

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight

Pianist: Karen Salz

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Lee Pearce

Communion Server: Lee Pearce

Acolyte: Pending

Sound: Don Holtan

Ushers: Darald Bothun & Creig Anderson

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Judy Pearce

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

Women's Study! Emmanuel is hosting a 6-Session Women's Study at the home of Jenna Serr. This Study begins on **Sunday, March 1 at 6pm**. Women will read and discuss Lysa TerKeurst's book, It's Not Supposed To Be This Way. Childcare will be provided. Questions? Call Jenna Serr.

FAITH STORIES—LENT 2020

Ash Wednesday: King David's Story (Psalm 51)

Lent I: Adam & Eve's Story (Genesis 3)

Lent II: Nicodemus' Story (John 3)

Lent III: The Samaritan Woman's Story (John 4)

Lent IV: The Story of the Man Born Blind (John 9)

Lent V: Lazarus' Story (John 11)

Palm Sunday: The Jesus Story (Philippians 2)

New Life Family Services Baby Shower! One of our Emmanuel Goals for 2020 is to host a baby shower in support of young pregnant women who seek out the help of New Life Family Services. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to help spearhead this exciting ministry opportunity. We will apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant.



Worship—Eve of
Epiphany VI
February 15, 2020
6:00 p.m.

With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements—Barb Steffenson

*Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness Page 10f

*Gathering Hymn: "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" #652

*Greeting Page 28

*Kyrie Page 28

*Hymn of Praise (Men = I; Women = II) Page 29f

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 30

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, you offer us abundant and eternal life through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus. Grant that we may choose life and follow him through our growing obedience to him and our willingness to forgive as we have been forgiven; through our Lord, Jesus Christ

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 3:1-9

*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 31

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

Children's Message:

Sermon:

Rev. Waldemar Gies

*Hymn of the Day: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” #649	
*Confession of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed”	Page 33
* <u>The Prayers</u> (bulletin pages 2-3)	
*The Peace	Page 34
Offering - Gift of Music by our Worship Pianist	
*The Great Thanksgiving	Page 36ff
*Lord’s Prayer: Traditional Version	Page 39
<u>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 & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life & salvation.” We’re practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) & dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ). Gluten-free wafers are also available. With repentant hearts, we receive the forgiveness our sins.</u>	
Lamb of God	Page 39
Communion Hymn: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”	#771
*Table Blessing	Page 40
*Post-Communion Canticle: “Thankful Hearts”	Page 40
*Post-Communion Prayer	Page 41
*Benediction	Page 41
* Sending Hymn: “Go My Children, with My Blessing”	#721
*Dismissal	Page 41
Postlude	

PRAYERS

L: Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

L: Father, cause quarrels, angry words, and hurt feelings to cease in

this congregation. Unite us in a common purpose: planting and tending the seed of faith in one another, in our children and grandchildren, and in our friends, neighbors, and community.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Father, your Son spoke hard words about anger, adultery and divorce. Help us take his words to heart. Bring your forgiveness and healing to those wounded by hurtful words and deeds. Give each of us wisdom and grace to comfort, challenge, & encourage loved ones who strive to remain faithful; who struggle to repent of offenses they have caused; & who agonize over how to forgive those who have betrayed their trust. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Father, you set before the rulers of the nations of this earth, the path of life and of death, blessing and curse. Grant that leaders and nations may choose well. Give them the desire and the strength to choose life for themselves and for the people in their care. Conform each of us to your will, so that we may rightly and peacefully live together as your people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Father, we lift before you the needs of everyone who is afflicted by suffering, sin, or sorrow, especially: [**NAMES**]. Deliver them from evil; grant them refreshment, hope and healing; and restore them to fellowship with all who love them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayers, gracious Father, offered through the power of the Spirit; and for the sake of your dear Son, grant us all that is in accordance with your merciful will, to your glory and for the good of your people.

C: AMEN.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020
Eve of Epiphany VI—6pm

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

WELCOME

We welcome our guest preacher tonight, the Rev. Waldemar Gies. Thank you Waldemar for leading us in worship and proclaiming the Good News to us!

Palm Fronds

Next week, we come to the end of the Epiphany Season, and prepare for the start of Lent. Please bring your palm fronds from last year. Palm leaves will be burned, and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday (February 26).

Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday—Feb. 25

The Carnival celebration began with the Feast of the Epiphany (Three Kings Day) and culminates on the day before Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday). Mardi Gras is French for *Fat Tuesday*, reflecting the practice of the last night of eating rich, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season. Shrove is derived from the word *shrive*, referring to “confession & absolution”.

The February Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for December-February.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- -Saturday, February 15
Saturday School & G.I.F.T. (5pm); Epiphany VI Worship at 6pm with Rev. Waldemar Gies
- Sunday, February 16
SEMAC worshiping with Salem Lutheran (NALC) near Dayton, Ohio
- Tuesday, February 18
Men's Bible Study at 8am; Text Study (10:30am)
- Thursday, February 20
Women's Study at 1pm
- Friday, Feb. 21—Clergy Mtg. at 12:00 Noon
- Saturday, February 22
Saturday School & G.I.F.T. (5pm); Transfiguration Worship at 6pm

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 and visitors may use the offering 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.

Women's Bible Study: The STUDY on Luther's Small Catechism is about to end! The Final Session will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Oasis Church on February 20 at 1pm. A new five-session study on First Peter (A Baptismal Homily, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord) will begin on Thursday, April 22 (1pm).

Men's Bible Study: Men of Emmanuel are meeting at Oasis Church and looking at the Augsburg Confession (*Augustana*) on Tuesdays at 8am. Please join us for coffee, goodies, and conversation!

SEMAC—February 9-21: Larry Vomhof & his team of dedicated servants are lending a helping hand in the name of Jesus Christ to the residents of Dayton, Ohio, who experienced 40+ tornadoes on Memorial Day 2019. Pastor Dave is participating in this mission trip. Thanks for keeping SEMAC in your prayers.

Madonna Towers Worship: Twice a month on Wednesday afternoons, Emmanuel members participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Service will be on Ash Wednesday, February 26 at 1pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this ministry.

LENT 2020: Palms are collected at the Feast of Transfiguration (Feb. 22), and burned into ashes for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26. This year's Lenten Theme is: “Faith Stories”. Members & friends will be sharing their faith. Soup suppers & Worship Services will be enjoyed on Tuesdays during Lent. A signup sheet is posted in the Gathering Space for those interested in providing soup, bread or milk.

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 and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Shining Bright for Jesus! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org

SAVE THE DATE: Mega Kids Camp—July 20-23, 2020.

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 — Life & Death

15 [Moses said,] “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods & serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8 — responsively

L: Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

C: Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

L: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

C: Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

L: Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

C: I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous rules.

L: I will keep your statutes;

C: Do not utterly forsake me!

I Corinthians 3:1-9 — God Gives the Growth

1 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? 4 For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you

not being merely human? 5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. 9 For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

21 [Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. 31 It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 33 Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ 34 But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.