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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: Each petition ends with...Lord in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **“O God, We Yearn for Safety” To the tune of “O Jesus, I Have Promised”**

*O God, we yearn for safety; We long to be secure.  
Yet faithful, loving service, Is what you value more.  
You give us what is needed; You love, forgive and save.  
Then, sending us to serve you, You call us to be brave.*

*You give to some ten talents - to others, two or three;  
To some you give one blessing, To manage faithfully.  
For you, O Lord, are loving, And don't demand success;  
You daily call your people, To lives of faithfulness.*

*You give your church the gospel, Good news for us to share.  
You give us great compassion, For neighbors everywhere.  
You give us skills to serve you, And loving work to do.  
We're blest to be a blessing, And called to risk for you.*

*O God, it seems much safer, To live from day to day,  
Protecting what you lend us, And hiding it away.  
Yet all these gifts can't flourish, When hidden in the ground;  
When we are brave to share them Your blessings will abound.*

*O Jesus, you have promised, To all who follow you,  
That where you are in glory, Your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus I have promised, To serve you to the end;  
Oh, give me grace to follow, My master and my friend.*

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**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! May the power of the Holy Spirit equip the saints for Witness in the World!

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**Psalm 90—responsively**

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**C: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth & the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

L: You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**C: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

L: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

**C: In the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

L: For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

**C: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

L: For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**C: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

L: Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**C: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

L: Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

**C: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

L: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

**C: Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.**

L: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

**C: Yes, establish the work of our hands!**



**Worship  
Eve of  
Pentecost 23  
November 15,  
2014**

**6:00 p.m.**

**With One Voice: Bread of Life Liturgy**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

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\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And Also with you.**

P: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

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Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 5:1-11

\*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 31

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Children's Message: "Talent Show"

Sermon: "How Are You Managing?" Pastor Dave Steffenson

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Weekly fellowship around God's Word at 8 am Tuesdays at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW). Join us in being Evangelical. Invite a friend. Share the Good News! We will meet on Tuesday, November 18 & discuss the readings for Christ the King: Ezek. 34:11-24 ; Psalm 95:1-7a; Eph. 1:15-23; and Matthew 25:31-46.

**Women's Bible Study:** Pastor Dave is leading an Eight Session Study on I Corinthians. Women of Emmanuel Lutheran & Oasis Baptist are gathering on Wednesday afternoons (1:00-2:30 p.m.), twice each month, for a 21st Century look at St. Paul's letter to the Church in Corinth. The Church in Corinth had its share of problems. Instead of living as resurrection people and infiltrating the culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the church was accommodating itself to culture and swallowing paganism hook, line, and sinker. Written in Ephesus around 55 A.D., Paul could have been addressing the Church in the USA in the year 2014. **Remaining Dates:** November 19; December 3 & 17.

**Confirmation for Youth (grades 4-9):** Thursday Nights from 6:45-8 p.m. Youth are reading C.S. Lewis' Prequel, "The Magician's Nephew". Remaining Class Date: November 20. We've learned the story of Redemption. Now we'll learn about Creation & Fall.

**Saturday School: 5:10 p.m.**—Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays prior to Worship! Each week we'll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/Craft and a snack (kid friendly). PLEASE NOTE: We will not meet for Saturday School on Nov. 29th—Thanksgiving Weekend. Also, if anyone has any ideas for a more 'exciting' name for Saturday School—we'd love to hear it!! Contact Julie Steffenson for more information or to share your ideas: (507)-206-3048.

**Benefit Concert:** Friday, December 5 at 7 p.m. at Oasis Church. Free Tickets. Reservations required. Jill Herringshaw will perform her own presentation of "Mary, Mother of All Joys" along with her daughter Emily! Monetary gifts and non-perishable food items are encouraged to benefit Oasis' Supermarket Saturday food shelf with Channel One.

**Bell Ringing**—One of Emmanuel's Ministry Partnerships is the Salvation Army. For a second year in a row, we are ringing bells and sharing the good news of Christmas with our neighbors. Lee Pearce is coordinating this activity. This year's dates and locations are as follows:

- \* Saturday, Nov. 29 from 1-3pm at Shopko North (Pharmacy Door entrance).—**FILLED!**
- \* Saturday, Dec. 6 from 11am-1pm at Hy-Vee North (37th St.)
- \* Thursday, Dec. 11 from 1-3pm at Hobby Lobby—**FILLED!**
- \* Monday, Dec. 22 from 11am-1pm at Shopko North (Pharmacy Door entrance).

Contact Lee if you would like to ring those bells!

## **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 — The Day of the LORD is Near**

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' 13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealousy, all the inhabitants of the earth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **I Thessalonians 5:1-11—The Day of the Lord**

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th. Chapter.

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

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014**  
**Eve of Pentecost 23 - 6 pm**

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

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

Pianist: Mandy Lambrecht  
Scripture Reader, Communion Server &  
Prayers: Jenna Serr  
Set-up: Julie Steffenson  
Take Down: Janet Sunde  
Ushers: Rich Sunde & LeRoy Quam  
Coffee: Peg Holtan      Sound: Don Holtan  
Treats: Judy Pearce

**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 and 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.

### **Wednesday, November 26 @ 6:00pm:**

Thanksgiving Worship with the Lord's Supper followed by a pie social. Bring a pie or dessert to share with your church family and enjoy the gift of Christian Table Fellowship.



### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Saturday, Nov. 15  
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Worship @ 6pm
- Tues, Nov. 18—Men's Bible Study Bkft. @ 8am
- Wed, Nov. 19 @ 1pm  
Women's Bible Study on I Corinthians 9-11
- Thursday, Nov. 20  
10am—La Crosse Pastor's Mtg.; 6:45pm  
Confirmation Class
- Friday, Nov. 21 -7:30pm  
IHN Family Promise Choir @ Bethel Lutheran
- Saturday, November 22  
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Pentecost 23  
Worship @ 6:00pm
- Sunday, November 23  
Pastor Dave at FLC in St. Ansgar, IA.