

Sermon: Rev. Waldemar Gies
*Hymn of the Day: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #328
*Confession of Faith: "Apostles' Creed" Page 85
*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." We practice Intinction at Emmanuel Lutheran. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) & dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ).

Communion Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #561

*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 Page 95

***Sending Hymn: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" #259**

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude—MarJean Damerval

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.

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016
Christmas I - 6:00 p.m.

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

Merry Christmas to You and Yours!
Remember, Christmas is a Season
12 Days long! Blessed New Year!

THANKS!

Special thanks to Rev. Waldemar Gies who is serving as our guest pastor tonight, while Pastor Steffenson is away!

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. Members & visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

The January 2017 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

- Saturday, Dec. 31
Christmas I Worship at 6pm; NO Saturday School or GIFT
- Sunday, December 1
Happy New Year 2017
- Tuesday, January 3
Men's Bible Study
Breakfast (8am) —
Day 3 (pp 7-10)
- Thursday, January 5
Women's Bible Study
at 1pm (Oasis Church)
— Revelation 15-18
- Saturday, January 7
Saturday School at 5:10; GIFT at 5:15pm;
Baptism of our Lord
Worship at 6pm
- Wednesday, Jan. 11
Council Meeting at 5:15pm

Save the Date: Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 29, 2017
This Year's Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 4pm, followed by a potluck supper. Child Care will be provided. Meat & beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish (salad, side dish or dessert) to share.

Enrollment for membership at Emmanuel Lutheran in 2017 is now open. Complete a Discipleship Membership Covenant and place it in the offering basket before December 31, 2016.

WORSHIP HELPERS:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Guest Pastor: Rev. Waldemar Gies

Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Helper: Lee Pearce

Ushers: Rich Sunde & LeRoy Quam

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Pending

Set Up: Lee Pearce

Take Down: Janet Sunde & friends

NO TREATS and NO COFFEE

The BIBLE: Have you always wanted to read the Bible (cover to cover), all 66 books & 1189 Chapters? Why not make a New Year's Resolution & plan on reading the Word in its entirety in 2017. Pastor Dave & several others have already committed to the journey. Commit, and a \$25.00 gift awaits you. Gifts are limited, so don't delay; decide today.

Thanks for worshipping 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! Merry Christmas!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org

FYI: Offerings received tonight will be deposited & recorded in the New Year 2017



**Worship
Christmas I
Dec. 31, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

“Circumcision & Name of Jesus”

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Invocation

***Gathering Hymn: “O Savior, Precious Savior”**

#514

*Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the WORD made flesh, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

***Hymn of Praise: “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

#71

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray. Lord God, you made your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of Spirit that our hearts may be pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Lesson: Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 8 (read responsively by half verse)

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Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel Verse: “Joy To the World” — verse 1

#39

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:21

Song: “The Bells of Christmas”

#62

Children's Message:

Rev. Waldemar Gies

Prayers for Christmas I

A: Gracious Father, we give you thanks for the offering of your Son, whose name is Jesus. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Washed in His blood, our robes are made perfectly white and we are declared completely holy. By faith alone, we are heirs of promise, clothed so to speak in the righteousness of the One who is “Word made flesh”. Grant that we may always be faithful to you as You are to us. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have placed your name upon us and revealed your face in the likeness of Jesus. In Him we receive the gift of real presence and the true joy of Christmas. Grant us, we pray, the true circumcision of the heart, that we may bless others with the blessing we ourselves have received from you. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Eternal God, you live beyond the realm of time, untouched by its passage. From everlasting to everlasting you are God. For that great grace we thank you, Lord, that you have come to dwell among us. We pray that Christ’s own presence may accompany us into the year ahead, that each day may be lived for you and your glory. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy Comforter, be the strength and assurance of those who grieve the death of loved ones. Surround them with your love and give them that peace which passes all human understanding. Grant healing to those who battle illnesses and restore them by your grace. Be with those we name before you this night that they may rest in your saving presence (**NAMES**). Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, Merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Scripture Readings—Christmas I

Numbers 6:22-27 — Aaron's Blessing

22 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 23 “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, 24 The Lord bless you and keep you; 25 the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; 26 the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. 27 “So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29 — Now That Faith Has Come!

23 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. 24 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:21 — Circumcised and Named

21 And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.