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Prayers of the Church

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

A brief silence

A: Most holy God, grant that your Church may always proclaim Christ, crucified and raised for the salvation of sinners. Make it pure, so that in its words and deeds, all may see Jesus. Make it humble, so that the whole earth may glorify you. Make it a

foretaste of your Kingdom, so that many who hunger and thirst for righteousness may be satisfied. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Grant to all who are persecuted on account of Jesus your richest blessing and highest favor. Give them gentleness, courage, and joy, so that they may confound their enemies with the folly of the Cross. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Teach us O Lord to consider our calling; to love justice, to do deeds of mercy, and to live, speak, and walk humbly before you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Blessed are the peacemakers, O Lord; and yet in this broken world, good men and women must sometimes take up arms to protect life and defend liberty. Shield, guide and bless those who serve in our Armed Forces. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Grant that your Son’s Cross may be a source of healing, life, comfort and strength to those who struggle with sickness, sorrow, or any other affliction of mind, body or spirit. Especially we ask your blessing upon: [Names]. Restore them to health, hope, and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Most holy and gracious Father, we thank you for the lives of all your saints who now rest from their labors and who gaze upon your goodness and glory. Forgive, heal and transform us by the power of the Cross, so that we may be made fit to see you face to face. And grant us the fullness and eternal joy of your Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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Psalm 15—responsively

L: O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?

C: Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

L: He who walks blamelessly and does what is right

C: And speaks truth in his heart;

L: Who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor,

C: Nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

L: In whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the Lord;

C: Who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

L: Who does not put out his money at interest and does not take a bribe against the innocent.

C: He who does these things shall never be moved.

RISE UP, O SAINTS OF GOD—LBW #383

Verse 1: Rise up, O saints of God!
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.

Verse 2: Rise up, O saints of God!
His kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.

Verse 3: Give heed, O saints of God!
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.

Verse 4: Commit your hearts to seek
the paths which Christ has trod,
and, quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, O saints of God!



**Worship
Epiphany IV
January 28, 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: "Give Me Jesus" #777

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*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: O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Psalm 15:1-5 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1:18-31

*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 31

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Children's Message: "Attitude - Do the Math!"

Sermon: "Bless You!"

Rev. David Steffenson

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Lee Pearce

Ushers: Rich Sunde & LeRoy Quam

Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Samia Nelson

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson.....

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

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.

Worship at Madonna Towers Skilled Care Chapel: On the first and third Wednesdays of each month, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Worship Services will be on Wednesdays, February 1 & 8 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

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 & discussing the Bible (Genesis-Revelation). Read pages 106-109 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 31) in preparation for this week's study (Exodus 13:1-14:31; Matthew 21:1-17; and Psalm 18:1-6).

Women's Bible Studies: The Afternoon Group has concluded its study on Revelation. A new study will begin after Easter (April 20-June 8) on Thursdays at 1pm at Oasis Church. The Evening Group continues its study on Revelation monthly at the home of Katie Siebenaler at 6:30pm. Next Session: Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Micah 6:1-8 — The Life of Discipleship

1 Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. 2 Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. 3 O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! 4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, & I sent before you Moses, Aaron, & Miriam. 5 O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord. 6 With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

C: Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 1:18-31 — The Word of the Cross

18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." 20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. 22 For Jews demand signs & Greeks seek wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. 27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. 30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, 31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

1 Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Discipleship Membership 2017: *Special Thanks to everyone who has signed Emmanuel Covenants for 2017. Our Covenant Renewal Service will take place during worship on January 21. MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read and study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, & give generously.*

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! Thanks for Letting Your Light Shine before Others! **Visit us at:** www.emmanuelofrochester.org

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017

Epiphany IV - 6 pm

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

**Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29, 2017**

This Year's Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held tomorrow at 4pm, followed by a potluck supper. Meat & beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish (salad, side dish or dessert) to share. Don't forget to pick up your copy of the Annual Report which as been prepared for your reading pleasure.

Looking Ahead!

Saturday, February 11 "Song Time" in Saturday School and Gift of Music by our Kid's Choir in Worship!

February 14-16: Pastor Steffenson will be attending the NALC Ministerium Mtg. in Orlando, Florida.

Saturday, February 25: Emmanuel's Five-Year Birthday Celebration (6pm). Choirs from Gift of Grace, and Emmanuel of Grafton, will be joining us! Refreshments will be served before & after worship.

The February 2017 Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also available, the current issue of the Our Daily Bread Devotional. Pick yours up today.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, January 28
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; GIFT at 5:15pm; Epiphany IV Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, January 29
Pastor Dave preaching at FLC in Hope, MN (9am); Annual Mtg @ 4pm; Potluck at 5pm
- Tuesday, January 31
Men's Bible Study Breakfast (8am) — Day 31 (pages 106-109); Text Study (10:30am)
- Wednesday, February 1
Panera Bible Study (7am); Madonna Towers Worship (1pm)
- Saturday, February 4
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; GIFT at 5:15pm; Epiphany V Worship at 6pm