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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 One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, that it might be a sign of the kingdom of heaven here on earth and a means of preserving and proclaiming God’s saving Gospel to all the world; Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For God’s people throughout the world that we might come to live more faithfully, trusting that all things work for good for those called according to His purpose: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For those who govern our communities, for those who protect us from danger, and for those who serve our nation around the world in pursuit of peace, that they might know that our Heavenly Father watches over them each day; Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For those we know and those unknown to us who are experiencing illness of body, mind or spirit, [especially those we now name before you]. That they might know that nothing separates us from the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord; Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For those who mourn, that they might be comforted with the peace that comes through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May they live with the sure and certain hope that all who die in the Lord will rejoice with the Lord in God’s heavenly kingdom; Lord, in your mercy,

A: For the North American Lutheran Church, Bishop John Bradosky and his staff, all clergy and lay leaders that we may be the church you intend us to be, glorifying the Father and serving the neighbor; 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.**

*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](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org).

**Psalm 119:129-136—responsively**

L: Your testimonies are wonderful;

**C: Therefore my soul keeps them.**

L: The unfolding of your words gives light;

**C: It imparts understanding to the simple.**

L: I open my mouth and pant,

**C: Because I long for your commandments.**

L: Turn to me and be gracious to me,

**C: As is your way with those who love your name.**

L: Keep steady my steps according to your promise,

**C: And let no iniquity get dominion over me.**

L: Redeem me from man's oppression,

**C: That I may keep your precepts.**

L: Make your face shine upon your servant,

**C: And teach me your statutes.**

L: My eyes shed streams of tears,

**C: Because people do not keep your law.**

**WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Fred Morck*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Ushers: Arne Nelson & Larry Vomhof*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Light Meal: Judy Pearce (Please join us for our Emmanuel Huddle!)*

**NOTE: The North American Lutheran Church's Seminary (NALS) now has a website. Visit: [www.thenals.org](http://www.thenals.org)**



**Worship  
Eve of  
Pentecost VII  
July 26, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

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

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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\*Gathering Song: "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" #770

\*Greeting Page 28

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\*Hymn of Praise (I = Men; II = Women) Page 29f

\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And Also with you.**

P: O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: I Kings 3:5-12

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Second Lesson: Romans 8:26-39

\*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 31

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Children's Message: "X Marks the Spot"

Sermon: "The Kingdom of Heaven Is" Pastor Dave Steffenson

**Emmanuel Church Picnic:** Deb and Larry Vomhof are hosting a congregational picnic at their house (11530 Hwy. 52 S.E., Chatfield, MN) on Sunday, August 3. Emmanuel members and friends are invited to participate in a fun day of food and Christian fellowship. We hope you can join us.

**Time:** Arrive after 11:30 a.m. We will eat at 12:00 Noon.

**Bring:** A dish to pass, & chips. Vomhofs are graciously providing hamburgers, brats, & hotdogs, along with the fixings. Coffee & Lemonade will also be provided. Bring additional beverages if you wish.

**Activities:** Vomhofs have a pool, so bring swimsuits, towels, lifejackets, and blowup tubes. Enjoy conversation, and outdoor games. Make a new friend.

**Directions:** From Oasis Church—travel on U.S. 52 South approximately 20 miles. Destination will be on the right; about 5 miles from Marion between the 2 county road 7's. Watch for the balloons.

**Women's Bible Study:** Pastor Dave & Julie are leading a nine session Bible Study on the Discipleship Parables of Jesus. Women meet at Oasis Church, twice a month, on Mondays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Our next Meeting (Session 7) is July 28. We will be studying Luke 14:7-14—"Invitations". Bring (Invite) a friend.

**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, July 29 & discuss the readings for Pentecost VIII: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; & Matthew 14:13-21.

**Housing Request:** Pastor Fred Morck (Cell: 218-371-5647); may need to move from Potsdam Parsonage (507) 876-2585 to Rochester, late July or August. If you know of someone with a house or a 3 bedroom apartment to rent within a walk or short drive of Oasis Church, please contact Pastor Fred Morck. [frederick.morck@ecunet.org](mailto:frederick.morck@ecunet.org).

**Oasis Women's Retreat:** "Loved Beyond Measure". The Women of Oasis Church have invited the women of Emmanuel Lutheran to join them at Camp Victory for their annual Women's Retreat on Friday (5:30 pm)--Saturday (3 pm), September 12-13. Cost is \$55.00 which includes three meals and overnight lodging; or come only on Saturday (\$30.00).

**Council Highlights (July 15):** Emmanuel received certification of inclusion in the Federal Income Tax Exemption granted to the NALC. The Jim Nestingen DVD series (Lutheran Theology) has been received and will be used this Fall. An Emmanuel Huddle will take place on Saturday, July 26 following worship, with a light meal. ReClaim hymnals have been purchased and will be used in September. Church Council will generally meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

## I Kings 3:5-12—Asking for Wisdom

5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." 6 And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. 7 And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Romans 8:26-39—God's Everlasting Love

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died--more than that, who was raised--who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th. Chapter.

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

31 Jesus put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." 33 He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." ... 44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, 46 who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. 47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. 48 When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. 49 So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous 50 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." 52 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, July 26, 2014**  
**Eve of Pentecost VII - 6 pm**

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

## THE TRUTH PROJECT

Focus on the Family DVD Series!  
Equipping the Saints with a Biblical  
Worldview for bearing witness to Jesus.  
13 weeks, on Sunday mornings, at Oasis

10:30 a.m.—Coffee & Fellowship

10:50 a.m.—DVD Segment

11:50 a.m.—Discussion

12:20—Closing & Prayer

12:30 p.m.—Departure

DATES: **July 27, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, &  
Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28.**

## EMMANUEL HUDDLE TONIGHT

Saturday, July 26 following worship.  
Report on the NALC Convocation, &  
Mid-Year Review of our Mission Plan  
Budget. Opportunity for questions and  
answers. Plans for the fall. Judy Pearce  
is serving a light meal. Please join us.

**August Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter  
and Prayer Calendar are available!**



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, July 26 @ 6pm  
Pentecost VII Worship  
followed by Emmanuel  
Huddle & light meal
- Sun, July 27 - Truth  
Project at Oasis Church
- Monday, July 28 @ 1 pm  
Women's Bible Study
- Tuesday, July 29 @ 8am  
Men's Bible Study Bkft.
- Sat, August 2 @ 6pm  
Pentecost VIII  
Emmanuel Worship
- Sunday, August 3 @  
12:00 Noon—Emmanuel  
Picnic at Vomhof's
- Tuesday, August 12  
@10am—Council Mtg.
- Saturday, September 6  
Baptism of Scarlett Serr