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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

### Prayers of the Church

A: 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*

A: Most holy Father, build the Church into a holy temple, filled with your Spirit, with Christ as the cornerstone. Give it faithful leaders, who, like the Apostles and martyrs, plant and water the seed of faith, to which you alone give growth. Grant that in word

and deed, it sets before the world the way of life; and grant that many should choose it. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Heavenly Father, your Son spoke hard words about anger, adultery and divorce. Help us take Christ's words to heart, and to strive for gentleness, faithfulness, and steadfastness in our family life. Bring your forgiveness and healing to those wounded by hurtful and hateful words and deeds. Give us the wisdom and grace to comfort, challenge, encourage and support friends or family members who strive to remain faithful, and who agonize over how to forgive those who have betrayed their trust. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer**

A: Set before the rulers of nations the path of life and of death; and give them the desire and the strength to choose life for themselves and for the people in their care. We especially pray for the elected and appointed leaders of our nation, state, and community. 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.**

A: Grant grace and protection to the members of the SEMAC Team as they perform your holy work in West Virginia. May their words and deeds of compassion offer restoration and hope to those whom they serve. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: 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: 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 119:1-8—responsively**

L: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

**C: Who walk in the law of the Lord!**

L: Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart,

**C: 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!**



**“Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways” - LBW #480**

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways, To keep his statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace, To know and do his will!

2. Order my footsteps by your Word, And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er for get your way, Restore your wandering sheep.

4. Make me to walk in your commands, 'Tis a delightful road;  
Nor let my head or heart or hands, Offend against my god.



**Worship  
Epiphany VI  
February 11, 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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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: O Lord, graciously hear the requests of your people. May we who are afflicted for our sins be mercifully relieved, for the sake of your glory, to find new life through the love of Jesus Christ, your Son. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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: “Choices”

Gift of Music - “Kid’s Choir”

Sermon: “Upping the Ante”

Rev. David Steffenson

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Darald Bothun*

*Communion Server: Leitha Bothun*

*Ushers: Lee Pearce & Rich Sunde*

*Acolyte: Cabe Siebenaler*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*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 Service will be on Wednesdays, March 1 & 15 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 155-158 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 45) in preparation for this week's study (Leviticus 1:1-3:17; Matthew 28; and Psalm 21:8-13).

**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.

## **Deuteronomy 30:15-20 — Choose Life!**

15 "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 and 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.**

## **I Corinthians 3:1-9 — One Ministry**

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 & 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, & 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.**

**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)

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017**

**Epiphany VI - 6 pm**

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

### **Palm Fronds!**

We will be collecting palm fronds distributed last year on Palm Sunday, on February 25. Bring your palms and we will burn them into ashes for Ash Wednesday Worship on March 1.

### **Fun & Funds 4 Cy's Place**

February 26 @ 3:30 pm at Autumn Ridge Church (3611 Salem Road SW Rochester, MN 55902). Enjoy light refreshments and live music by Higher Call Quartet at 3:30pm, The Benson Family Singers at 4:30pm, & Brad Boice at 5:30pm. Cy's Place (a facility where children with compromised immune systems can mend) will be the first Pediatric Transplant Hospitality House in MN. Your financial support is welcomed. For more information, talk to Judy Pearce or visit: [www.cysplace.org](http://www.cysplace.org).

**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, February 11  
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; GIFT at 5:15pm; Epiphany VI Worship at 6pm - Gift of Music: Kid's Choir
- Mon—Thurs, Feb. 13-16  
Pastor Dave - NALC Ministerium in Florida
- Tues, Feb.14 - Men's Bible Study (8am) — Day 45 (pp 155-158); Text Study (10:30am)
- Saturday, February 18  
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; GIFT at 5:15pm; Epiphany VII Worship at 6pm
- Saturday, February 25  
Emmanuel turns 5!
- Sunday, February 26  
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