

vs 2 “Oh! thus be it ev—er when free men shall stand; Be—tween their loved home, and the war’s de-so-la-tion! Blest with vict—try and peace, may the heav’n res—cued land, Praise the pow’r that hath made, and preserved us a na—tion. Then conquer we must, when our cause, it is just, And this be our mot—to: “In God is our trust.” And the star spangled banner in tri—umph shall wa—ve O’er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!”

\*Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

Children’s Message: “Star Spangled Christian”

**"I'm proud to be a Christian, because in Christ I'm free. And I won't forget the One who died on the cross of Calvary, So I'll gladly stand up, next to you and praise His name today. 'Cause there ain't no doubt I love my Lord, who took my sins away!"** — *to the tune of “God Bless the USA”*

Sermon: “I Pledge Allegiance: Flag or Font?” Pastor Dave S.

\*Hymn of the Day: “Battle Hymn of the Republic” #332

\*Confession of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed” Page 85

\*The Prayers (bulletin page 3)

\*The Peace Page 86

Offering—“Ashokan Farewell” - Don and Peg Holtan

\*Offertory Prayer Page 87

\*The Great Thanksgiving Page 88ff

\*Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version* Page 91

*Invitation & Distribution—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 & 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.*

Lamb of God Page 92

Communion Hymn: “God of Our Fathers” #567

\*Table Blessing Page 92

\*Post-Communion Prayer Page 94

\*Benediction Page 94

\*Sending Hymn: “America: My Country, ’Tis of Thee” #566

\*Dismissal

Postlude

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

*a brief silence*

A: Father, we give you thanks for delivering us from the house of bondage and bringing us to your holy mountain that we may worship you in Spirit and Truth. Grant that since the Son sets us free, we may be free indeed. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Father, there are many who are being battered by the storms of life, and so we remember all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. Give comfort to the dying, strength to the weak, assurance to the sick, and aid to the injured. Tonight we pray especially for those who are in need [*Names*]. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord you reign supreme. We lift up our eyes to the hills. Our help and hope come from you. Grant that governing authorities may be servants of your will. Grant that we may give honor to whom honor is due and respect to whom respect is due. Bless those who travel on this holiday weekend. Keep us always mindful of those who have sacrificed for the freedom we enjoy. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ;

**C: Amen.**

## Psalm 121—responsively

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?  
**C: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**  
L: He will not let your foot be moved;  
**C: He who keeps you will not slumber.**  
L: Behold, He who keeps Israel  
**C: Will neither slumber nor sleep.**  
L: The Lord is your keeper;  
**C: The Lord is your shade on your right hand.**  
L: The sun shall not strike you by day,  
**C: Nor the moon by night.**  
L: The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
**C: He will keep your life.**  
L: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
**C: From this time forth and forevermore.**

## America The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

*Thanks for worshipping 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!*

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**Worship  
Pentecost VI  
July 4, 2015  
6:00 p.m.**

## Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II Freedom Celebration

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Gathering Music—God Bless America

“America the Beautiful” — Vs. 1, page 4 - Don & Peg Holtan

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” (vs. 1 & 3) — #562

“God Bless Our Native Land” — #569

Welcome/Announcements

\*Invocation: Psalm 121—*bulletin page 4*

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: "Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice & freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-12

Second Lesson: Romans 13:1-7

Gift of Music: “Star Spangled Banner” - Don & Peg Holtan

vs 1 “Oh, say can you see, by the dawn’s early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru the perilous fight, O’er the ramparts we watched were gallantly streaming? And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night, that our flag was still there. Oh, say does that star spangled banner yet wave; O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?”

**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. Fridays at 9:30am—Ecumenical opportunity for praying for persecuted Christians around the world.

**Women's Bible Study:** Our study on Ephesians has concluded and we will begin a new study in September. Our proposed study for the fall will be an eight session study on "Favorite Women in the Bible".

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8am 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 Tues, July 7. Our Bible Readings for Pentecost VII are: Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85; Ephesians 1:3-14; and Mark 6:14-29.

**OASIS VBS: "Everest—Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power"**. July 12-15. Ages 5-12. Register by July 6. God has the power to provide, comfort, heal, forgive & love us forever!

**Sunday, July 12: 9:30am—3pm**

**Mon-Wed, July 13-15: 5:30—8pm** (Optional Supper at 5pm)

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Musicians: Don & Peg Holtan*

*Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Lee Pearce*

*Ushers: Larry Vomhof & Julie Steffenson*

*Set Up: Julie Steffenson*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Julie Steffenson*

*Take Down: Janet Sunde and friends*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

## **Exodus 3:1-12 — The Burning Bush**

1 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." 4 When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7 Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" 12 He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Romans 13:1-7 — Submission to Authorities**

1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: John 8:31-36

L: 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 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 practices 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.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## GOD BLESS AMERICA

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free. Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer:

*God bless America, land that I love, Stand beside her and guide her—Through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans white with foam, God bless America, My home sweet home. God bless America, My home sweet home.*

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, July 4, 2015**  
**Pentecost VI - 6 pm**

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

**Thanks:** We offer thanks to God for the freedom we enjoy in Christ, & our Declaration of Dependence upon our Savior Jesus. Thanks to our musicians who are offering their gifts of music in support of tonight’s worship. Freedom isn’t free. Blessed 4th of July!

### Summer Happenings

Sunday, August 23—Emmanuel Picnic at the home of Larry & Deb Vomhof.

Sat, August 29 at 6pm—Bible Saturday, celebrating the gift of God’s Word.

\*Creating a Church Picture Directory!

### “Our Daily Bread” Devotional Books:

Psalm 119:105 reminds us that God’s Word is lamp to our feet and a light to our paths. One of the Marks of Discipleship is a daily engagement with God’s Word through daily devotions. Quarterly, “Our Daily Bread” is published and available for individual or group use. The June-August issue is available. Pick up your copy on the back table.

**Emmanuel July Newsletter & Prayer  
Calendar are available!**



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, July 4—Pentecost VI Worship @ 6pm  
Patriotic Worship
- Sun, July 5—Pastor Dave at Rushford Lutheran
- Tues, July 7—Men’s Bible Study Breakfast @ Charlie’s (8am); CBL Mtg. at 12:00 Noon
- Thurs, July 9—Oasis Prayer at 11am
- Friday, June 10—Prayers for Persecuted Christians at 9:30am
- Sat, July 11—Pentecost VII Worship @ 6pm
- Sun, July 12—Pastor Dave at Rushford Lutheran; Ordination of James Puotyual (in St. Cloud) @ 3pm