

L: Jesus, you teach with authority. You are the author of our lives. Drive out from this world the demons of hatred, violence, apathy and injustice. Fill the hearts and minds of earthly leaders, and the people entrusted to their care, with your Holy Spirit. Give us all a passion for caring for our neighbors, and grant us your peace. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Grant healing, strength, comfort and hope to all who are wounded in body, mind, or heart— especially [Names]. Shield them from ever power of evil; drive from them the demons of despair; restore them to wholeness and to the company of all who love them; and fill them with the blessed peace of your Holy Spirit. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

\*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

\*Benediction

\*Song: "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"—LBW #559

\*Dismissal:

L:Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **C:Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: Karen Salz*

*Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson*

*Ushers: Pending Sanitizing Team: Lee & Judy Pearce*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan*

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**Worship—Eve of  
Epiphany IV  
January 30, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

## **Service of the Word**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements: “Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life!”

\***Gathering Song**: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”—LBW #370

\*Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And Also with you.**

P: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

P: In the Word was life,

**C: And the life was the light of all people.**

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. (John 1)**

\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness & obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Children's Message: "Best Teacher Ever!" (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: "Teaching With Authority" Rev. David Steffenson

**\*Song of the Day: "Rise, Shine, You People!"—LBW #393**  
*(Verses 1-2 before the sermon; Verses 3-4 after the sermon)*

**\*Confession:**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, & is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, & the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us**

**by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.** (*Sharing of God's peace may be done as an expression from the heart, without actual contact.*)

Offering (No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

**\*Prayers:**

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *A brief silence*

L: Holy God, thank you for being stronger than the demons, doubts, and despair that trouble us. Thank you for bold prophets, faithful teachers, gentle caretakers, and ordinary saints who serve you by mentoring, guiding, healing, and challenging us. Give us grace to go and do likewise. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Raise up in your church leaders to faithfully speak your Word with boldness, clarity, and charity. Give its members hearts that listen with faith, obedience, and gladness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Give your persecuted disciples steadfastness, courage, and gentleness of heart, to rightly confess Christ before their enemies. By your mercy, bring their tormentors to repentant faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## Epiphany Season: “The WORD Made Flesh”

- Saturday, February 13, 2021—Feast of Transfiguration (Bring Palm Fronds from last year; Ashes for Ash Wednesday).

### Looking Ahead—LENT 2021

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17. Tentatively, we plan on having worship at 6pm on Feb. 17. The Imposition of Ashes and the Lord’s Supper will be offered with “physical distancing care”. We will not be hosting mid-week soup suppers and services as we have done in the past. Pastor Dave will be prepare and post a mid-week message with music on our Emmanuel Face Book Page and Church Website. Our Lenten Theme this year is *“Real Presence in Unexpected Places!”* In the Season of Lent, as we walk with Jesus to the cross, we will see how God reveals Himself continually in unexpected places & unexpected ways. Marked with the cross of Christ, God opens our eyes to behold His Real Presence, His saving grace, in the flesh of our crucified and risen Savior. We can expect the unexpected, because God is with us, in us, for us and working through us! Real Presence! Saving Grace for the World!

**Children’s Worship Bags:** Worship Bags are available for kids each week. We hope children enjoy these resources during worship. Please take the bags home with you.

### Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

*“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.”*

Each day at 4:31pm, Members and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave Steffenson. Thanks for joining us.

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

**Thanks** for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship 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! Epiphany! Shining Bright for Jesus! Visit us at: [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org)

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**January 30, 2021**

**Eve of Epiphany IV - 6 pm**

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

**Annual Meeting—Saturday, Jan. 30.**

This Year’s Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held tonight immediately following evening worship.

The Annual Report is available in printed & electronic form.

**SEMAC Mission Trip to Pensacola, Florida -- Feb 7th–19th.**

Please keep Larry Vomhof and his servant team members in your prayers as they travel to Florida and offer the compassion of Christ to people in need. Contact Larry if you would like more information about SEMAC.

**Men’s Bible Study IN-PERSON**

Join us on Wednesdays, Feb. 10 & 24 from 11am-12:00 Noon for a study of the appointed Bible Readings for the week ahead. We’ll meet in the Oasis Church, wearing masks & practicing safe, physical distancing. Bring a Bible.

**The February Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for December-February.**



### CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, January 30 Epiphany IV Worship at 6pm; followed by the Annual Meeting (7pm)
- Sunday, January 31 Implementation Team Mtg. at Oasis (5pm)
- Tuesday, February 2 Men’s Email Bible Study @ 8:30am
- Wednesday, February 3 Zoom Council Meeting @ 1pm
- Saturday, February 6 Epiphany V Worship at 6pm
- SEMAC Mission Trip (Feb. 7-19)
- **4:31 — Prayer Time each day. Thanks for joining us!**

### Deuteronomy 18:15-20 — God will Raise Up a Prophet

15 “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers — it is to him you shall listen — 16 just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ 17 And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 1st. Chapter.

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

21 [Jesus, Simon, Andrew, James and John] went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. 22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” 28 And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Song: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”--LBW #370

1. Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love;  
The unity of heart and mind, Is like to that above.
2. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows, The sympathizing tear.
3. From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love & friendship reign, Through all eternity.

### Song: “Rise, Shine, You People!--LBW #393

1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded  
With grace unbounded.
2. See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven.
3. Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story,  
Of Jesus' glory.
4. Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation  
His new creation.

### Song: “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”--LBW #559

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing,  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God & King, The triumphs of His grace!
2. The name of Jesus charms our fears,  
And bids our sorrows cease;  
Sings music in the sinner's ears, Brings life & health & peace.
3. To God all glory, praise, and love, Be now and ever giv'n;  
By saints below & saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.