

L: Holy God, You are the first and the last; beside you there is no god. Give your Church the faith and courage to proclaim that in Jesus, crucified and raised from the dead for the forgiveness of sins unto eternal life, you have revealed your nature and your heart to the whole world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: precious Savior, sickness, sorrow, and adversity take root in every life. We cannot uproot them all, yet we know you desire abundant life for your servants. And so, we are bold to pray for everyone who suffers, and especially for: [NAMES]. Speedily grant them health, hope and comfort; and in the fullness of time, complete in them and in us all, the full and perfect healing that you have promised in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive and graciously answer our prayer, heavenly Father, for the sake of your dear Son; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, give us the strength and will to accomplish whatever you call us to do.

C: Amen.

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Postlude

Men's Bible Study — Outdoor IN-PERSON

Join us on Wednesday, July 29 from 11am-12:00 Noon for an outdoor conversation about the Bible Readings appointed for worship for the week ahead. We'll plan on meeting at the church land or outside Oasis Church. Bring a lawn chair, and your Bible.

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Shining Bright for Jesus! **Visit us at:** www.emmanuelofrochester.org



**Worship—Eve of
Pentecost VII
July 18, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

“Service of Word”

Lutheran Book of Worship

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Song: “Amazing Grace”** #448

***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: You are the treasured people of the LORD.

C: A people holy to the LORD our God.

P: Keep the words of the LORD in your hearts; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, and when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone,

C: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.
(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

***Scripture Song: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”** WOV #713

Sing twice:

“Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.”

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

IN-PERSON WORSHIP: Emmanuel received the go-ahead to have worshipers inside the Oasis building beginning on June 6. Presently, Emmanuel is hosting worship at a 50% seating capacity. Everything has gone smoothly thus far. Foot traffic is one-directional. Masks are required, but may be removed at appropriate times. An usher is present to give directions. The Worship Service and Hymns are projected on the Overhead Screen. RSVP's are no longer needed.

New Life Family Services: "Carry Them through Campaign." During the month of July, New Life is seeking churches to sponsor the next 200 women seeking help and counsel for their unplanned pregnancy. For every \$550 raised, a church will be carrying one woman and her unborn child through birth and beyond. Emmanuel has committed to raise funds and to save at least one child. Gifts of support may be given directly to Emmanuel Lutheran. Please indicate on the offering envelope that your gift is for New Life (Carry Them through Campaign). Emmanuel has already received \$2050 in gifts.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.

Each day at 4:31pm, Members and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave Steffenson. Thanks for joining us. At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

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The Emmanuel Weekly

July 18, 2020
Pentecost VII - 6 pm

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

Blessing of the LAND

The blessing of our church land is scheduled for Sunday, August 2. Good Lord willing, we will have our church picnic on the land that day as well.

Giving Statements—January-June

Statements have been mailed. Thanks for your generous support of Emmanuel during the first six months of 2020.

Matching Gift—Building Fund

A Supporter of Emmanuel has pledged a matching gift of \$25,000 to our Building Fund. Between now and August 31, every gift given to the Emmanuel Building Fund will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000. If you've been thinking of making a gift to the Building Fund, now is the time to double your gift and double your joy.

The July Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for June-August.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat., July 18—Pentecost 7 "In-Person" and Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- Tues, July 21 — Men's Bible Study at 8:30am (email study)
- Sat., July 25—Pentecost 8 "In-Person" and Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- Wed, July 29—Men's In-Person Bible Study at 11am (Oasis Church?)
- Sunday, Aug. 2—Blessing of the Church Land and Emmanuel Picnic
- Thurs, Aug. 6—Zoom Council Mtg. at 3pm
- 4:31 — Prayer Time each day. Thanks for joining us!

Isaiah 44:6-8 — The LORD Alone Is GOD!

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. 7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. 8 Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:57-64 (Responsively)

L: The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

C: I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

L: When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;

C: I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.

L: Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.

C: At midnight I rise to praise you, because of your righteous rules.

L: I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts.

C: The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

Romans 8:18-27 — In This Hope We Are Saved

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for

what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 13th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

24 Jesus put another parable before [the disciples], saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. 27 And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."'" ... 36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

“Amazing Grace” — LBW #448

1. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.
2. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come.
'Tis Grace hath brought me safe thus far
And Grace will lead me home.
3. The Lord has promised good to me.
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

“Come, You Thankful People, Come” — LBW #407

Vs. 1-2 before the sermon; Vs. 3-4 after the sermon.

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

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3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

“Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” — LBW #234

1. Almighty God, your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.
2. Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.
3. Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.

Emmanuel Picnic & Blessing of the Church Land

LOCATION: 75th Street NW & 18th Ave. NW Rochester.

DATE: Sunday, August 2, 2020

Arrive between 11:30am and 12:00 Noon. Blessing of God's Land will follow the picnic lunch.

- The Grassy Area Will Be Mowed.
- A Large Tent (No Side Flaps) Will Be Provided for Shade and/or Shelter.
- Serving Tables and Dining Tables Will Be Provided.
- A Port-A-Potty Is Available with Toilet Paper & Sanitizing Wipes.
- Masks and Hand Sanitizer Will Be Available.

CATERED MENU:

- Byron's Pulled Barbeque Pork w/Hawaiian Buns
- Ballpark Hot Dogs w/Ballpark Buns
- Condiments: Heinz Ketchup, Mustard, Sweet Relish & Sweet Baby Ray's Barbeque Sauce
- Captain Ken's Oven Baked Beans
- Potato Salad
- Bottled Ice Water
- Hostess Desserts: Chocolate Cupcakes, Lemon Cupcakes, Twinkies, Ho-Ho's

(All food will be Served by Sanitized Servers with Gloves and Masks -- NOT SELF-SERVE. We Will Go Through the Serving Line One Family at a Time).

YOU BRING – Lawn Chairs, Canopies, Personal Food and/or Drink, Toothpicks – NO FOOD TO SHARE!

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