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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L: Let us pray for the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of His hand, and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

L: Almighty God, receive our humble and unending thanks that Christ suffered for us so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. When it is given to us to suffer for Your name’s

sake, grant that we might follow in the steps of our Savior, act in love and entrust ourselves to You. Strengthen those who endure persecution for the name of Jesus, thwart the plans of those who oppose the Gospel, and grant to them repentance so that they, too, might die & live in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Heavenly Father, in the wake of Your Son’s resurrection, Your people devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching & fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Unite Your people in the one true faith, and grant penitent hearts to all who come to receive Christ’s body and blood this day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: King of the nations, with Your favor behold the president and Congress of the United States and all others in authority and so replenish them with Your grace, that they may always incline to Your will & walk in Your way. Prosper all good counsels and just works, that peace & contentment, truth & righteousness, genuine faith & piety may be established among us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Almighty God, by the work of Your Holy Spirit through the Means of Grace, You daily add to the number of believers those who were being saved. Grant Your people courageous hearts and bold tongues to proclaim Your truth, trusting that You will gather more in keeping with Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: O Lord, You worked many miracles through the hands of the apostles in the name of Jesus. Hear our prayers on behalf of all who cry to You [**Names**]. Provide them help according to Your will, and grant that we might help those in need with glad and generous hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You still gather Your sheep, and we still hear Your voice through Your holy Word. Grant Your flock no fear and courageous following.

**C: Amen.**

## Psalm 23 — responsively

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**C: He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

L: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

**C: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

L: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil,

**C: For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

L: Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C: And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

*Pianist: Rev. Scott Schilbe*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Larry Vomhof*

*Communion Server: Julie Steffenson*

*Ushers: Rich Sunde & Arne Nelson*

*Acolyte: Emma Matzke*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Samia Nelson*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde and Friends*

**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! Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!



**Worship**  
**Eve of Easter IV**  
**May 6, 2017**  
**6:00 p.m.**

## Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude - *Pascal Candle is lit proclaiming the Light of the World!*

Welcome/Announcements

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\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 82

P: Let us pray - Living God, your Son cares for your people as a shepherd cares for his sheep, calling us each by name. Grant that we may hear and recognize his voice, and, following him, be brought safely through every trial and temptation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: I Peter 2:19-25

\*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 83

\*Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

Children's Message: "My Cup Overflows!"

Sermon: "Why So Sheepish?" Rev. David Steffenson

\*Hymn of the Day: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" #481

\*Confession of Faith: "Nicene Creed" Page 84

**Communication Cards - Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelope in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & 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.

**A Journey Through Song:** Proceeds benefit Sing Out Loud and Cy's Place Pediatric Transplant House. When? Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 PM at Lourdes Chapel, Assisi Heights. Refresh your spirit and join Bella Voce Young Women's Choir, Bella Fiore, and Bellettes choirs, featuring world-renown lyric soprano Esther Heideman singing an inspiring program of art songs. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at [www.SingOutLoud.org](http://www.SingOutLoud.org). Questions? Visit with Lee & Judy Pearce.

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Each week, Emmanuel Men are meeting on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study and a continental breakfast. We are currently reading and discussing the Bible (Genesis-Revelation). Read pages 443-446 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 129) in preparation for this week's study (i.e. I Samuel 10:9-12:25; John 6:1-24; & Psalm 58:1-11).

**Women of the Word!** The Afternoon Bible Study Group is studying the "Lutheran Understanding of Marriage & Family" (The Luther Household) on Thursday afternoons at 1pm. The Evening Bible Study Group (Lady Light) continues its study on Revelation, monthly at the home of Katie Siebenaler at 6:30pm. The next session will be on Wednesday, May 17.

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.:** Each week at 5:10pm youth and adults meet for Christian Education. Youth will have "Song Time" on May 13 and offer a gift of music in worship that night. Saturday School and GIFT will end on May 20 with Root Beer Floats. Join us!

**Worship At Madonna Towers:** Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Services will be on Wednesdays, May 10 & 17 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

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## Acts 2:42-47 — Christian Community

42 And [the believers] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## I Peter 2:19-25 — In His Steps

19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. 21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd & Overseer of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## POTLUCK & Games—May 21

Join us for an "*end of the school year*" day of celebration. We've had a great year of Saturday School and G.I.F.T. On Sunday, May 21, Pastor Dave and Julie are hosting a church potluck in their home. Bring a dish to share. Beverages and meat will be provided. Arrive anytime after 11:30am. We'll eat at 12:00 Noon. The afternoon will be a time of games and conversation.

## Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th. Chapter.

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

1 [Jesus said,] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The month of May is NALC Seminary Emphasis:** Recently, Emmanuel hosted seminarian John Hoyum as our guest preacher (April 1). God invites us to invest in our future NALC pastors by equipping, encouraging and financially supporting their education and ministry. During the month of May, we invite you to pray for our future “orthodox, confessional, and evangelical pastors”, and to make a donation in support of our NALC Seminary.

**USHER TRAINING:** Larry Vomhof is our new Head Usher at Emmanuel. He is hosting training events for those who are serving as ushers during worship. The ministry of hospitality and safety is vital to the worshiping life of our congregation. Let's not leave it to chance. Ushering is more than just passing out bulletins & collecting the offering. Training will be offered on three Saturdays during the month of May at 4pm (May 13, 20, 27). Put your name on the sign-up sheet on information table in the Gathering Space. Join Larry for conversation & instruction in ministry excellence.

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**

**Eve of Easter IV - 6 pm**

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

### **Paschal Candle!**

Our Paschal Candle is lit, reminding us that Christ is the Light of the World. We are His luminaries, His Easter People. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! We light the Paschal Candle during the days of Easter until we arrive at Ascension Day. We also light this candle whenever we have a baptism or a funeral, reminding us that in baptism we die and rise with Jesus. Not even death can extinguish the Light of Christ's love.

### **Welcome!**

Pastor Scott Schilbe of Christ Lutheran Church is our Worship Pianist tonight and next week. Thank You Pastor Schilbe!

### **Kid's Choir - May 13**

Next Saturday, in honor of Mother's Day, our children will have Song Time in Saturday School and offer a gift of music at our Worship Service

**The May 2017 Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current issue of “Our Daily Bread” Devotional.**



### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sat, May 6 - Prayer Walk @ 3pm; Saturday School & GIFT (5:10pm); Easter IV Worship (6pm)
- Tues, May 9 - Men's Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am); Bella Voce Choir (7:30pm)
- Wed, May 10 - Worship Madonna Towers (1pm)
- Thursday, May 11 Women's Bible Study at Oasis Church (1pm)
- Sat, May 13 - Usher Training (4pm); Saturday School & GIFT (5:10pm); Easter V Worship (6pm); Treats in the Oasis Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, May 14—Pastor Dave at South Zumbro Lutheran (10am); Happy Mother's Day