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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, the world and all people according to their needs. —*a brief silence*

A: Send the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of your faithful people and inspire us with your love. Teach us to be faithful & effective witnesses in this great mission field in which we live, and enable us to love one another so that the world may know that we are disciples of Jesus. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Look with pity on all who suffer from violence, hatred, war, abuse, and injustice. We pray especially for the persecuted church and for all who live in poverty or despair. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Guide the leaders of our nation in the ways of justice and peace. Open doors to meaningful work for all the unemployed &

underemployed, give the lonely loving companionship, and gently lead to freedom all those engaging in sinful and destructive lifestyles. We pray especially for the little ones, the unborn and the unwanted, and for all women who carry your gift of life in their wombs. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Empower with the Holy Spirit all bishops, pastors, teachers, and leaders in your church. Grant them wisdom, strength, faithfulness, patience, & love, that they may guide us faithfully in the mission to which you have called us. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Protect all those who are working for the good of others, especially the military forces of this and every nation, all first responders, and law enforcement officers. Let them be instruments of justice, peace, and healing in every place. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Visit the sick with your healing power and uplift them with your life-giving Spirit. Especially we pray for those we name before you aloud or in silence: [pause]. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: As Jesus was raised in the power of the Spirit to live eternally, so raise us with Him to live as His disciples now and to rejoice eternally in your presence when this life is past. Comfort with the hope of the gospel all who have suffered loss and bereavement. 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 risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Psalm 66:5-20—responsively

L: Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

C: He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

L: There did we rejoice in Him, who rules by His might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations.

C: Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

L: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

C: Who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

L: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

C: You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

L: You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

C: I will come into your house with burnt offerings;

L: I will perform my vows to you, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

C: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

L: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

C: I cried to Him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

L: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

C: But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

L: Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

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 VI
May 24, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

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Second Lesson: I Peter 3:8-22

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 83

*Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

Children’s Message: “A Comforter for you!”

Sermon: “No Orphans Here!” Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: “Children of the Heavenly Father” #474

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Offering

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Women's Bible Study: Pastor Dave & Julie are leading a nine session Bible Study on the Discipleship Parables of Jesus. Women meet at Oasis Church, twice a month, on Mondays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Our next Meeting is June 2. We will be studying Matthew 25:14-30—"The Talents". Bring a friend.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Weekly fellowship around God's Word at 8 am Tuesdays at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW). Join us in being Evangelical. Invite a friend. Share the Good News! We will meet on Tuesday, May 27 and discuss the readings for Easter VII: Acts 1:1-11; Ps. 68:1-10; I Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11; & John 17:1-11.

Confirmation Class for Elementary Youth: During the Season of Easter, youth are joining Pastor Dave for a reading of C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia. We are currently reading "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe". We meet at Oasis Church on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15 p.m. Class began on Wednesday April 23. Eight youth are participating.

May Council Minutes Highlights: Logo Witness Wear will soon be delivered. Window Clings are available for purchase (\$1.00 each). Pastor Dave will be attending this summer's Lutheran Core Theological Conference and the NALC Convocation at the Citadel in Charleston, S.C. (July 21-25). Church Constitution revisions are underway. Pastor Dave is busy preaching at supporting congregations on Sundays. We would like to begin recording our Worship Sermons on DVDs. Next Meeting: June 17 @ 10 am.

Care Fest—Showing the Love of Jesus: June 14 and July 19. Seventh and final year: over 500 worksites, 100,000 hours of labor, ages 7-80+, over 5000 people from 30+ churches. Leaving Christ's footprint in our community. www.rochestercarefest.org

Prayer Concerns! Offering intercession and prayers of healing for Sharon Hart, Peg Holtan, Rachel Carl, Ron Johnson, Barbara Spring, & Wayne Sather. Continued prayers for Rev. Fred Morck & St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oregon, IL as they discern God's mutual call to ministry. Prayers of guidance and blessing for H. S. students graduating this spring, especially Michael Carl & Emma Mulvihill.

Acts 17:22-31 — Paul in Athens

22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' 'What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for "'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring.' 29 Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Peter 3:8-22 — Suffering for Righteousness' Sake

8 Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. 9 Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. 10 For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; 11 let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 13 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. 21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th Chapter.

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

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Lee Pearce

Ushers: Larry Vomhof & Arne Nelson

Coffee: Judy Pearce

Treats: Judy Pearce

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

SAVE THE DATE: VBS at OASIS CHURCH

Theme: “WEIRD ANIMALS”

Sunday-Wednesday, July 13-16

Sunday (9:30 am-2:30 pm); Monday–Wed. (5-8 pm)

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, May 24, 2014

Easter VI - 6 pm

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, May 24 at 6pm—Worship Easter VI
- Sunday, May 25—Pastor Steffenson preaching at Rushford Lutheran
- Monday, May 26 Memorial Day
- Tues, May 27 @ 8 am Men’s Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie’s
- Wed, May 28 @ 4:15 pm Confirmation Class for Elementary Youth
- Thursday, May 29 Ascension of our Lord
- Friday, May 30 12-2 pm Faithfulness Gathering
- Sat, May 31 @ 6 pm Worship with Blessing of H.S. Graduates

THE TRUTH PROJECT

Focus on the Family Video Series!

13 weeks, on Sunday mornings, at Oasis Church: June-September.

10:30 a.m.—Coffee & Fellowship

10:50 a.m.—DVD Segment

11:50 Noon—Discussion

12:20—Closing & Prayer

12:30 p.m.—Departure

DATES: June 15, 22, 29, July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, & Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28.

SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, July 26—Picnic with Oasis and Ecclesia churches here at Oasis.

Sunday, August 3—Emmanuel Lutheran Church Picnic at the home of Deb & Larry Vomhof.

More details to come as the picnic dates approach.

**Emmanuel Window Clings Available
for Purchase for only \$1.00 each.**