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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Together let us pray to the God of hosts and planter of the vineyard for all people everywhere, according to their needs.

a brief silence

A: Lord, help us strive more every day to meet your expectations for us. As branches of your vine, may we be not produce sour grapes, but rather fruit that flourishes and grows to glorify your name in all the world.

Bring us back, O God,

C: Show us your mercy and we will be saved!

A: “Bring us back” whenever we stray off course and begin to rely on our own false righteousness, rather than the righteousness that comes as a gift from you through faith. Keep us focused on reaching for what is ahead and running straight for the goal — the goal that we can only find

in you. Bring us back, O God,

C: Show us your mercy and we will be saved!

A: We pray for your church, the priesthood of believers. Raise up leaders in congregations and other ministries who are faithful to your unchanging Word as they preach, teach and care for your flock. Guide them as they lead us in sharing the Gospel with others through word, deed and service. Bring us back, O God,

C: Show us your mercy and we will be saved!

A: We humbly ask your blessing upon the annual gathering of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ this week in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Iowa Mission District Convocation in Grafton, Iowa. Be with them as they come together for inspiration, fellowship, worship, networking and spiritual growth – and guide them according to your plan for your holy Church. Bring us back, O God,

C: Show us your mercy and we will be saved!

A: Loving God, we ask that you comfort your people who are hurting today: Those who are ill, those in pain, those who are hungry or cold, and those who live in sadness and despair. We especially ask your blessing today upon our neighbors . . . (*list names*) and those whom we name in our hearts. (*brief silence*) Bring us back, O God,

C: Show us your mercy and we will be saved!

A: We pray for those around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Especially during these times of violence in the Middle East and Africa, be with your children every moment. Protect and comfort them. Remind them that the stone that was rejected by the builder became the most important of all. Shower them with your love and encourage them in hope through your Holy Spirit. Bring us back, O God,

C: Show us your mercy and we will be saved!

A: Pour out your Spirit on those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Remind us that in you we have the promise of eternal life, as we thank you for each one who has touched our lives. Bring us back, O God,

C: Show us your mercy and we will be saved!

P: Now we commend all for whom we pray into your hands, trusting in you and knowing that we will be saved through your perfect love and endless mercy for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Psalm 80:7-15—responsively

L: Restore us, O God of hosts;

C: Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

L: You brought a vine out of Egypt;

C: You drove out the nations and planted it.

L: You cleared the ground for it;

C: It took deep root and filled the land.

L: The mountains were covered with its shade,

C: The mighty cedars with its branches.

L: It sent out its branches to the sea

C: And its shoots to the River.

L: Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

C: The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

L: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,

C: The stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

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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**Worship
Pentecost XVII
October 4, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

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P: Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 83

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Children’s Message: “An Offering”

Sermon: “God Presses On!” Rev. Dave Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: “For the Fruit of All Creation” #563

*Confession of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed” Page 85

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, October 7 & discuss the readings for Pentecost 18: Isaiah 25:1-9; Ps. 23; Philippians 4:1-9; & Matthew 22:1-14.

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:** Oct. 8, 22; Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 3 & 17.

Confirmation for Youth (grades 4-9): Thursday Nights from 7:00-8 p.m. Youth are reading C.S. Lewis' Prequel, "The Magician's Nephew". Remaining Class Dates: October 9, 23; & November 6, 13 & 20. We've learned the story of Redemption. Now we'll learn about Creation and 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).

Empty Bowls 2014: Thursday, October 9 from 11am-7pm at the Rochester Art Center. Join Channel One Regional Food Bank for this special 10th Anniversary celebration of Empty Bowls. Enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread provided by top local restaurants and bakeries. Attendance allows participants to choose donated hand-painted bowls as a take home memento of the event. Access to all Art Center exhibits and a silent auction will also be included.

Save the Date—Emmanuel will have its second annual Prayer Walk and Potluck on Reformation Sunday, October 26. Gather at Oasis Church at 2:45pm. Praying for the welfare of the City. Potluck at the Gramercy at 4:30pm. Please join us; invite a friend!

Ministry Opportunity—Oasis Church is looking for volunteers to help shovel/snow blow the church sidewalks this winter. If you are interested in being on an "ON-CALL" list please contact Ryan Hanson at rdhanson78@gmail.com or 507-226-5230. Training will be provided.

Isaiah 5:1-7—The Vineyard of the LORD Destroyed

1 Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Philippians 3:4b-14—Gain & Loss...Press On!

4b If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st. Chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

33 "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader, Prayers, & Communion: Carol Olson

Ushers: Rich Sunde & Darald Bothun

Set-up: Julie Steffenson Take-down: Janet Sunde

Coffee: Peg Holtan Sound: Don Holtan

Treats: Kari Richards & Ardis Christen

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, October 4, 2014
Pentecost XVII - 6 pm

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

Recap from Emmanuel Huddle: A special congregational meeting held on Sept. 27 ratified the NALC Constitutional change (Section 7.01) striking the words "in August," allowing for the Annual NALC Convocation to be held in months other than August each year. An unanimous ballot was cast by the seventeen voting members present. Meeting adjourned and the following items were discussed at the Huddle: Revised Constitutional and Bylaw proposals were distributed; 2015 Discipleship Covenants will be available on Nov. 29; Emmanuel has requested dual membership in both the Minkota & Iowa Mission Districts; Emmanuel Lutheran in Grafton will favor us with an Easter Cantata on April 18, 2015; Emmanuel will ring bells for the Salvation Army again his year; we also plan on participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

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CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, October 4
Saturday School at 5:10pm; Pentecost XVII
Worship at 6pm
- Monday, October 6
Pastor's Day off
- Tues, October 7—Men's
Bible Study Bkft. @ 8am
- Wed, October 8 @ 1pm
Women's Bible Study
- Thursday, October 9
Channel One Empty
Bowls from 11am-7pm;
Confirmation @ 7pm
- Sat, October 11 Iowa
Mission District @ 9am;
Saturday School @
5:10pm; Pentecost XVIII
Worship @ 6pm with
guest preacher: Rev.
Mike Lockerby
- Council Mtg.—Oct. 14