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### **2016 Membership Covenant Renewal Ceremony**

P: God's chosen people entered the Promise Land & participated in a Covenant Renewal Ceremony (Joshua 24). Joshua assembled God's people & reminded them of God's eternal faithfulness & providential care for His people. Joshua commanded God's people to choose whom they will serve, the false gods of this world, or the LORD God Almighty. Joshua ended his exhortation with these familiar words: "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

**C: The people responded with one voice: We also will serve the LORD for He is our God. His voice we will obey.**

P: Tonight we remember God's grace & faithfulness to us, and we renew our pledge to Him. God has made us His people through our baptism into Christ. 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: Beloved Servants of Emmanuel, you have made public profession of your faith. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, do you intend to continue in the covenant that God made with you in baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear His Word and share in His Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word & deed, to serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, & to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, practicing the marks of discipleship (prayer, worship, spiritual growth, Bible reading, service to others, sharing the good news, generous giving), and growing up into the full maturity of Christ?

**C: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.**

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(Each petition ends with "Lord in your mercy," followed by "HEAR OUR PRAYER").*

P: Loving God, we thank you for the ministry opportunities that await our congregation in 2016, & for the Servants of Emmanuel who have committed themselves to membership and the walk of discipleship. Grant that all baptized believers may praise, proclaim, and practice your saving presence in daily life. Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Share God's peace with one another. *(followed by offering)*

## Gathering Hymn: “Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak but He is strong.

**Chorus:** *Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me! Loves me still,  
Tho I'm very weak and ill,  
That I might from sin be free,  
Bled and died upon the tree.

**Chorus:**

Jesus loves me! He who died,  
Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in.

**Chorus:**

Anna B. Warner, 1820 -1915

**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! Thanks for Letting Your Light Shine before Others! **Visit us at:** [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org)



Worship—Eve of  
Epiphany III  
Jan. 23, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

## Covenant Renewal Ceremony Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

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P: Let us pray. Merciful Father, you have provided for your people the gift of Holy Scripture through which your salvation in Jesus Christ is made known. Grant that we may study, learn, & meditate upon your Word, and that we may live according to your will following the way of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is in His most holy name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19:1-14 (Responsively by half verse) LBW page 223

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 12:12-31a

\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 83

\*Holy Gospel: Luke 4:16-30

Children’s Message: “One Puzzle, Many Pieces”

Sermon: “People of the Book” Rev. Dave Steffenson

\*Hymn of the Day: “O Word of God Incarnate” #231

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\*Offering & Offertory: “Let the Vineyards” Page 86

## **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 — The Book of the Law**

1 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. 2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ... 5 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. 6 And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ... 8 They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. 9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **I Corinthians 12:12-31a—Many Members, One Body**

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the

body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. 27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31a But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading—Luke 4:16-30**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 4th Chapter.

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

16 And [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ... 30 But passing through their midst, he went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Larry Vomhof*

*Communion Server: Deb Vomhof*

*Ushers: Darald & Leitha Bothun*

*Acolyte: Emma Matzke*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Janet Sunde*

*Set-Up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-Down: Janet Sunde & Friends*

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**LENT 2016** begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10. Soup Supper at 5pm and Worship at 6pm. Thereafter, Midweek Services will hold each Tuesday at 6pm preceded by a soup supper at 5pm. Judy Pearce is coordinating our soup suppers. We received a Thrivent Action Team Grant of \$250.00 to help fund this fellowship opportunity.

**Red Kettle Appreciation Dinner:** Emmanuel Volunteer bell ringers are invited to attend a light supper, award ceremony, and announcement of the Red Kettle Christmas Campaign Total on Wednesday, January 27 at 5pm. Location: Caring Partners Adult Day Program building (115 NE 1st Ave). Please RSVP by Noon on Monday, Jan. 25 to Haley, by phone 507-288-3663; or email: haley\_earley@usc.salvationarmy.org.

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Weekly fellowship around God's Word at 8 am Tuesdays at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW). Join us in being Evangelical. Invite a friend. Share the Good News! We will meet on Tuesday, January 26 to discuss the readings for Epiphany IV: Jeremiah 1:4-10 [17-19]; Psalm 71:1-6 [7-11]; 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13; and Luke 4:31-44.

**Saturday School 2015:** Join us at 5:10 p.m. each Saturday in the Oasis Church Fellowship Hall as we learn Bible Stories and enjoy two special units this year; the Apostles' Creed during Lent, and the Lord's Prayer in the Spring. Games, skits, music and crafts will be a part of the learning experience. All youth are welcome to participate in Saturday School.

**Women of the Word!** Session 4 for the Evening Study Group will be held at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield, MN) on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30pm. The afternoon study has ended and will reconvene in April, 2016.

**PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS:** During the month of January we are praying for Folwell Elementary School. We delivered goodies on Monday, January 11 as an expression of our love and gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff, students & families of our area schools in your prayers.

**Worship At Madonna Towers:** On the first Wednesday of each month, Pastor Dave is leading worship in the Chapel of the Madonna Towers Nursing Home. Our next Service will be on Wednesday, February 3. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to volunteer & participate in this ministry.

**Saturday, Jan. 23, 2016**  
**Epiphany III – 6 pm**

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

***Annual Meeting: Change of Date***

*This Year's Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2015, at 4pm, followed by a potluck supper. Child Care will be provided. Meat and beverages will also be provided. Please bring a dish (salad, side dish or dessert) to share.*

**Nominating Committee Report  
Opportunities to serve!**

Is God calling you to offer your spiritual gifts in service to Christ as a member of Emmanuel Lutheran? Visit with Pastor Dave about leadership opportunities.

**SEMAC Mission Trip**

This year's mission trip to Brookport-Unionville, IL will be during the weeks of February 7-20. Support this mission trip with your time and/or tithes. Visit with Larry Vomhof for more information. SEMAC received a Thrivent Action Team gift in support of this ministry!

**January Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current Our Daily Bread Devotional.**



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, January 23  
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Epiphany III  
Worship @ 6pm
- Tues. Jan. 26 at 8 am  
Men's Bible Study  
Breakfast at Charlies
- Wed, Jan. 27 - Red  
Kettle Salvation Army  
Appreciation @ 5pm
- Friday, Jan. 29—Clergy  
Faithfulness Mtg. at  
Oasis (12-2pm)
- Saturday, January 30  
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Epiphany IV  
Worship @ 6pm
- Sun. Jan. 31—Pastor  
Dave preaching at FLC  
in Hope, MN (9am);  
Annual Mtg. at 4pm

## **PRAYERS:**

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence*

A: Almighty and Eternal God, your glory fills all creation. Open us to a greater awareness of your glory each day. Shine through our lives, so that all we do might reflect your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Loving Father, the people of Israel were renewed in their faith and worship after captivity: Guide us to be more faithful in our worship and more dedicated in our service to you each day. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Help us, O Lord, to remember every day that each day is holy, and that your joy is our strength. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Guide us, O Lord, to remember that in Baptism we all become one body with each other in your Son Jesus Christ. Help us to understand that the different gifts you give us help us work together to serve you through your church.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Grant, O Lord, that all who suffer in body, mind or spirit may be renewed by your healing presence. We pray tonight for those whose concerns are known to us (*insert names*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Comfort those who mourn with the peace that comes from faith in the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Loving God, we thank you for the ministry opportunities that await our congregation in 2016, & for the Servants of Emmanuel who have committed themselves to membership and the walk of discipleship. Grant that all baptized believers may praise, proclaim, and practice your saving presence in daily life. Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**