Mary, keep you always in His light and love.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn: “Go Tell It On the Mountain” #70**

\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Real Presence.

C: **Thanks be to God. The LORD is with us!**

Postlude—MarJean Damerval

**Communication Cards - Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.



## Prayers for Christmas Day

A: Let us pray for the faithfulness of the Church, the life of the world, and all those in need.

*Silence*

A: Gracious Father, you have called us into your household of faith, and made us brothers & sisters in Christ. We thank you for ordering our lives and providing for our needs. Guide us by your Word, that our homes and places of work may reflect the diligence, respect, and faithfulness to which you have called us. Help us by your Spirit to see the everyday opportunities we have to serve you by loving our neighbors and sharing Christmas presence. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give you thanks that in your great mercy you sent your only Son to become incarnate and to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. We pray that you would so reign in our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may give thanks always for your grace and may find comfort and strength through your promise in every time of trial and temptation. How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news! Bare your arm O Lord that all may see your salvation. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Heavenly Father, you are the creator and giver of life. We thank you for the birth of children and entrusting them to our care. Give your boundless hope and joy to expectant parents. Bind young children and new parents in love, and reveal your life-giving promises through the witness of families. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Light of the Nations, your Word becomes flesh and dwells among us full of grace and truth. Grant that the light of your healing might shine on those living with illness, addiction, loneliness, or anxiety [**NAMES**]. Bless them with your tender care and turn their mourning into laughter, dancing & endless joy. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, almighty God, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## Scripture Readings—Christmas Day

### **Isaiah 52:7-10**

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” 8 The voice of your watchmen — they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. 9 Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

### **Hebrews 1:1-6**

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. 5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? 6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

### **John 1:1-18**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.