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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: With joy and confidence, let us approach the throne of grace, imploring the mercy of our risen Savior upon the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

A: Lord Jesus, your servant Paul exhorted the elders of the churches to watch over your flock, guarding them from the dangerous wolves that threaten them. Bless your Church with pastors, bishops, deacons, and theologians who rightly proclaim

and teach your Word; protect your people from falsehood, heresy and schism; & lead your people into lives of holiness, faithfulness and love. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: The martyrs of your Church stand before your throne, praying continually for all who are persecuted for your Name’s sake. Join our prayers to theirs; give courage and endurance to those who suffer on account of you; and by their example, cause those who trouble them to repent and turn to you for the transformation of their lives and the renewal of their minds. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bless and direct the people of this congregation. Let us be so confident that you love us and know each of us by name, that we can move past our fears & preoccupations into eager discipleship and loving service, to your glory, and for the good of those in our family, community, workplace and world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bless and gently guide our littlest lambs. Lead them in safety through the dangers of this world; crown their innocence with holiness; and teach them to know your voice and to gladly follow wherever you would have them go. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Give a shepherd’s heart to the leaders of all nations, especially our own country. Teach them to seek the welfare of their people above power, wealth, or re-election. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Oh great and good Shepherd, you know by name all who are sick or sorrowing; lonely or confused; hurting or despairing; and all who cry out for mercy. Speak your word of healing, life and comfort to them, especially: **[NAMES]**. Do not let any evil snatch them from your hand, and lead them into the green pastures of health and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

PSALM 23—Responsively

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

L: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

L: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

C: For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Scripture Reader: Sharon Matzke

Prayers & Communion Server: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: LeRoy Quam & Rich Sunde Acolyte: Emma Matzke

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Janet Sunde

Sound: Don Holtan

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

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! Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship
Easter IV
April 16, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude - *Pascal Candle is lit proclaiming the Light of the World!*

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P: Shepherding God, draw us into the pasture of your grace, make us whole through the blood of the lamb, and keep us mindful that through your gift of eternal life in Christ we shall not be in want; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 20:17-35

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Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 83

*Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

Children's Message: "Who Do You Trust?"

Sermon: "In Security or Insecurity?" Rev. Dave Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #456

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Acts 20:17-35 — A Tearful Farewell

17 Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. 18 And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. 26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, 27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. 28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. 29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up & to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Revelation 7:9-17 — The Lamb is our Shepherd

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and 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, & 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; & 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, & 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.

Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

22 At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, 26 but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, & no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 I & the Father are one.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of April we are praying for Sunset Terrace Elementary School. We delivered goodies on Monday, April 11 as an expression of our love & gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff, students and families of our area schools in your prayers.

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. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 19. Our Bible Readings for Easter V are: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:12-22. Pastor Fred Morck will lead this week's study. He will also be our guest preacher on Saturday, April 23 while Pastor is away on vacation.

Saturday School: Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays at 5:10pm. Each week we'll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/Craft & a snack (kid friendly). Contact Julie Steffenson for more information or to share your ideas: (507)-206-3048.

Women's Bible Study: The Afternoon Study Group will meet on Wed, April 27 at 1pm (Topic: "Women of the Word: New Testament Ladies"—Martha & Mary). The Evening Study Group will meet on Tuesday, April 26 (6:30pm) at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield); Session 6 (In the Days of the Judges).

Oasis Garage & Bake Sale: Friday, April 29 (8-5) and Saturday, April 30 (9-1). Proceeds support Camp Victory and the Belize Church.

POBLO Workshop: "Becoming Missionaries at Home" - Sharing our Faith with non-Christians. Saturday, April 30 (8:30am-1:30pm) at Redeemer Lutheran Church (869 - 7th Ave. S.E. Rochester). RSVP by April 18 ... call #507-289-5147. Lunch is provided. **Topics being discussed:** Power testimony of converts to Christianity; Changing Neighborhood—Challenge and Opportunity; Sharing the Christian Faith with Muslim neighbors; The difference between Allah of the Quran and the God of the Bible; and gifted laity becoming gifted missionaries in our front yard.

National Day of Prayer: Wake Up America! - Thursday, May 5. Evening Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Faith Expo featuring ministry booths from 6:30-7:00 p.m. and 8:15-9:15 p.m. Location: Rochester Assembly of God Church (4240 - 18th Avenue N.W.). Put on the whole armor of God ... AND PRAY!

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, April 16, 2016
Easter IV - 6 pm

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

Paschal Candle!

Our Paschal Candle is lit, reminding us that Christ is the Light of the World. We are His luminaries, His Easter People. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! We light the Paschal Candle during the days of Easter until we arrive at Ascension Day. We also light this candle whenever we have a baptism or a funeral, reminding us that in baptism we die and rise with Jesus. Not even death can extinguish the Light of Christ's love.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, April 30 - An **Emmanuel Huddle**. Join us after worship as we share refreshments and conversation regarding our Ministry Together.

Electronic Giving

Members wishing to contribute to Emmanuel Lutheran with automated giving may do so by contacting Judy Caudill or Deb Vomhof. Offerings are transferred once a month on the 15th.

**The April Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter
are available in print!**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, April 16 - Saturday School at 5:10pm; Easter IV Worship @ 6pm
- April 17-23 - Pastor Dave on Vacation
- Tues, April 19 - Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie's (8am)
- Saturday, April 23 Saturday School at 5:10pm; Easter V Worship at 6pm with guest pastor, Rev. Fred Morck
- Saturday, April 30 POBLO Workshop; Emmanuel Huddle
- Thurs, May 5 - Rochester National Day of Prayer at Assembly of God Church