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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! May the power of the Holy Spirit equip the saints for Witness in the World!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray for the church, the world and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

A: O God, our mighty fortress, grant to your church in every place an unwavering trust in the great heritage of your Word. By your

Holy Spirit, empower us to boldly and with great joy proclaim the saving work of your redemption accomplished through the cross of Christ. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: God our ever-present help, our rock and our salvation, deepen our faith in your promise of salvation. May your grace have free reign among us that we might be emboldened to witness to your saving grace in our homes, our communities, and to all nations. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Gracious God, you stand within the shadows of history, faithful to your promise, keeping watch over your own: we remember our brothers and sisters in the faith who are persecuted for the sake of your name in so many places. Let no intimidation or threat turn them from their confession of your name, and, as some face the loss of life & all things earthly, let them cling with even greater confidence to things eternal. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: O God our refuge and strength, be the present help of all who call upon you in any trouble: Though the earth should change and the mountains topple, be in our midst, and by your gracious hand bring your saving help to the sick in body, mind, or spirit (*names are offered*). Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Accept our thanks for all who have gone before us who lived lives of confidence in your Word. Grant to us, their children, to share their joyful confidence, and keep us united with them until we are all gathered around your throne in the joys of heaven. 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.

Psalm 46—responsively

L: God is our refuge and strength,

C: A very present help in trouble.

L: Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

C: Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C: The holy habitation of the Most High.

L: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

C: God will help her when morning dawns.

L: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

C: He utters his voice, the earth melts.

L: The LORD of hosts is with us;

C: The God of Jacob is our fortress.

L: Come, behold the works of the LORD,

C: How he has brought desolations on the earth.

L: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

C: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

L: "Be still, and know that I am God.

C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

L: The LORD of hosts is with us;

C: The God of Jacob is our fortress.

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**Worship
Reformation Eve
October 24, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

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Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

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*Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

Children's Message: "Right Justification"

Sermon: "JUST...Not Fair!"

Rev. Dave Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: "A Mighty Fortress" #229

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, Oct. 27 & discuss the readings for All Saints: Revelation 7:2-17; Psalm 149; I John 3:1-3; & Matthew 5:1-12.

Saturday School 2015: Join us at 5:10 p.m. each Saturday in the Oasis Church Fellowship Hall as we learn Bible Stories and enjoy two special units this year on the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. Games, skits, music and crafts will be a part of the learning experience. All kids are welcome to participate in Saturday School.

Women of the Word! The Women's Bible Study has resumed for the Fall. Session 5 will be held on Wednesday, November 4. We are studying famous Women in the Old Testament.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of October we are praying for Hoover & Churchill Elementary schools. We delivered goodies as an expression of our love & gratitude. Thanks for keeping staff, students & families in your prayers.

Bell Ringing! Emmanuel is partnering once again this year with the Salvation Red Kettle Bell Ringing Campaign. Locations throughout the Rochester area are available for bell ringing. Manned kettles net about \$30 per shift than unmanned kettles. Our goal this year is to ring bells for 40 hours to the glory of God and the good of our neighbors. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to be a part of the Emmanuel Bell Ringing Team. Dates: Nov. 14 - Christmas Eve.

Emmanuel Nominating Committee: Is God calling you to serve in leadership at Emmanuel Lutheran? Opportunities: Church Council, Audit Committee, Voting Delegates, or Nominating Committee.

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child partners with churches worldwide to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Fill a shoebox with a wow toy, hygiene items, school supplies, etc. Most importantly pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and a photo. A donation of \$7.00 helps cover the shipping costs. The collection date is November 15 at Oasis Church. Children who receive a Christmas Shoebox will be disciplined through a Bible Study course.

Jeremiah 31:31-34—The New Covenant

31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 3:19-28—The Righteousness of God Through Faith

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law & the Prophets bear witness to it-- 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th. Chapter.

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

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: Mandy Lambrecht

Scripture Reader, Prayers, & Communion: Jenna Serr

Ushers: Rich Sunde & Dick Stanley

Acolyte: Emma Matzke

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Jean Wanek

VETERANS RECOGNITION - Monday, November 9:

Emmanuel Lutheran is recognizing a select group of Veterans on November 9 at the VA Outpatient Clinic in Rochester. Veterans receive outpatient medical and mental health care at this facility. Thank you cards & personal words of appreciation will be offered to our Veterans. Beverages and cookies will also be provided for the patients to enjoy. Each hand written "thank you" note will contain a \$5.00 Culver's gift card. Culvers has donated 10 gift cards in support of this project. This ministry is being funded in part by a Thrivent Action Team gift. Interested in helping out with this ministry opportunity? Contact Julie Steffenson at 507-206-3048.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015
Reformation Eve - 6 pm

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, October 24
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Reformation Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, October 25—
Pastor Dave preaching at South Zumbro (Kasson); Reformation Sunday Prayer Walk & Potluck @ 2pm followed by "Do You Believe?"
- Tues, Oct. 27—Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ Charlie's (8am)
- Saturday, October 31
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; All Saints Worship at 6pm.
Daylight Saving Time ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!
- Sunday, November 1—All Saints Hymn Sing (3pm) in Millville

Emmanuel third annual **Prayer Walk and Potluck on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25.** Gather at Oasis Church at 2:00pm. Park on the South Side (38th Street) of Oasis and enter by the Dining Room Door. We will be praying for the welfare of the City. Potluck at Oasis Church at 4:30pm. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and desserts will be provided. The movie, "Do You Believe?" will be shown in the Worship Space after the Potluck.

All Saints Day Hymn Sing: Pastor Jack & Virginia Miller are inviting friends of Emmanuel to join them on Sunday, November 1 at 3:00 p.m. for a hymn sing. Participants will celebrate in song the "Feast of All Saints" and the gift of being set apart, consecrated & made holy for the glory of God. Location: "Old Stone Church (the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church), Bridge Street in Millville.

October Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for September—November.