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## **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, Son, and Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours in this Epiphany Season. You are Holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You show us your way. Incline our hearts to follow the path that you have set before us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Father in Heaven, you are full of grace and compassion. Help us to look upon our neighbors with the same grace and compassion you

bestow upon us, so we might love them as ourselves. Do not let us judge them or put any stumbling block before them. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord Jesus, you went the second mile for us. Empower us to go the second mile for others. There are many about us who have unfilled needs. Grant them what they need for their living of each day, but most of all show them your saving grace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Gift-giving Spirit, we thank you for the variety of gifts that you shower upon us. Grant us wisdom and understanding to use your gifts in the service of others and to build up the Body of Christ. As you dwell in us, we are perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. Strengthen us with all that we need to minister to others for the common good of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Blessed Father, we pray for peace wherever there is injustice, hate, war, conflict and dissension. Bring health and wholeness where there are grudges between people, and an end to acts of vengeance and terror. Send your comforting peace to those whose lives are torn by addictions, homelessness, divorce, and separations. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Healing and Sanctifying Spirit, we pray for your work to be done in all who suffer from any illness. Bless the healing hands that you have called and sent to care for your people. Today we remember especially those who need your healing touch (*names may be added*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Lord Jesus, you have brought life and immortality in light in your resurrection from the dead. We thank you for the eternal future to come. We remember with thanksgiving those who have proceeded us into your kingdom, who now rest in your arms. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**P:** Into your hands, most merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Psalm 119:33-40—responsively**

L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;  
C: And I will keep it as my reward.  
L: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law,  
C: And observe it with my whole heart.  
L: Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
C: For I delight in it.  
L: Incline my heart to your testimonies,  
C: And not to selfish gain!  
L: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;  
C: And give me life in your ways.  
L: Confirm to your servant your promise,  
C: That you may be feared.  
L: Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
C: For your rules are good.  
L: Behold, I long for your precepts;  
C: In your righteousness give me life!

**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! **Visit us at:** [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org).

**WORSHIP SERVANTS:**

*Pianist: Mandy Lambrecht*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson*

*Communion Assistant: Fred Morck*

*Usher: Arne Nelson & Larry Vomhof*

*Coffee: Julie Steffenson*

*Treats: Amber Konop*



**Worship**  
**Eve-Epiphany VII**  
**Feb. 22, 2014**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And Also with you.**

P: God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for His enemies; in our words and deeds help us to be like Him through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 3:10-23

\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 83

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:33-48

Children’s Message: “That’s Just Perfect”

Sermon: “But I Say...part 2” Rev. David Steffenson

**MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP:** Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and give generously. 37 Membership Covenants have been received.

**Local Benevolence Partners:** There is still time to give congregational input for our local benevolences in 2014. Criteria for selection: Ministries must be Christ-centered, offering opportunity for members to participate in hands-on service. Submit your suggestions to Pastor or a Council Member. See suggested ministries on survey sheet.

**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, February 25. Our Bible Readings for the Transfiguration of our Lord are: Exodus 24:8-18, Psalm 2:6-12, II Peter 1:16-21, and Matthew 17:1-9

**Women's Book & DVD Bible Study:** "Simplify Your Life", a Women's Study based on the Book of Proverbs is being enjoyed by 12 women. Margaret Quam is hosting this study in her home (304- 15th Ave. S.W.). Next gathering: Monday, Feb. 24 @ 1 pm.

**Devoted Hearts Women's conference:** 8th annual area wide women's event at Autumn Ridge Church, April 25-26. Friday 7-9 pm and Saturday 8:30 – 3 pm. Cost: \$48 before March 31st. Register online at [www.devotedheartsrochester.com](http://www.devotedheartsrochester.com).

**Thrivent Workshop: Social Security - Strategize to Maximize!** Prevent costly mistakes when making decisions about your Social Security. This workshop will help answer questions: When should I apply? How can I maximize my benefits? How will my spouse be affected? The purpose of the workshop is to help you sort through all the information, answer questions about your situation, and help ensure your choices are tailored to meet your specific needs. There will be two sessions containing the same information on March 10th at 5:00 and 7:00 PM—Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (1212 12th Ave NW). A light meal will be provided between the two sessions. Please RSVP to Carol Ficher at 507-289-1841 by March 3. Bring a guest!

**Ministry Opportunities:** Volunteers needed to bring treats as Emmanuel hosts the coffee hour for Oasis Church on Sunday, Mar. 2. Also, ask Kari about participating in the Project Linus event on March 8.

## Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 — You Shall Be Holy

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. 9 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. 10 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. 11 "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. 13 "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. 14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. 15 "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. 17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## I Corinthians 3:10-23 — Our Foundation is Jesus

10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. 16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. 18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," 20 and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." 21 So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, 23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:33-48

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th Chapter.  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

33 “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ 34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil. 38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014**  
**Eve of Epiphany VII - 6 pm**

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

## Emmanuel Snow & Game Day

Almost three dozen Servants of Emmanuel enjoyed some fun in the sun /SON at Quarry Hill Nature Center on Sunday, February 16. God blessed us with some fresh snow and delightful weather. In addition to cross country skiing and snowshoeing, wonderful snacks and excellent conversation were enjoyed. Thanks to everyone who attended. Special thanks to Fred Morck, Darald & Leitha Bothun, and Kari Richards for organizing this fellowship event.

## Shrove Tuesday—March 4

Shrove (Fat) Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began. As far back as 1000 AD, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions. Shrove Tuesday also marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. If a family had a store of these foods they would certainly spoil by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do? Make some Pancakes & Pastries. In New Orleans they call this day Mardi Gras.



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Mon, Feb. 24 at 1 pm  
Women's Bible Study at  
Margaret Quam's
- Tuesday, February 25  
Men's Bible Study Bkft.  
at Charlie's (8 am)
- Sat, March 1 @ 6 pm  
Transfiguration Worship
- Sun, March 2—Host the  
Coffee Hour at Oasis
- March 4: Fat Tuesday at  
Pastor Dave & Julie's  
French Toast & Pastries
- Wed, March 5 @ 6 pm  
Ash Wednesday Worship
- Sat, March 8 (10-1)  
Project Linus at Oasis
- Mar. 29: Emmanuel  
Lutheran of Grafton, IA.  
Choir: Musical offering