

Second Lesson: Philemon 1:1-25

*Holy Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

Children's Message: "Full of Use"

Blessing of Backpacks - *See Insert*

Sermon: "What's the Price?"

Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #79

*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 MarJean*

*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 and 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) and dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ).

Communion Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #132

*Table Blessing

*Closing Prayers

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*Benediction

*Sending Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" #269

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*Dismissal

Postlude

CLOSING PRAYERS

A: Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Help us grow in our faith, that we may stand firmly in it. — *A brief silence*

A: Help us to walk in your way, following your commandments as we live our earthly life. Heal the sick & comfort the grieving (**names**). Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Guide us as we study and share your gospel with others. Help us be good disciples, making time to reach out as well as to participate in studies, so that we may continue to learn. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Give us rest from our labors that we may return to them with a new heart and mind. Let us do the best job we can in our professions no matter what they are, with your guidance. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: As we get closer to our nations elections, be with those of voting age. Help all citizens, elect officials that will serve honestly & will lead our country with you & your will in mind. 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.

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! Welcome to the GIFT of Fall!

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WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader, Prayers: Larry Vomhof

Communion Server: Lee Pearce

Ushers: LeRoy Quam & Bob Harms

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Treats: Judy Caudill

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Sound: Don Holtan

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends



**Worship
Pentecost XVI
Sept. 3, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

ReClaim Hymnal

“Service of Word & Sacrament”

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Hymn: “Earth & All Stars”**

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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:**

P: Let us pray. Mighty and merciful God, strengthen and uphold your church, that we may choose life. By your Spirit, guide us to walk in the ways of your Son, Jesus, and shed the encumbrances of excess possessions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 — Choose Life!

15 “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Philemon 1:1-25 — Paul’s Appeal to Philemon

1 Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved fellow worker 2 and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus & for all the saints, 6 and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. 7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. 8 Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, 9 yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — 10 I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. 11 (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you & to me.) 12 I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. 13 I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion

but of your own accord. 15 For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, 16 no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. 17 So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. 18 If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19 I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it — to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. 22 At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you. 23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, 24 and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers. 25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — Luke 14:25-35

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 14th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

25 Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], he turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. 34 Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? 35 It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Faith Practices! Signposts guide our way—Disciples pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and give generously.

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.

Saturday School 2016: It's time to Rally, to come together for faith formation & Christian Education. Kids will be learning Bible Stories matching our Scripture Texts each week from 5:10-5:50pm. Adults will participate in **GIFT - Growing In Faith Together** from 5:15-5:30pm; weekly faith conversations.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study & a continental breakfast. A new Study on Revelation has begun. Read Rev. 1.

Women's Bible Studies: Emmanuel Women will resume Bible Study in September with a new study on the Book of Revelation. An afternoon Study will be offered twice a month on Thursday afternoons at Oasis Church (1pm) beginning on September 8. An evening study will be offered once a month at the home of Katie Siebenaler beginning on Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30pm.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of Sept, we are praying for John Adams Middle School in Rochester & delivering Treats. Thanks for keeping the staff and the students of our local schools in your prayers. This ministry is supported by a Thrivent gift.

Madonna Towers Skilled Care Chapel: On the first & third Wednesdays of each month, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Services will be on Wednesdays, September 7 & 21 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

September 3, 2016
Pentecost XVI - 6 pm

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

Philemon 1:1-25

This N.T. Letter talks about what following Jesus cost both Philemon & Paul. It ended up costing Philemon the price of a slave. The cost to Paul was that he would repay what that cost Philemon. If Onesimus owes you anything, charge it to my account. (v18) The point of Paul's letter was that the slave should be set free because he was a child of God, bought with the price of a Savior's blood. Onesimus cost Jesus much more than Philemon and Paul combined.

**ORDER Your Emmanuel T-Shirts.
Half-Price Sale Deadline: Tonight!**

Mark Your Calendars!

- Saturday, September 10 (5:10pm): Saturday School *Rally Day*.
- Saturday, September 17: Iowa Mission District Convocation at Bethany Lutheran in Laurens, Iowa. Guest Speaker at Emmanuel Worship: Adam Morgan (Montreal, Quebec).

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, Sept. 3 Pentecost XVI Worship at 6pm (Backpack Blessing)
- Sunday, September 4 Pastor Dave preaching at Gift of Grace @ 9am
- Tues, Sept. 6 - Men's Bible Study Breakfast; New Location: Oasis Church (8am)
- Wed, Sept. 7 - Madonna Towers Worship (1pm) Council Mtg. at Pastor's House (5pm)
- Thurs, September 8 - Women's Bible Study at Oasis Church - 1pm
- Saturday, September 10 Rally Day—Saturday School @ 5:10pm; **GIFT** @ 5:15pm; Pentecost XVII Worship at 6pm

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER OF BLESSING - BACKPACKS

P: O Holy God, a new school year is about to begin. As these your children begin their studies, we ask a blessing on their backpacks in which they carry the books, markers, pens and pencils, and school supplies they will use to learn. O Lord of Life and Love,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Bless, O God, all who will teach our children in the coming days and weeks. Give them the wisdom to find inspiration for each child. Give them the energy and creativity and love that will make their work a blessing to our children. O Lord of Life and Love,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Bless, O God, all school Staff - principals, secretaries, custodians, cafeteria workers, and librarians that they may be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to their care. Fill them with a spirit of grace and compassion for students and coworkers. Grant them godly labor. O Lord of Life and Love,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Bless, O God, each one gathered here that we will seek every opportunity to grow in our knowledge and love of you and your Word - in all our church classes for youth and adult learners. Grant that we may follow you faithfully. O Lord of Life and Love,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Bless, O God, these our cherished children, those whom we have promised to love and nurture at their baptism. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their gifts. Grant that in their learning, they may grow in love and faith and service. O Lord of Life and Love,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Bless, O God, these backpacks and the children who carry them. Always be their Compass in Life. O Lord of Life and Love,

C: Amen.

EARTH & ALL STARS - by Rev. Herb Brokering (1964)

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army!
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain: He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

2. Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

3. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

4. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

5. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

6. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

7. Children of God, Dying and rising,
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting,
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**