

**\*Hymn of the Day: “How Great Thou Art”**

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**\*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 - *“It Is No Secret” by Don & Peg Holtan*

\*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 your 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: “In the Garden”**

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\*Table Blessing

\*Closing Prayers

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\*Benediction

**\*Sending Hymn: “I Love to Tell the Story”**

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\*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: Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of His Church and for all people as they have need.

*Brief silence*

A: Heavenly Father, imprint the blessed image of your dear Son upon the Church. Conform its worship, teaching, fellowship and acts of charity to his likeness. By faithful proclamation of your holy Word, and through right administration your holy Sacraments, grant that the Church may lead many people from vain idols to life-giving trust in you, the true and only God. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: God our Father, You have appointed on earth governments and institutions that are accountable to You. Bless our nation and those in authority over us, and teach us to be good and faithful citizens who willingly supply the resources needed to provide for the common good. Though we are quick to judge and condemn what we dislike, give us patience and wisdom, that we may encourage and support those who carry the heavy mantle of leadership. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Merciful Lord, look with compassion upon those who are struggling with illness, grief, & loneliness [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:**

*Musicians: Don & Peg Holtan*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Lee Pearce*

*Communion Server: Lee Pearce*

*Treats: Judy Pearce*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Ushers: Darald & Leitha Bothun*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*



**Worship  
Pentecost 20  
October 21, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

## ReClaim Hymnal

### “Service of Word & Sacrament”

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude—**Call to Worship: “I Saw the Light”**

Welcome/Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn: “Just As I AM”**

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**\*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: Isaiah 45:1-7

Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

**\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**

Children’s Message: “It’s a Trap”

Sermon: “God & Country”

Rev. David Steffenson

**Prayer of the Day:** Bountiful God, you set a table before us and nourish us with the bread of life, your Son, Jesus. Send us out with joyful thanksgiving to share this bread of life with others. Keep us in your grace until we feast at last at the banquet that is to come; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Isaiah 45:1-7 — God’s Servant Cyrus**

1 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 2 “I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. 4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. 5 I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, 6 that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. 7 I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **I Thessalonians 1:1-10 — Thanksgiving**

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he

raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading — Matthew 22:15-22**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 22nd Chapter.

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

15 The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his words. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” 21 They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Reformation Sunday Prayer Walk (3pm) and Potluck (5pm):**

Save the Date: Sunday, October 29. We’ll begin our prayer walk at Oasis Church (3pm) and enjoy a potluck supper (5pm) at the residence of Dick and Nancy Stanley (The Homestead of Rochester). Members of Emmanuel are invited to bring a dish to share with their church family. This year is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

**2017 Emmanuel Picture Directory:** Every 2 years Emmanuel updates its picture directory. This year’s directory will have the added feature of an historical narrative of our life together as a mission church. Julie Steffenson, Leitha Bothun, and Deb Vomhof are collecting photos of church activities. Members of Emmanuel are asked to submit a family picture or to have one taken at Church.

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**October 21, 2017**  
**Pentecost 20 - 6 pm**

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

## **THANK YOU!**

We are grateful to Don & Peg Holtan who are leading us in worship tonight and providing gifts of music! Thank you for helping us to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s!

## **500 years of Reformation**

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the Castle Church Door in Wittenberg, Germany. 500 years later we continue to celebrate the freedom of the Gospel and the gift of Justification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. Join us on October 28 for Reformation Worship.

## **Emmanuel Nominating Committee**

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

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

**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.

**Salvation Army Kick-Off:** We need bell ringers for the Red Kettle fundraiser Kick-Off on Saturday, November 18th! Emmanuel will staff the two doors at Hy-Vee West (the newest store on West Circle Drive) from 9am til 5pm. Please contact Lee Pearce to reserve your time. Blessed are they who serve Emmanuel to the praise of God!

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.** — Education for all ages is offered each Saturday night before worship at 5:10pm. Youth ages 3-grade 2 are meeting with Julie (Bible Stories) in the basement; Youth grades 3-8ff are meeting with Pastor Dave (Chronicles of Narnia) in the basement; Adults are meeting in the Fellowship Hall (Portraits from the Life of Luther). The Gathering Space is available for conversation, the Worship Space for meditation, & the Nursery for child care.

**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 1050-1053 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 297 — October 24) in preparation for this week’s study (Jeremiah 46:1-47:7; II Timothy 3; & Psalm 119: 89-96).

**Women’s Afternoon Bible Study Group:** Women of Emmanuel are studying the Book of Acts this year. 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. Next session: Thursday, November 2 at 1pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Read Acts 10-12 (Pentecost to the Gentiles).

**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 Services will be on Wednesdays November 1& 15 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sat, Oct. 21 — G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Pentecost 20 Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, Oct. 22 - Pastor preaching in Rushford
- Tues, Oct. 24 — Men’s Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Thurs, October 26 - New Life Gala Event (6pm)
- Friday-Saturday, October 27-28: Marriage Event at Autumn Ridge Church
- Sat, Oct. 28 — G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Reformation Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, October 29 Prayer Walk (3pm) and Potluck (5pm)