

***Hymn of the Day: “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” #187**

***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 Karen*

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

Communion Hymn: “Softly & Tenderly” #177

*Table Blessing

*Closing Prayers

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*Benediction

***Sending Hymn: “Amazing Grace” #199**

*Dismissal

Postlude

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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CLOSING PRAYERS

A: Heavenly Father, grant that your Church may faithfully follow the Good Shepherd, your Son Jesus Christ. Give it bishops and pastors, teachers, and lay leaders who rightly proclaim your Word of Law and Gospel; so that there may be harmony, humility, and mutual affection within your flock. As Jesus ate with sinners and tax collectors so they might feast on his grace and forgiveness, grant that your Church may be a place of gracious welcome, forgiveness, and transformation for every sinner who enters it. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Be merciful to all who are sick, hurting, weak, abused, hungry, or grieving. Especially we lift before you: [Names]. Be their Good Shepherd, and bring them healing and hope. Help us all to be gentle, gracious, compassionate and kind to them, so that together, we may praise your goodness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: On this 15th anniversary of the terrible events of 9/11, our nation continues to struggle with enemies within and beyond its borders; with discord, suspicion and violence; and with a political campaign that sometimes threatens to bring out the worst rather than the best in us. Shepherd us through these troubled times. Bring healing to our hearts, homes, and communities. Anoint our eyes to see one another as fellow citizens and as beloved children of the same heavenly Father. And bring a measure of your peace to this weary world. 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.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Deb Vomhof:

Treats: Deb Vomhof

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Ushers: Larry Vomhof & Cabe Siebenaler

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Pending

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends



**Worship
Pentecost XVII
Sept. 10, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

RALLY DAY - ReClaim Hymnal

“Service of Word & Sacrament”

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Hymn: “Savior, Like a Shepherd”**

#205

***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**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-24

Second Lesson: I Timothy 1:12-17

***Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-10**

Children’s Message: “NEVER ... A Lost Cause”

Sermon: “Protecting Your Valuables”

Rev. David Steffenson

Ezekiel 34:11-24 — God Will Shepherd His People

11 For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds & thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, & the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. 17 As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. 18 Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? 19 And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, 22 I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Timothy 1:12-17 — Christ Came to Save Sinners

12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of

whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading — Luke 15:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 15th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So he told them this parable: 4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. 8 Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THEME of the Day: In our sinfulness & rebellion, we humans are prone to wandering away from God. However, as St. Paul proclaimed to his son in the faith, Timothy, Christ came to save the lost and sinful so that all might know his love and mercy. Like sheep who are easily led astray, God will shepherd us back into the fold of his mercy. He will seek those who are lost — even leaving the flock to do so — just so that one stray will be rescued.

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Remembering SEPTEMBER 11th

Tomorrow is the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedies in the United States. How are we different today than we were 15 years ago? How has God consistently shown his shepherding love to those who suffer? Remember: Perfect love casts out fear.

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.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Each week, Emmanuel Men are meeting on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study & a continental breakfast. A new Study on Revelation has begun. Read Revelation Chapter Two in preparation for this week's study.

Women's Bible Studies: Emmanuel Women have resumed Bible Study with a new study on the Book of Revelation. The afternoon Study is meeting twice a month on Thursday afternoons at Oasis Church (1pm). Next session: September 22. 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 Service will be on Wednesday, September 21 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

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.

Congratulations to the Serr Family: Offering thanks to God for the birth of a healthy baby girl - Hope Noelle Serr, to Matt & Jenna, Nora & Scarlett. May this gift of God bring joy to all!

The Emmanuel Weekly

September 10, 2016
Pentecost XVII - 6 pm

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

Welcome to RALLY DAY!

It's time to Rally, to come together for Faith Formation & Christian Education. Each week from 5:10-5:50pm, youth will be learning Bible Stories corresponding to our Scripture lessons for worship. Adults will participate in **GIFT - Growing In Faith Together** from 5:15-5:30pm, equipping them for faith conversations in the home and in the world. Join us!

Mark Your Calendars!

- Saturday, September 17: Iowa Mission District Convocation at Bethany Lutheran in Laurens, Iowa. Guest Speaker at Emmanuel Worship: Adam Morgan (Montreal, Quebec).
- Saturday, September 24—Emmanuel Huddle following our 6pm Worship Service. We'll discuss our mutual ministry, & prepare for our Five Year Anniversary on February 25, 2017.

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, September 10 Rally Day—Saturday School @ 5:10pm; **GIFT** @ 5:15pm; Pentecost XVII Worship at 6pm
- Tues, Sept. 13 - Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Oasis Church (8am)
- Wed, Sept. 14 - Zumbro Women's Circle Mtg. at Marcia's (1:30pm); Lady Light Bible Study at Katie's (6:30pm)
- Thurs, September 15 10am - Pastor's Mtg. at Rushford Lutheran
- Sat, Sept. 17 - Iowa Mission District (8m); Saturday School @ 5:10pm; **GIFT** - 5:15pm; Pentecost XVIII Worship at 6pm - Guest Speaker: Adam Morgan