

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 6th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

27 [Jesus said,] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. 30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. 31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 32 If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 36 Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. 37 Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, & you will be forgiven; 38 give, & it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Annette Engelmann

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Communion Server: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Creig Anderson & Bob Harms

Acolyte: Pending

Sound: Don Holtan

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Samia Nelson & Marcia Harms

Greeters: Don & Peg Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

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**Worship—Eve of
Epiphany VII
February 23, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

“Service of Word & Sacrament”—LBW

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Song: “Songs of Thankfulness & Praise” LBW #90**

***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: God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus, to show us how to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us. Fill us with your love, and give us the strength we need to meet all people with lovingkindness, especially those who seek to harm us because we follow Jesus. Let your holy light shine through us, that we may show the world your never-ending joy and mercy. We pray this through the precious name of your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-15

Psalm 103:1-13 (*Responsively by half verse*) **SEE INSERT**

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

***Gospel Verse: “Alleluia”** **LBW page #83**

*Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Children’s Message: “Measuring Up: Punching Bags & Doormats”

Sermon: “The PLAIN Truth, part 2” Rev. David Steffenson

***Song: “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”** **#307**

*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**
Council Installation

*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* Page 91

Invitation & Distribution:

Communion Song: “How Great Thou Art” **#532**

*Table Blessing Page 40

*Closing Prayers (*L: Lord in your mercy; C: Hear our prayer*)

*Benediction Page 95

***Sending Song: “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”** **#419**

*Dismissal Page 95

Postlude

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 27 and March 6 & 20 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 Date: February 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 26): Psalm 99.

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

The Emmanuel Weekly

February 23, 2019
Epiphany VII - 6 pm

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

PALM FRONDS

Next Saturday, we come to the end of the Epiphany Season and prepare for the start of Lent. As we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord (March 2), we invite worshipers to return their palm fronds from last year. Palm leaves will be burned, and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday (March 6).

G.I.F.T.

Adults are discussing “Aging Well” during Adult Education on Saturday nights. Please join us at 5:00pm each week as we discuss “Growing Old with Grace. Next week (March 2) will feature a guest presenter, Kelly Kelly from Ranfranz & Vine.

Fat Tuesday—March 5

Join us for Pancakes and Pastries from 4:30-6:30pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Bring something sweet to share, if you wish.

SEMAC

Welcome Back servants of Christ! Thanks for serving Jesus and the people of Wilmington, N.C. Your servant work is a testimony to Christ’s love and compassion.

**The March Emmanuel Epistle
Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are
available! Also, pick up your copy of
Our Daily Bread Devotional for
March-May, 2019.**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, Feb. 23—Saturday School & G.I.F.T. at 5:10pm; Epiphany VII worship at 6pm with Council Installation
- Tuesday, Feb. 26—Men’s Bible Study at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am
- Wednesday, Feb. 27
Worship at Madonna Towers (1pm)
- Thursday, February 28
Women’s Bible Study at Oasis Church (1pm)
- Sat, March 2—Saturday School at 5:10pm & G.I.F.T. at 5pm; Transfiguration of Our Lord worship at 6pm
- Sunday, Mar. 3—Pastor preaching at Immanuel in Wykoff (9:30am).

Genesis 45:3-15 — God Sent Me

3 Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. 4 So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. 10 You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. 11 There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ 12 And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. 13 You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” 14 Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 103:1-13 (Responsively)

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: And all that is within me, bless his holy name!

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

C: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

L: Who redeems your life from the pit,

C: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

L: Who satisfies you with good

C: So that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

L: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

C: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

L: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

C: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

L: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

C: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

I Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 — The Resurrection of the Dead

21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ... 30 Why are we in danger every hour? 31 I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! 32 What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” 33 Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” 34 Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. 35 But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” 36 You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. 37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. 38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. 39 For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. 40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. 42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse: “Alleluia”**

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CLOSING PRAYERS

L: Loving Father, forgiveness is the hardest thing we must ever do, but refusing to forgive is ultimately worse. Thank you for that great, hard gift of forgiveness that you have bestowed upon us in Jesus. Cause the power of that gift to work deep within us. And though it be hard, teach us how to forgive – and to ask another for it – so that we may be restored to you, and to those who are separated from us by their sins or our own. 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 & 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 & their life in death. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, embrace the people of this congregation with your holy and forgiving love. Make us eager to seek out those estranged from us, & patient in the work of reconciliation. Let all we say and do shine with the love of Jesus. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Holy Spirit, empower the witness of your people. Bless we pray those who suffer and are persecuted for the name of Jesus. Give them a vision of your glory and the promise of resurrection unto eternal life. Lord in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, grant wisdom & fortitude to our church council members. Bless we pray Deb Vomhof, Barb Steffenson, Don Holtan and Tom Vomhof in their holy work as leaders of this congregation. May we support them and partner with them to the praise of your glory. 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.