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The Prayers

A: Let us pray for the church, the world and all people according to their needs. *A brief silence*

A: Heavenly Father, we glorify you for your steadfast love. We praise you for the coming of your Son Jesus Christ to redeem us. We thank you for the gift of new life we enjoy as your adopted sons and daughters. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: O Lord, the lives of all your children are precious in your sight. We pray for those children who have suffered from abuse and for their abusers; for the children who are hungry, and those who withhold food from them; for those who do not know love and those who have been taught hate. Hasten the day when those who have done

harm repent of their sins, and give us the courage to proclaim your forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: O Lord, we pray for those who do not know the joy of parenting, for those parents whose children have died, and for those waiting to adopt. Guide them through their heartache, the season of sorrow and the restlessness of empty arms that long to hold their child. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: O Lord, you guided Mary, Joseph and Jesus as they traveled to safety in Egypt. Grant safety to all who travel over the coming days that they may arrive to their destinations without incident. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: O Lord, come to the aid of those who long for healing of body, mind or spirit. We especially pray for (naming those in need of healing), that they may be restored to well being. Renew caregivers with perseverance in their work and compassion for those in their care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: O Lord, as we have been joined to Christ in our baptism, keep us faithful in our lives as disciples until that day when you call us from this life and raise us up to the glory of life to come. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

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Psalm 148—responsively

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

C: Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!

L: Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

C: Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD! For He commanded and they were created.

C: And He established them forever and ever; He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

L: Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

C: Fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling His word!

L: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

C: Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

L: Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

C: Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

L: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;

C: His majesty is above earth and heaven.

L: He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him.

C: Praise the LORD!

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 God grant you and yours all the joy of the Season of Christmas and the blessings of a Christ-centered New Year 2014!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org



**Worship
Eve of Christmas I
Dec. 28, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And Also with you.

P: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 63:7-9

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Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:10-18

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*Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

Children’s Message:

Rev. Jack Miller

Sermon:

Rev. Jack Miller

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.

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.

NO REGRETS—Men’s Conference: Saturday, February 1 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Christ Community Church in Rochester. Event Goal: To develop men with a heart for God, bearing in their person the imprint of God’s character, reflected in all that they think, say and do. Contact Pastor Steffenson if you would like to attend. We’ll grab a quick bite at the close of the Conference and gather with our families for evening Worship at Emmanuel at 6:00 pm. Cost for this event is \$35.00.

Thank you to all of our Emmanuel Servants who rang bells at the Salvation Army Kettles during the Season of Advent. Thanks to Lee Pearce for coordinating this ministry opportunity.

Isaiah 63:7-9 — The LORD’S Mercy Remembered

7 I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that He has granted them according to His compassion, according to the abundance of His steadfast love. 8 For He said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And He became their Savior. 9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 2:10-18 — The Founder of Salvation

10 For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, 12 saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." 13 And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. 16 For surely it is not angels that He helps, but He helps the offspring of Abraham. 17 Therefore He had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

L: The Word of the Lord.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-23

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd. Chapter.

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

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: 18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." 19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." 21 And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. 23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013
Eve of Christmas I—6 pm

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

Saturday, January 4 at 6 p.m.

Bell Ringing "Twelve Days of Christmas".
Bring a bell & ring in the New Year 2014!

Sunday, January 5 at 5 p.m.

Epiphany Party at Pastor Dave & Julie's.
"Soup & Bread" Potluck with King Cake.
Celebrating the "Burning of the Greens".
Bring a small bough from your Christmas
tree for the burning of the greens. Signup
sheet is in the Gathering Space. Bring a
friend. Wise Ones still follow the Star!

THANK YOU to Pastor Jack Miller for
serving as our pulpit supply tonight while
Pastor Steffenson is celebrating the Season
of Christmas with his family.

*Don't forget to offer your gifts as
worship and hospitality servants,
weekly for Worship!*

**Thank you to Larry and Deb Vomhof
for getting our new Emmanuel
Outdoor Sign printed.**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- 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
- Sat. Jan. 18 @ 6 p.m.
Evangelism Service
with Rev. Fred Morck
- Sat. Jan. 25 at 7:30
p.m.—Annual Meeting
following worship!