

\*Hymn of the Day: “Children of the Heavenly Father” #201

\*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, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and 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, and 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. (Share God’s peace with one another.)**

Offering - *Music by P.J. Stohlmann*

\*Offertory Prayer:

P: God, our Creator, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will & walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Eucharistic Prayer for “Sundays after Pentecost”

\*Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version*

*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 & salvation.” We practice Intinction at Emmanuel Lutheran. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) & dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ).*

**Communion Hymn: “Let Us Break Bread Together” #83**

\*Table Blessing

\*Closing Prayers

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\*Benediction

**\*Sending Hymn: “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” #249**

\*Dismissal

Postlude

*Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word & Sacrament is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit & marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life!*

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## CLOSING PRAYERS

A: Lord God, heavenly Father, You send pastors as watchmen. Let them be ever faithful in calling sinners to repentance and joyfully announcing Your forgiveness to those who heed their warning. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Almighty God, You are the ultimate authority. Thank You for good government and those with authority over us. Guide them in using their authority according to Your will, and help us to be obedient. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Gracious Father, you have made us kids of Your kingdom. Grant that we may humbly serve you and not be a stumbling block to others. Lord in Your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Merciful Lord, look with compassion upon those who are struggling with illness, grief, loneliness, and mental or spiritual malady [especially **NAMES**]. Reassure them of Your love, which is like that of the shepherd who seeks and saves the one lost sheep. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, Almighty Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

*Pianist: P.J. Stohlmann*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Larry Vomhof*

*Communion Server: Jenna Serr*

*Treats: Jenna Serr*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Ushers: Matt Serr (Nora & Scarlett) & Jim Siebenaler (Addison)*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*

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**Worship**  
**Pentecost 14**  
**Sept. 9, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**

## RALLY DAY - ReClaim Hymnal “Service of Word & Sacrament”

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn: “God Is So Good”**

**#27**

**\*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: You are the treasured people of the LORD,

**C: A people holy to the LORD your God.**

P: Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home & when you are away, when you lie down & when you rise.**

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Lesson: Romans 13:1-10

**\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20**

Children’s Message: “How Much Do I Owe?”

Sermon: “Kids of the Kingdom”

Rev. David Steffenson

**Prayer of the Day:** God of grace, through your Son you have reconciled your creation to yourself. Still, we continue to find ways to divide and destroy the unity you intend for us. Preserve your church that, assured of Christ's presence among us, we may exemplify the peace and reconciliation that can only come from you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Ezekiel 33:7-9 — Watchmen**

7 So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Romans 13:1-10 — The Debt We Owe**

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. 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," & 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading — Matthew 18:1-20**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 18th Chapter.

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

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. 7 Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! 8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. 10 See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. 15 If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# The Emmanuel Weekly

September 9, 2017  
Pentecost 14 - 6 pm

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

## Welcome to RALLY DAY!

It's time to Rally, to come together for Faith Formation & Christian Education. Each week from 5:10-5:50pm, our little ones will be learning Bible Stories that correspond to our Scripture lessons for worship. Confirmation Youth (grades 3-8) will be reading the Chronicles of Narnia with Pastor. Adults will participate in **GIFT - Growing In Faith Together**, equipping them for faith conversations in the home and in the world. Join us!

## **“Secrets for Lifelong Romance” Marriage Conference**

Cost: \$79.00 per couple if registered by Oct. 13. Scholarships available.  
Location: Autumn Ridge Church Sanctuary (Rochester, MN).  
Dates: Friday, October 27 (6:00-8:30pm) & Saturday, October 28 (7:30am-12:00 Noon). See Flier!

**The September Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, the “Our Daily Bread Devotional”.**



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, September 9 Rally Day—Saturday School & G.I.F.T. @ 5:10pm; Pentecost 14 Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, September 10 Pastor Dave preaching in Allison, Iowa (8:30am)
- Tues, Sept. 12 — Men's Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Thurs, Sept. 14 (1pm) Women's Bible Study
- Friday, Sept. 15 — Clergy Faithfulness Mtg. (12:00 Noon)
- Sat, Sept. 16 — Iowa Mission District Mtg. (9am-3pm); G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Worship (Pentecost 15) at 6pm

**Communication Cards/Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also being used as visitor & communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation and ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members & visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Each week, Emmanuel Men meet on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study & Coffee. We are currently reading & discussing the Bible (Genesis-Revelation). Read pages 892-896 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 255 — September 12) in preparation for this week's study (i.e. Isaiah 14:1-1614; II Corinthians 12:1121; & Psalm 107:1-9).

**Women's Afternoon Bible Study Group:** Women of Emmanuel are studying the Book of Acts this year. The Book of Acts is Volume 2 of Saint Luke's proclamation of Jesus and His Church. Scholars refer to the Book of Acts as the “Acts of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church”. What does it mean to be the Church, the Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit for witnessing in God's World? The Book of Acts teaches us what it means to be missionaries, ignited by the mighty rushing wind of God. The next session is Thursday, Sept. 14 at 1pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall.

**Women's Evening Bible Study Group:** This year “Lady Light” will be looking at “Holy Christian Marriage & Family” through the lens of Scripture and the lives of Martin Luther and his wife Katie. Women will meet at the home of Katie Siebenaler once a month for 60 minutes, beginning on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30pm.

**Worship at Madonna Towers:** Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Service will be on Wednesday, September 20 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

Saturday, September 16: Iowa Mission District Convocation at Old East Paint Creek Lutheran in Waukon, Iowa from 8am-3pm. Our delegates attending with Pastor Dave are Darald & Leitha Bothun.

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