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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: Gracious Father, grant that your Son may always be the foundation, head and cornerstone of the Church. Adorn your Church with the precious stones of righteousness, faithfulness, and charity; and fill it with your most Holy Spirit. Heal its divisions; correct its

faults; inspire its words and direct its deeds. Make it perfect as you are perfect, so that by its lovely witness, many may be drawn to love and trust you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Fill us Gracious God with the righteousness of Christ. Prosper everything that builds up faith, encourages generosity, strengthens fellowship, and deepens our love for you and for one another.

Burn away the chaff of discord, misguided priorities, and self-centeredness. Make of us a living temple, fit for the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, and use us to bring family, friends & neighbors to a living faith in Christ our Savior. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Grant that the faith and testimony of your persecuted servants may be tested, refined, and found precious in your sight, even in the fiery crucible of suffering. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bless the children of our congregation and community, O Lord, and help us to provide them with the sure foundation of faith in Jesus. Give them a deep love for your commandments, so that they grow in every virtue that glorifies you, serves the welfare of others, and keeps them in the pathways of truth, integrity, and kindness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We beseech you, O Lord, to heal and raise up everyone bowed down by pain, grief, despair, fear, guilt or confusion. Especially we pray for: [Names] Keep them safe in your care; give gentleness, patience and compassion to everyone who cares for them; and bestow on them the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

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 119:33-40—responsively

L: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

C: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.

L: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

C: Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!

L: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

C: Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.

L: Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good.

C: Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

Next Chapter Ministries is hosting their annual Restoration Celebration fundraiser on Friday, March 17 from 6-8pm. Location: Rochester International Event Center. Register online at www.nextchapterrochester.org. Tickets are \$25.00 each. Next Chapter's mission is to build lasting relationships with those in our community who have been impacted by crime, restoring them to God, family, and community with the Gospel of God.

Thrivent Opportunities: Live Generously! Thrivent members have an opportunity to designate their Choice Dollars in support of the holy work of God at Emmanuel Lutheran. Each Thrivent member can also apply for two Action Team Gifts of \$250.00 each to be used as seed money for ministry activities. Members of Emmanuel Lutheran have already been approved for three Action Team Gifts in 2017: Worship Bags for Children, Emmanuel's 5-Year Anniversary Celebration, & Lenten Soup Suppers. Any Questions? Visit Thrivent.com or talk with Julie Steffenson.



**Worship
Epiphany VII
February 18, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

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*Gathering Hymn: "Softly & Tenderly" #734

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: O God, you know our fears and lack of confidence. Forgive our willful ways, and defend our faith through the teaching of your Christ, through whom you gather saints to give you glory without end. Grant this, we pray, through the same 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: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalm 119:33-40

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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 3:10-23

*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 31

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Children's Message: "WWJD?"

Sermon: "The Holiness Code"

Rev. David Steffenson

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Lee Pearce

Ushers: Arne Nelson & Matt Serr.

Acolyte: Pending

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Julie Steffenson

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 179-182 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 52) in preparation for this week's study (Leviticus 14:1-57; Mark 6:6b-29; Proverbs 5:15-23).

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.

Lent 2017: Our Lenten fast begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, with a soup supper at 5pm followed by worship at 6pm. Weekly on Tuesdays during Lent, we will enjoy soup and worship. Our Lenten Theme this year is Martin Luther's Catechisms.

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 — I AM the LORD

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. — 9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. 10 And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. 11 You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. 12 You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. 13 You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. 14 You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. 15 You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. 16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. 17 You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 3:10-23 — Christ, Our Sure Foundation

10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. 16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. 18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," 20 and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." 21 So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future — all are yours, 23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

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

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

38 [Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. 41 And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. 43 You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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

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.

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017

Epiphany VII - 6 pm

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

Emmanuel Turns Five - Feb. 25!

Five Years ago, God launched an NALC congregation in Rochester. On February 25, Emmanuel will celebrate its five-year anniversary with a celebration of Worship. Guest choirs from two of our supporting congregations will offer gifts of music. Refreshments will be served before & after worship. Emmanuel's Kid's Choir will also offer a gift of music. A combined choir will sing “Beautiful Savior”. Pass the word! Let's pack the place! Soli Deo Gloria!

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.

SEMAC - Mission Trip

Please continue to keep Larry Vomhof and his servant crew in your prayers as they labor for the Lord in West Virginia.

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 18
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Choir Practice @ 5:15pm; Epiphany VII Worship at 6pm
- Tues, Feb.21 - Men's Bible Study (8am) — Day 52 (pp 179-182); Text Study (10:30am)
- Wed, Feb.22 - Lady Light at Katie's (6:30pm)
- Thurs, Feb. 23 - Clergy Faithfulness (12:00pm)
- Saturday, February 25
NO Saturday School and NO GIFT; Transfiguration Worship at 6pm.
Emmanuel turns 5!
- Sunday, February 26
Pastor Dave preaching at FLC in Hope, MN (9am); “Fun & Funds 4 Cy's Place (3:30pm)