

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19

**Psalm 71:1-6** (*Responsively by half verse*)

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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

**\*Gospel Verse: "Alleluia"**

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\*Holy Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

Children's Message: "No Excuses"

Sermon: "It's Your Call"

Rev. David Steffenson

**\*Song of the Day: "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling"**  
*to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (#551)*

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**\*Confession:**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: 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: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.**

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you. (Share God's peace with one another.)**

Offering—**Gift of Music by our Worship Pianist**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving:**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer for Epiphany

\*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

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*Invitation & Distribution:*

**Communion Song: "I Love to Tell the Story"**

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**\*Sending Song: "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"**

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\*Dismissal

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Postlude

## CLOSING PRAYERS

L: Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Word. We confess that it can sometimes seem stern and even offensive to us. And yet, in Jesus we have your full assurance that every Word which proceeds from your mouth is good. In Him, your never-failing love is fleshed out for us. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may model your perfect and eternal love for your people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Let this congregation overflow with words of praise to you O Lord, and deeds of love toward others. Help us to be rich in patience and kindness; & to be lacking only in resentment, & self-promotion. Let our families, friends, and communities truly know we are Christians as Your love touches them through us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Lord of compassion and mercy, no suffering passes before you unnoticed. Give to the sick, those hospitalized, those recuperating from illness, those in treatment and those troubled in mind and heart both your healing presence and your healing peace. Especially hear us on behalf of those now named in our hearts (**NAMES**). Be their companion in solitude, their healing in affliction, their deliverer from trouble and their life in death. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Darald Bothun*

*Communion Server: Julie Steffenson*

*Ushers: Larry Vomhof & Cabe Siebenaler*

*Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Judy Caudill*

*Greeters: Don & Peg Holtan*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*

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**Worship—Eve of  
Epiphany IV  
February 2, 2019  
6:00 p.m.**

## “Service of Word & Sacrament”

### Lutheran Book of Worship

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**\*Gathering Song: “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”**

**LBW #487**

**\*Greeting:**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And Also with you.**

P: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

P: In the Word was life,

**C: And the life was the light of all people.**

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**C: And we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.**

**\*Scripture Song: “O Word of God Incarnate”**

**LBW #231**

**\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, increase in us the holy gifts of faith, hope, and love. May we never fail to exercise these gifts through which your glory is revealed to all nations. Teach us to love all people as you have commanded us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Jeremiah 1:4-10 — Jeremiah Gets the Call!

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” 6 Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” 7 But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord.” 9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, “Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 71:1-6 (Responsively)

L: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

**C: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!**

L: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

**C: You have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

L: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

**C: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.**

L: Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother’s womb.

**C: My praise is continually of you.**

### I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 — The Gift of Love!

31b I will show you a still more excellent way. 1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for

tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 1 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Verse: “Alleluia”**

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

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

31 [Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, 32 and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. 33 And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” 35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. 36 And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” 37 And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. 38 And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. 39 And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. 40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them & would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. 42 And when it was day, he departed & went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, 43 but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” 44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Save the Dates—Calendar Items:

- Fat Tuesday Pancake & Pastry Feed—March 5 (4-7pm).
- Wednesday, March 6th, 6pm - Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Lenten Theme: “Singing & Praying the Psalms”.
- Monday, April 22nd, 6am - Public Reading of the entire New Testament at Oasis.

**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 tonight by means of Intinction.

**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:** Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Worship Services will be on Wednesdays, February 6 & 27 at 1pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to help with this ministry.

**Women’s Bible Study:** A Five-Session Study on the “Song of Songs” began on January 10. Remaining Study Dates: February 7 & 28 at Oasis Church (1pm). Please join us!

**Men’s Bible Study:** Men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Psalms on Tuesdays at 8am & discussing the appointed Psalm for the week. This Week (February 5): Psalm 138.

**Thanks for worshipping 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 and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Thanks for Shining Bright for Jesus! Visit us at: [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org)

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**February 2, 2019**  
**Epiphany IV - 6 pm**

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

## **Candlemas – Christmas Day 40**

Traditionally, February 2 is the day when Church Candles are blessed. This is fitting seeing Jesus is the Light of the World and February 2 falls in Epiphany (the Season of Light). Candlemas celebrates three events in the life of Jesus: the presentation of the child Jesus; Jesus’ first entry into the Temple; & the Virgin Mary’s purification.

## **SEMAC—February 10-22**

Larry Vomhof and his team of dedicated servants will be lending a helping hand in the name of Jesus Christ to the residents of Wilmington, N.C. Please keep SEMAC in your prayers in the days ahead.

## **Care Ministry Team**

Recruiting & training servants of Emmanuel for the ministry of Greeting. Contact Judy Pearce for more information.

## **G.I.F.T.**

Adults are discussing “Aging Well” during Adult Education on Saturday nights.

**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 2  
Saturday School & G.I.F.T. at 5:10pm;  
Epiphany IV Worship & Candlemas at 6pm
- Monday, Feb. 4—Pastor attending Theological Conference LCMC (9-5)
- Tuesday, Feb. 5—Men’s Bible Study at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am; Council Mtg. at 1pm
- Wed, Feb. 6—Worship at Madonna Towers (1pm)
- Thursday, February 7  
Women’s Bible Study at Oasis Church (1pm)
- Sat, Feb. 9—Saturday School & G.I.F.T. at 5:10pm; Epiphany V worship at 6pm with Baptism of Bodhi Konop

## Annual Meeting Highlights — Saturday, January 26, 2019

- Quorum was established. 35 Covenant Members attended this year's Annual Meeting.
- Reports were given by President Lee Pearce, NALC Voting Delegate Julie Steffenson, Pastor Dave Steffenson, Dave Carl (Site Assessment Team), and Treasurer Judy Caudill.
- Darald Bothun reported that the Audit Committee found Emmanuel's financial records to be in excellent order.
- The written Annual Report was approved as distributed.
- Elections: Deb Vomhof & Tom Vomhof were elected to 2-year Council terms. Barb Steffenson was elected to a 1-year council position. Lee Pearce, Julie Engle, Leitha Bothun, and Julie Steffenson were elected to a 1-year term on the Nominating Committee. Darald Bothun was elected to a 3-year term on the Audit Committee. Judy Caudill was elected to a 1-year position on the Audit Committee. Deb Vomhof was elected as our Emmanuel Voting Delegate for the NALC Convocation; Judy Caudill will serve as our alternate. Julie Steffenson was elected as our voting delegate for the Iowa Mission District Convocation; Jenna Serr will serve as our alternate.
- The 2019 Mission Plan Budget of \$111,855 was approved. Pastor's compensation remains the same in 2019 as in 2018. Motion passed to give Pastor a year-end bonus if budget income permits.
- The Building Fund currently has in excess of \$97,000 in it. Emmanuel ended 2018 with \$157,985 in our checking. \$100,00 will be placed in a 3-month interest bearing CD.
- The 2019 Goals were approved!
  1. Implementation of Emmanuel Care Team Ministry.
  2. Securing Property: church site &/or Hospitality+ House.
  3. Updating outdoor signage for Emmanuel.
  4. Grow Emmanuel's weekly Average Worship Attendance.
  5. Video recording/live streaming of our Worship Services & Sermons, to reach those outside our church membership. Utilize Rochester Public Access Channel 181.
  6. Secure at least 12 Thrivent Action Team grants to grow & extend our missional outreach. Three secured already!
  7. Each One Make/Reach One (multiplying ourselves). Increase Discipleship Covenants.
  8. Update our church website: offering "resources"; "giving opportunities"; "calendar items".
  9. Participation at the NALC Convocation in Indianapolis (August 7-9, 2019), and the Iowa Mission District Convocation at First Lutheran Church in Manchester, IA (Saturday, September 14, 2019).
  10. Produce a 2019 Church Membership Picture Directory!
  11. Provide P.R.A.Y. (Programs of Religious Activities with Youth) classes for youth and families in our congregation and community.
  12. Participate in the Mega Kids Camp (July 29-August 1).
  13. Others: To Be Determined by Church Council (Budget Line Item #550).
- Benevolences Distributed in 2018: \$6500. 13 Thrivent Action Team grants were received; also Choice Dollars.
- Thanks was expressed & gifts given to outgoing Council Members, Lee Pearce and Judy Caudill.
- Officers elected after Annual Meeting adjourned:
  - President: Debbie Vomhof
  - Vice President: Barb Steffenson
  - Secretary: Don Holtan
  - Treasurer: Tom Vomhof
  - Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 5 at 1pm.

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