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**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!

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### **The Prayers**

A: Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs. *a brief silence*

A: Our Lord and Savior, we thank you for giving us your Commandments as instruction for our relationship with you and your creation. We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who reconciles us with you when we fall short of those Commandments. Help us see & do what you would

have us do, & forgive others as you forgive us. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Wonderful Counselor, let all that we think and do be pleasing in your sight, and let our light so shine before others that they may see our good works and give glory to you. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: God of Wisdom, thank you for your Holy Spirit, who instills in us knowledge of you and your will. May we follow your Spirit and not the spirit of the world preach Christ crucified. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: God of Love, help us to love our neighbors, especially those whom we find difficult to love. Heal any wounds we have caused in our families, at our work places, and in our communities. Teach us how to welcome the stranger so that we may share the love that you pour out upon us. Grant that we may be the salt of the earth. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord of Compassion, be with those who suffer this day: those near the end of their lives, those who suffer persecution for your name's sake, and those who suffer injury and dislocation because of natural disasters; and protect us as we go through this week, making us ever aware of your presence and loving care. We remember in our prayers those whose needs we offer now aloud or in our hearts (names). Bring your healing power to these and all others in need. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Dear God, bless this church and its members. Bless the leaders and pastors of NALC that they may faithfully serve you & our people. Help us be faithful followers of your Word & your Will. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Merciful Lord, in our imperfection we hurt one another. We use war to settle differences, causing pain and suffering. Protect and rescue those in harms way. Keep your Church true to your Word in the power of the Holy Spirit. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord of Abundance, you have generously given to each of us gifts unique for the purpose you intend. Make us aware of those gifts, even and especially when we doubt ourselves and our abilities. Help us be confident that by giving back what you have first given us, we will be doing your holy work. Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: These things, and all for which we pray, we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## Psalm 112—responsively

L: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,

**C: Who greatly delights in His commandments!**

L: His offspring will be mighty in the land;

**C: The generation of the upright will be blessed.**

L: Wealth and riches are in his house,

**C: And his righteousness endures forever.**

L: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;

**C: He is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

L: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;

**C: Who conducts his affairs with justice.**

L: For the righteous will never be moved;

**C: He will be remembered forever.**

L: His heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. His heart is steady;

**C: He will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

L: He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;

**C: His righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.**

L: The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away;

**C: The desire of the wicked will perish!**

## WORSHIP SERVANTS:

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Fred Morck*

*Usher: Arne Nelson*

*Communion Assistant: Kari Richards*

*Coffee: Judy Pearce*

*Treats: Margaret Quam*



**Worship—Eve of  
Epiphany V  
Feb. 8, 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 Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” #649

\*Greeting Page 28

\*Kyrie Page 28

\*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: Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim and to let our lights shine before others for the praise of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-14

Psalm 112 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 2:1-16

\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 31

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Children’s Message: “Please Pass the Salt”

Sermon: “You ARE the SALT of the Earth” Pastor Dave Steffenson

\*Song of the Day: “We All Are One in Mission” #755

**Emmanuel Skiing and Game Day:** On Sunday, February 16 from 1-3 p.m. Members and Friends of Emmanuel are invited to cross country ski at Quarry Hill Nature Center. Lessons will be provided. For those not wishing to ski, games, refreshments and fellowship will be enjoyed in a reserved room. Ski Rental Cost: \$7.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Bring your own skis if you wish. Bring snacks and games to share with the other participants. A freewill offering will be received to cover the cost of the room rental. Questions? Call Kari Richards, Fred Morck, or the Bothuns. We hope you can join us!

### **I Corinthians 2:1-16—The Wisdom of God**

1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. 6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"-- 10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 16 "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Isaiah 58:1-14—True & False Fasting**

"Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. 2 Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. 3 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. 4 Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. 5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? 6 'Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? 8 Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. 9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, 10 if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. 11 And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. 12 And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in. 13 'If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, or seeking your own pleasure, or talking idly; 14 then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading—Matthew 5:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 5th Chapter.

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

13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. 17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014**  
**Eve of Epiphany V**  
**6 pm**

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

## MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and give generously. 37 signed covenants received.

## LOCAL BENEVOLENCE PARTNERS

The Emmanuel Church Council is asking for congregational input as we prayerfully discern the recipients of our local benevolences in 2014. Criteria for selection: Ministries must be Christ-centered, offering opportunity for members to participate in hands-on service. Submit your suggestions, with a brief summary of the ministry and its merits, to Pastor Dave or a Council Member. See attached survey!

**Devoted Hearts Women's Conference**  
8th annual area wide women's event at Autumn Ridge Church, April 25-26. Friday 7-9 PM and Saturday 8:30 – 3 PM. Cost: \$48 before March 31st. Register online at [www.devotedheartsrochester.com](http://www.devotedheartsrochester.com).

**February Prayer Calendars Available!**



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Mon, Feb. 10 @ 1 pm  
Women's Study
- Tuesday, February 11  
8 am—Men's Bible Study Bkft. @ Charlie's  
9:45 am—Council Mtg.
- Sat, Feb. 15  
9 a.m.—Supermarket Saturday at Oasis  
5 p.m.—Chili Feed & Game Night at Oasis.  
6 p.m.—Emmanuel Worship
- Sunday, Feb. 16 from 1-3 pm—Skiing & Games at Quarry Hill Nature Center
- Thursday, Feb. 20  
Pastors' Mtg. in La Crosse (9-3)
- Fri, Feb. 21 (12-2 pm)  
Faithfulness Mtg.