

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!

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader & Communion Server: Kari Richards

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Marcia Harms

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Cabe Siebenaler

Ushers: Cabe & Jim Siebenaler

WORSHIP NOTES:

Liturgy: Holden Evening Prayer, revised edition (*Please return Service Bulletin each week*)

Scripture: Jeremiah 11:18-23; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37

Song of the Day: “Children of the Heavenly Father” - ReClaim #201

Children’s Sermon: “Illustrations, Examples & Object Lessons”

Sermon: “Wisdom from Above”

Communion Song: “Jesus Loves Me” - ReClaim #258

Martyrs: “Living Witness” - Visit www.thenalc.org. Video & paper copies of the 2015 Lutheran Week Events in Dallas can be viewed by going to “Convocation” on the main navigation bar of the NALC website. Also, a 32 page August-September NALC Newsletter is available containing a detailed account of the Convocation.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015
Pentecost XVII - 6 pm

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

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Welcome to Rally Day at Emmanuel Lutheran Church! Jesus welcomed children & blessed them.. He invites us to do the same. Julie Steffenson has some great plans for the year ahead as our young people keep company with Jesus & carry the Word of God wherever they go! Thanks for making Christian Education a priority in you’re your family life.

Church Picture Directory!

Members of Emmanuel Lutheran are having their pictures taken for a Church Directory. Thanks for sharing a photo and your contact information with your church family. We hope to have the Directory printed & ready for distribution by the end of September. Church Directories are an excellent tool for communication & for prayer. There is still time to submit a photo.

**September Emmanuel Epistle
Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are
available! Also, pick up your copy of
Our Daily Bread Devotional for
September—November**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, September 19
Saturday School @
5:10pm; Pentecost XVII
Worship at 6pm;
Refreshments in Oasis
Fellowship Hall
- Tues, Sept. 22—Men’s
Bible Study Breakfast @
Charlie’s (8am)
- Wed, September 23
Women’s Bible Study at
1:00 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 25—Clergy
Faithfulness Mtg. (12:00
Noon) at Oasis Church
- Saturday, September 26
Saturday School @
5:10pm; Pentecost XVIII
Worship at 6pm
- Saturday, October 3
Turn in Emmanuel
Mission Roadmaps

Prayer of the Day: Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 11:18-23—The LORD of Hosts Executes Vengeance

18 Because the Lord revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. 19 I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, “Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” 20 But you, Lord Almighty, who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause. 21 Therefore this is what the Lord says about the people of Anathoth who are threatening to kill you, saying, “Do not prophesy in the name of the Lord or you will die by our hands”— 22 therefore this is what the Lord Almighty says: “I will punish them. Their young men will die by the sword, their sons and daughters by famine. 23 Not even a remnant will be left to them, because I will bring disaster on the people of Anathoth in the year of their punishment.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

James 3:13-4:10—Wisdom from Above

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. 4:1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet & cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.

You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched & mourn & weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, & he will exalt you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37—Illustration of a Child

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

30 [Jesus and his disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, 31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” 32 But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. 33 And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” 34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. 35 And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” 36 And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37 “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

“October Baby” Movie Night and Discussion—A college freshman's world is rocked when she learns she is the adopted survivor of a failed abortion. Embarking on a journey to discover her hidden past, Hannah discovers the true power of forgiveness, and learns that every life is beautiful. October Baby will be shown on Tuesday, October 6 at the St. James Coffee House (4156 18th Ave. NW.; across from Pax Christi) with discussion led by Rev. Fred Morck to follow (6:00-9:30 p.m.). **NOTE:** The Sunday, September 27 showing has been cancelled and may be rescheduled at a later date.

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, September 22 & discuss the readings for Pentecost 18: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 104:27-35; James 5:1-20; & Mark 9:38-50.

Women of the Word! The Women’s Bible Study has resumed for the Fall. Session 2 of the afternoon study will be held on Wednesday, September 23. We are studying famous Women in the Old Testament. An evening option may also be offered if there are interested women. Contact Pastor Steffenson if you are interested in hosting or participating in an evening study option.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of Sept. we are praying for Pinewood Elementary. Goodies were delivered this past Tuesday, as an expression of our love & gratitude. Our pianist, MarJean Damerval, is a music teacher at Pinewood Elementary.

Promise Keepers Men’s Conference: A Men’s Conference will be held at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, MN on October 9-10. Cost is \$59. Emmanuel Men, interested in participating, should contact Larry Vomhof for more information.

United Marriage Encounter is celebrating 40 years of ministry. Don’t take marriage for granted. Invest in your marriage and the marriages of others. Everybody wins when marriage gets better. An Encounter weekend for couples is taking place in Des Moines, Iowa on the weekend of October 15-18. Call #1-866-483-8889 or visit www.unitedmarriage.org for more information.



Moms Night Out + Saturday Conference (2 Main Sessions + 4 Workshops of your choice + Lunch) = The Best Weekend Ever!! **The Hearts at Home North Central Conference** will be held on Friday & Saturday, November 13-14, at the Mayo Civic Center, right here in Rochester. Cost: \$98.00 until October

21. At a **Hearts at Home Conference** moms will experience laughter, Christ-centered learning, & understanding that they are not alone in this mothering thing! Visit www.heartsathome.org for more info. \$25 scholarships are available to the first four Emmanuel moms who register (see Pastor Dave).

Channel One—Empty Bowls: October 8, 2015 11am - 8pm. Enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread provided by top local restaurants and bakeries. Attendance allows participants to choose a donated hand-painted bowl as a take home memento of the event. All proceeds will support Channel One Regional Food Bank's mission-partnership with others to feed people in need. Emmanuel Lutheran is a proud supporter of Supermarket Saturday at Oasis Church.

SATURDAY SCHOOL: We hope you are ready for another fun year of Saturday School. We will again be learning about stories and people in the Bible, and using games, skits and crafts. A special unit on the Lord’s Prayer and the Apostles’ Creed will also be offered during the year. We hope to see you all there!

IMPORTANT DATES: Watch for more details to come!

Women’s Gathering at the home of Judy Pearce: Mon, October 12 @ 10 a.m. Experiencing community & discussing Ministry Ideas.

Third Annual Prayer Walk and Potluck: Reformation Sunday, October 25. To be followed by a showing of “Do You Believe?”

Veteran’s Recognition Event: Monday, November 9

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social: Wednesday, Nov. 25

Feast of Saint Nicholas: Saturday, December 5

December: Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army (goal: 40 hours)

Christmas with Emmanuel—Dec. 24, 2015 @ 4pm