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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Let us raise our voices in prayer to our Almighty Father, creator of all things. *A brief silence.*

A: We thank you for your Son who ascended into heaven and intervenes on our behalf. Give us faith to know he still is with us and will be forever. Help us live our lives in the promise of the day that we too will be with you in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Grant that we may treat each other with respect and love. As you forgive us, let us seek forgiveness from those we have hurt

and forgive those who have hurt us. Teach us to bring all our sins to you in prayer. Lead us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. Grant that we may be in the world, but not of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Almighty Father, there are so many in this world who need to know you. Help us to reach out to those who need your love. Let us not only bring your Word to them, but also offer help and hope to them in their daily lives. Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: We ask you to be with those who do not have food, shelter, transportation or employment. Use us to reach out to them and help them. Bless those that work to serve these people. Give them strength each day to do the work you have called them to do.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Almighty Father, we ask that you be with the leaders of this church, town, state and country. Give them wisdom as they govern and make decisions for the people. Help them make decisions that are right for all and not just themselves. Let them govern justly for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Be with those who are sick in mind or body. Especially we remember *[names]*. Give those who treat them compassion to help them. When it is time to call your children home, give faith for their families to know that loved ones are with you. Let the memories they hold keep them till they are together again in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, Oh Lord, we pray, trusting in your mercy now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*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!*

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*Psalm 1—responsively*

L: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

**C: Nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

L: But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

**C: And on his law he meditates day and night.**

L: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

**C: In all that he does, he prospers.**

L: The wicked are not so,

**C: But are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

**C: Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

L: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

**C: But the way of the wicked will perish.**

**WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Jenna Serr*

*Communion Server: Julie Steffenson*

*Ushers: Larry Vomhof and Ava Siebenaler*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Katie Siebenaler*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*

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**Worship**  
**Easter VII**  
**May 16, 2015**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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\*Gathering Hymn: “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”    *Vs 1-3*      #674

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. Grant that we may be in the world, but not of the world. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26

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Second Lesson: I John 5:9-15

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\*Holy Gospel: John 17:11b-19

Children’s Message: “In, but NOT Of”

**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 and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We are practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction.*

**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 19. Our Bible Readings for Pentecost are: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Ps. 139:1-12; Acts 2:1-21; and John 15:26-27; & 16:4b-15.

**Women's Bible Study:** "Practicing Resurrection!" During the 50 days of Easter, women of Emmanuel & their friends are studying Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus and practicing the gift of resurrection in daily life. Participants meet twice each month (May 27; & June 10, 24) on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Join us as we keep company with Jesus & walk wet with the sign of salvation upon us.

**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. Saturday School ends on May 30 and will resume in September. Thanks to the parents and youth who have supported this ministry, and special thanks to Julie Steffenson who has devoted many hours to the spiritual and educational care of our children.

**OASIS VBS is July 12-15.** See the bulletin board in the church lobby for a variety of volunteer opportunities. If you find something you like, take the card with the important information, and sign your name on the corresponding line so Angie Kime can contact you. Thanks!

**Prayer Time:** Thursdays at Oasis Church from 11:00-11:30am in Pastor Dan's office. This is a small group opportunity for Emmanuel members to join members of Oasis in a shared time of prayer.

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## **Acts 1:12-26 — Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas**

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. 15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'" 21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." 23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **I John 5:9-15 — The Testimony...Eternal Life**

9 If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. 10 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: John 17:11b-19

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th. Chapter.

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

11b Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS WITH EMMANUEL

**Its official!** December may seem like a long way off, but time flies when you're having Gospel Fun. As you begin to make your family plans for Christmas 2015, please note that Emmanuel Lutheran will be having Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 p.m. at Oasis Church. Oasis will be worshipping at 6:00 p.m.

One of our goals for 2015 is to have at least 100 people in worship on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus.

**Christmas with Emmanuel!** Our big goal is 200 people in Worship. All things are possible with God. Now is the time to share good news with family & friends, neighbors and co-workers. Invite your loved ones to join you for Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship as we sing carols & celebrate the Incarnation in Word and Sacrament. Imagine a packed house singing praises to Emmanuel - God with us!

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, May 16, 2015**  
**Easter VII - 6 pm**

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

### **Special Congregational Meeting!**

Members of Emmanuel will meet on Saturday, May 30, following worship in the Worship Space, for a brief meeting to discuss and approve Constitution revisions and Bylaws. Electronic and paper copies are available.

### **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.

**We are Praying this Month** for Gage Elementary School, it's teachers, staff & students.

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



### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Saturday, May 16  
Saturday School @  
5:10pm; Easter VII  
Worship @ 6pm
- Sunday, May 17 Miracle  
Prayer Walk @ 4pm  
(Begins at St. Mary's  
Hospital)
- Tues, May 19—Men's  
Bible Study Breakfast @  
Charlie's (8am)
- Thursday, May 21  
Pastors' Mtg. in La  
Crosse (10am);  
11:00am Oasis Prayer
- Saturday, May 23  
Saturday School @  
5:10pm; Pentecost  
Worship @ 6pm (WEAR  
RED)
- Saturday-Monday, May  
23-25: Memorial Day  
Weekend