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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Alleluia! Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence*

A: Heavenly Father, we thank you for this congregation, and for this place in which we hear your Word, praise your name, and from which we are sent forth to do your will. Help us to listen to your Word and share your Gospel with the world. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord of us all, we long for the gift of the New Jerusalem, your heavenly city. Thanks for claiming us as your beloved bride, writing our names in the Lamb's Book of Life, and making us clean with your blood. As you provided for Lydia, open our hearts also to the good news you announce, and to live our lives as positive examples of your love. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Dear Lord, we thank you for the witness of those who reside in places where to profess faith in you is to endanger one's life. Guide them to remain faithful in your Word, and protect them from danger. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord God, lead us to care for the poor, the widow, those in prison, those who are spiritually hurt, and the weak and underprivileged. Remind us that we are serving Christ as we serve the least of these our brothers and sisters. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: God our Creator, you made us male and female to be help-mates in your service. Strengthen and preserve our marriages and families, that we may love one another as you have taught us to love. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: God of healing, grant restoration to all who suffer physically, mentally, and spiritually. Give comfort to those who mourn, and hope to the dying, through your promise of everlasting life. We ask for healing and comfort for those we now name before you (**NAMES**). Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord, we thank you for the sacraments that you have given to sustain us in our walk with you. Help us to pray for those things that you would have us ask, and in all things to pray in Jesus' name in accordance with your will. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**



## Acts 16:9-15 — Lydia of Thyatira

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10 And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. 11 So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. 14 One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. 15 And after she was baptized, & her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 — The New Jerusalem

9 Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. 12 It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— 13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ... 21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. 22 And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, 25 and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing

unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading: John 16:23-33

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 16th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] 23 “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. 25 I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; 27 for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28 I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” 29 His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 30 Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” 31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? 32 Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. 33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word & Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit & marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Easter Alleluias!*

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, April 30, 2016**  
**Easter VI - 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.

## **TONIGHT:**

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



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sat, April 30 - Saturday School (5:10pm); Easter VI Worship @ 6pm followed by treats and an Emmanuel Huddle in the Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, May 1 - Prayer Walk for National Day of Prayer (3pm)
- Tues, May 3 - Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie's (8am); CBL Lunch at Noon
- Wednesday, May 4 - Worship at Madonna Towers (1:30pm)
- Thursday, May 5 - Ascension Day; National Day of Prayer at 7pm
- Saturday, May 7 - Saturday School at 5:10pm; Easter VII Worship at 6pm

**Gifts of Music:** Special thanks to MarJean Damerval and Karen Salz for favoring us with two gifts of music tonight. God has blessed them musical talents and they are employing them for the praise of God and the good of His beloved body.

**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, May 3. Our Bible Readings for Easter VII are: Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 133; Revelation 22:1-6 [7-11] 12-20; John 17:20-26 .

**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.

**Women's Bible Study:** The Afternoon Study Group will meet on Wednesday, May 11 at 1pm (Topic: "Women of the Word: New Testament Ladies" - Mary Magdalene) - Meeting at Oasis Church. The Evening Study Group will meet on Tuesday, May 17 (6:30pm) at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield); Session 7 (Rahab & Ruth: Foreigners in the Family Tree). Session 8 is June 14.

**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!

**Prayer Walk--Sunday, May 1**, beginning at 3pm - at the 2nd Street entrance of St. Mary's Hospital! Gather at 2:45pm. A Live Concert (Josh Edwards) will follow at 4pm on the Peace Plaza.

**PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS:** During the month of May we are praying for Lincoln K-8 School. We are delivering goodies on Monday, May 9 as an expression of our love & gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff and the students of our local schools in your prayers.

**Madonna Towers Skilled Care Chapel:** On the first Wednesday of each month. Emmanuel members are invited and encouraged to participate a ministry to seniors of our community. Our next Service will be on Wednesday, May 4 at 1:30 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

**Offering Envelopes for Children:** If you are interested in teaching your children or grandchildren the joy of giving, offering envelopes are available in kid size. Each household can receive a box of 100 envelopes to be used as desired. Generous giving is a mark of discipleship.