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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 and salvation.” We are practicing head of the aisle Communion by means of Intinction.	
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Postlude

May is NALC Seminary Emphasis: On April 1, Emmanuel hosted seminarian John Hoyum as our guest preacher. 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, & evangelical pastors”, and to make a donation in support of our NALC Seminary.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart—LBW #486

Verse 1: Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

Verse 2: I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no opening skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Verse 3: Have you not bid me love you, God and King?
All, all your own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you, and O let me find.

Verse 4: Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame;
the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

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 is being 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.

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Psalm 66:7-18 —responsively

L: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,
C: **Who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

L: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

C: **You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

L: You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;

C: **Yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.**

L: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,

C: **That which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

L: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;

C: **I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

L: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

C: **I cried to Him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.**

L: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

C: **But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

L: Blessed be God,

C: **Because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me.**

Thanks for worshipping 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!

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**Worship
Easter VI
May 20, 2017
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 Hymn: “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” #673

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*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 30

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Gracious God, in the sacrament of Baptism, you bless us with the presence of your Son as our advocate, dwelling in us as the Spirit of truth. Grant that we may treasure this gift above all else, following Christ in obedience and humility; 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 17:16-31

Psalm 66:7-18 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: I Peter 3:13-22

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 31

*Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

Children’s Message: “Keeping the Commandments”

Sermon: “Help Has Arrived” Rev. David Steffenson

Acts 17:16-31 — Preaching Jesus & the Resurrection

16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. 18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbling wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities” — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” 21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. 22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ 29 Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art & imagination of man. 30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Peter 3:13-22 — Suffering for Doing Good

13 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, 15 but in your hearts

honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 16 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, 20 because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. 21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven & is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 14:15-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

15 [Jesus said,] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, May 20, 2017
Easter VI - 6 pm

**"Praising, Proclaiming & Practicing
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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.

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.

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 20 - Usher Training (4pm); Saturday School & GIFT (5:10pm); Easter VI Worship (6pm)
- Sun, May 21—Potluck & Games - 12:00 Noon @ the Steffenson's
- Tues, May 23 - Men's Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Wednesday, May 24 Lady Light at Katie Siebenaler's (6:30pm)
- Thursday, May 25 Ascension of our Lord; Women's Bible Study at Oasis Church (1pm)
- Sat, May 27 - Usher Training (4pm); Easter VII Worship (6pm) - Baptism of Hope Serr; Memorial Day Weekend!

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.

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 493-496 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 143—May 23) in preparation for this week's study (i.e. II Samuel 7:1-8:18; John 13:18-38; Psalm 66:13-20).

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. Date of next session: May 24.

Saturday School & G.I.F.T. at 5:10pm: Saturday night Christian Education ends tonight until fall (Sept. 9). Special thanks to Julie for taking good care of our children this past year and planting the Word of God in their hearts! Root Beer Floats are being served tonight.

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, June 7 & 14 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Sharon Matzke

Communion Server: Jenna Serr

Ushers: Jim Siebenaler & Addison

Acolyte: Emma Matzke

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

Treats: Jean Wanek

THE PRAYERS, Easter VI (May 20, 2017)

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord have mercy.

Brief silence

A: For the Church, that the Lord would bless and protect His people in a world where so many worship false gods, known and unknown; and that He would give His saints a clear and bold proclamation of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For the government and those who protect us, that they may be strengthened and upheld in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For the lonely, the destitute and the homeless, that the Lord who preserved eight souls in the ark would grant them companionship, food and shelter; and that we as His people might be His hands and feet in love for others, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For all who are in need of relief and healing [**NAMES**], that the Lord who gives human beings life and breath and everything good, would provide healing and restoration according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For all who travel, that the Lord who safely delivered Noah and his family through the flood would bring them safely to their destinations, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For all who receive Holy Communion this day, that the Christ who did not leave His people as orphans would strengthen the faith of His penitent children with His very body and blood, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord have mercy.

A: For the saints who have gone before us and stand before the Lord in glory, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that we might remain steadfast in the faith until we, too, see Christ in glory, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord have mercy.

P: We give You thanks, almighty God, that as You gave Your Son to be our Redeemer, so You send forth Your Holy Spirit to sanctify and keep us in true faith. Continue to pour out Your Spirit upon Your Church so that, enlivened by His work in the Means of Grace, we might remain steadfast until You deliver us to heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.