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The Prayers

A: As we await the advent of our King and Savior, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

Silence for reflection.

A: Eternal God, extend your power to us as we prepare to meet the One who is coming to be our hope. Give us the assurance that our sins will be forgiven by Him who comes to make us blameless as we prepare for the New Day He will bring. Strengthen our resolve to serve Him with pure and dedicated lives. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Enable us to wait patiently, O Lord, for your Son’s coming. Forgive us and give us the promise of His mercy in our lives. Strengthen our resolve to be ready when He does appear, and grant us peace when the Star in the East announces His coming. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Eternal giver of light and love, prepare our hearts for the coming of the One who will enable us to enter the promised kingdom which He will proclaim. Strengthen our resolve to meet Him when He comes. Remove from our lives all that would deter us from finding Him when He comes. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Ever present Lord, bless us in this place where we gather to hear your Word and enjoy your Presence, and bless those guests among us who have found this place and share with us your love and forgiveness. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord of the nations, bring reconciliation among those in places of unrest and hatred, especially in the Middle East, where our Lord walked and taught, was born and gave His life for our salvation, and rose again in victory. Protect those who are persecuted for your name’s sake; comfort and strengthen them. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

A: God of comfort and healing, touch with your healing hand those who are sick and broken; bring comfort and reassurance to the dying, strength to caregivers, and hope for all who are in distress of any kind. Especially we remember at this time those who we name aloud or in our hearts . . . (NAMES). Remind us that our prayers are heard and answered, and that you know these our needs before we ask them. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

Other prayers may be offered...

P: These things, and all for which we pray, we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Psalm 122—responsively

L: I was glad when they said to me,

C: "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

L: Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

C: Jerusalem--built as a city that is bound firmly together,

L: To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,

C: As was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

L: There thrones for judgment were set,

C: The thrones of the house of David.

L: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

C: "May they be secure who love you!"

L: Peace be within your walls & security within your towers!"

C: For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

L: For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,

C: I will seek your good.

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

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Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader: Rachel Carl

Usher: Arne Nelson & Larry Vomhof

Prayers & Communion Assistant: Lee Pearce

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Amber & Joe Konop

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**Worship—Eve of
Advent One
Nov. 30, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements—*Lighting of Advent Candle*

Prayer: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek the ways of your justice and peace, for the night is past and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from our sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when He comes, and welcome Him into our hearts and homes, for He is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And Also with you.

P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Bulletin Page 4

Work Wanted: Waiting for a call, Pastor Fred Morek (507-876-2585 or 218-371-5647) is seeking part-time work (carpentry, painting, remodeling, etc). Thanks for helping Fred out!

Calling All Busy Women! A DVD Bible Study began on Monday, Nov. 18 at the home of Margaret Quam (304—15th Ave. S.W.), with 12 women attending. Based on the Book of Proverbs the study is called, “Simplify Your Life”. Women are meeting twice a month from 1:00-2:30 pm on Mondays. The next meeting is Dec. 2. Contact Kari Richards for more information..

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, December 3. Our Bible Readings for Advent II are: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; and Matthew 3:1-12.

Bell Ringing: Servants of Emmanuel are ringing bells in support of the Salvation Army Kettle Collection. Contact Lee Pearce for available dates, places and times. Thanks for serving.

Dessert Benefit Concert: Oasis Church is hosting a fundraiser on Sunday, Dec. 8 (6:30 pm) in support of Supermarket Saturday. Tasty desserts & Christmas music: Crossroads Chorale & Brassworks. Tickets are free, but reservations are required. A freewill offering and non-perishable food items will be received.

Getting To Know You: Carol Olson is writing monthly articles for our church newsletter featuring the faith stories and life journeys of our members. When Carol contacts you, please participate. The December Newsletter features Don & Peg Holtan.

ESV Study Bibles: Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to purchase an ESV Study Bible at a reduced price.

Isaiah 2:1-5...The Mountain of the Lord

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, 3 and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Romans 13:8-14...Fulfilling the Law Through Love

8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. 11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Gospel Reading—Matthew 24:36-51

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 24th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

36"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. 45 "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? 46 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 47 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 48 But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed,' 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know 51 and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013
Eve of Advent One—6 pm**

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

ADVENT THANKSGIVING

We pray you are having a safe and blessed Thanksgiving Weekend. As we enter the Season of Advent we are giving THANKS to Christ our King, who is our Light and our Salvation. Advent's color is BLUE, the color of hope. In Christ we are homing in hope! During the Days of Advent, may God prepare a way into our hearts and give us the joy of Emmanuel. We await the coming of Jesus in daily life in the needs of our neighbors. We await the END TIME coming of Jesus. We await the coming of Christ in Word and Sacrament. We await the Advent of God in the Nativity of our Lord. Blessed Advent to you and yours!

WELCOME

We are delighted to have Pastor Tim with us tonight, leading us in worship and sharing with us the gifts of Word and Sacrament. Pastor Tim provided on-going pulpit supply for Emmanuel prior to the arrival of Pastor Steffenson.

December Newsletter

The Emmanuel Epistle is available in print and online.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat. Nov. 30 @ 6 pm
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Tim Duesenberg
LBW Setting II Liturgy
- Mon. Dec. 2 @ 1 pm
Women's Bible Study
at the home of Margaret Quam
- Tues., Dec. 3 at 8 am
Men's Bible Study
Breakfast at Charlie's
- Sunday, December 8
at 6:30 pm—Dessert
Concert in support of
Supermarket Saturday
- Tues. Dec. 17 @ 10
am—Council Mtg.
Discussing the 2014
Mission Plan Budget
- Dec. 24 @ 6 pm
Christmas Eve
Worship