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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: For the whole Church throughout the world, and for this congregation: that by the power of the Spirit, the Word may take root and grow and produce abundantly for the healing and salvation of many. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: For the ministers of the Church: that they may scatter the seed of your Word far and wide, trusting in your power to bring forth a rich harvest of peace and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: For the persecuted Church: that remembering the eternal house of God not made with hands, they may persuade others with their reverent fear of the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: For the leaders and peoples of the world, for all first responders, officers of the peace, and those in the armed forces of our country: that the blessings of peace and justice may be known in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: For those who sow in the fields, for those who reap the produce, & for all those who work in any way to provide food for your people: that they may be strengthened in their work & be given their share of the gifts of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: For those in any need of body, mind, or spirit; for those who groan, longing to put on their heavenly dwelling: that they may be given healing, relief, and good courage. Hear our prayers for those we name before you upon our lips and in the silence of our hearts (*NAMES*) Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We give you thanks, O God, for those who are at home with the Lord, for whom all that is mortal has been swallowed up by life. May the reconciliation in Christ be our hope, and bring us to that day of harvest when, safe from all harm, we shall rest in the kingdom of God. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

Psalm 92:1-15—responsively

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
C: To sing praises to your name, O Most High;
L: To declare your steadfast love in the morning,
C: And your faithfulness by night,
L: To the music of the lute and the harp,
C: To the melody of the lyre.
L: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
C: At the works of your hands I sing for joy.
L: How great are your works, O Lord!
C: Your thoughts are very deep!
L: The stupid man cannot know;
C: The fool cannot understand this:
L: That though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are doomed to destruction forever;
C: But you, O Lord, are on high forever.
L: For behold, your enemies, O Lord, for behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.
C: But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.
L: My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;
C: My ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.
L: The righteous flourish like the palm tree
C: And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
L: They are planted in the house of the Lord;
C: They flourish in the courts of our God.
L: They still bear fruit in old age;
C: They are ever full of sap and green,
L: To declare that the Lord is upright;
C: He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship
Pentecost III
June 13, 2015
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: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth & love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24

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Second Lesson: II Corinthians 5:1-10

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 83

*Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Children’s Message: “Small is BIG”

Sermon: “God’s Kingdom Comes” Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: “For the Fruit of All Creation” **INSERT**

THANKS: We will be dedicating through use two new gifts to Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Janet and Rich Sunde have purchased a new hymnal cart; Julie Steffenson has sewn a new pulpit parament for the green seasons of Pentecost and Epiphany. Soli Deo Gloria!

Women's Bible Study: "Practicing Resurrection!" Women of Emmanuel & their friends are studying Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus and practicing the gift of resurrection in daily life. Participants meet twice each month (Final Session: June 24) on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Join us as we keep company with Jesus & walk wet with the sign of salvation upon us.

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, June 16. Our Bible Readings for Pentecost IV are: Job 38:1-11; Ps. 124; II Corinthians 6:1-13; & Mark 4:35-41.

SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS WITH EMMANUEL

Its official! December may seem like a long way off, but time flies when you're having Gospel Fun. As you begin to make your family plans for Christmas 2015, please note that Emmanuel Lutheran will be having Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 p.m. at Oasis Church. Oasis will be worshipping at 6:00 p.m. One of our goals for 2015 is to have at least 100 people in worship on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus. **Christmas with Emmanuel!** Our big goal is 200 people in Worship. All things are possible with God. Now is the time to share good news with family & friends, neighbors and co-workers. Invite your loved ones to join you for Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship as we sing carols & celebrate the Incarnation in Word and Sacrament. Imagine a packed house singing praises to Emmanuel - God with us!

"Our Daily Bread" Devotional Books: Psalm 119:105 reminds us that God's Word is lamp to our feet and a light to our paths. One of the Marks of Discipleship is a daily engagement with God's Word through daily devotions. Quarterly, "Our Daily Bread" is published and available for individual or group use. The June-August issue is available. Pick up your copy on the back table. Share a copy with a friend.

Ezekiel 17:22-24 — Because God Says So!

22 Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. 23 On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

II Corinthians 5:1-10 — Our Heavenly Dwelling

1 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, 3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. 4 For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 4:26-34

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 4th. Chapter.

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

26 And Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. 28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." 30 And Jesus said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. 34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Larry Vomhof

Ushers: Rich Sunde & Matt/Jenna Serr

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Janet Sunde

Sound: Don Holtan

Communion Server: Julie Steffenson

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

Prayer Time: Thursdays at Oasis Church from 11:00-11:30am in Pastor Dan's office. This is a small group opportunity for Emmanuel members to join members of Oasis in a shared time of prayer. Fridays at 9:30am—Ecumenical opportunity for praying for persecuted Christians around the world.

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, June 13, 2015

Pentecost III - 6 pm

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

Tentative Summer Happenings

Several summer events are in the works. We'll keep you posted as tentative plans become actual happenings. Details forthcoming!

Sat, June 27 at 6pm—Mission Festival Worship with guest missionaries, Rev. Jim & Diane Wagner (International Church Vilnius, Lithuania).

Sat, July 4 at 6pm—Patriotic Worship
Sunday, August 23—Emmanuel Picnic at the home of Larry & Deb Vomhof.

Sat, August 29 at 6pm—Bible Saturday, celebrating the gift of God's Word.

*Creating a Church Picture Directory!

We are Praying this Month for Elton Hills Elementary School, it's teachers, staff and students. Treats were delivered on Wednesday, June 3.

**The June Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are
both available in print!**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, June 13
Pentecost III Worship @ 6pm
- Sunday, June 14—Pastor Dave at Rushford Lutheran Church
- Tues, June 16—Men's Bible Study Breakfast @ Charlie's (8am); Council Mtg. @ 10am
- Thurs, June 18—Oasis Prayer at 11am
- Friday, June 19—Prayers for Persecuted Christians at 9:30am
- Sat, June 20—Pentecost IV Worship @ 6pm
- Sunday, June 21—Pastor Dave @ Rushford Lutheran Church