

\*Closing Prayers

L: Dear Father, thank you for Jesus, our friend and yokefellow. Thank you for soul's refreshment and heart's ease; for mind's nourishment and body's rest. Thank you for faith, family, and freedom; for liberty and justice; for the countless blessings we so often take for granted. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Bless, purify, and guide this nation. Let the words of the song be our prayer on its behalf. "America, America, God mend thine every flaw; confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!" Grant to the people of every nation favorable weather, peaceful times, and respite from the burdens of sickness, poverty, and violence. Teach us all to eagerly seek and share your mercy, guidance, and blessings. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Give rest and refreshment, respite and healing to all who are weighed down by sin, sorrow, or suffering. Especially we pray for: [NAMES]. Ease also the heavy load of care and worry that their loved ones shoulder; and give to us all the joy of your saving help. 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.**

\*Benediction

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\*Sending Song: "Jesus Shall Reign"

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\*Dismissal

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Postlude — Patriotic Music

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Worship—Eve of  
Pentecost V  
July 4, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

**“Service of Word & Sacrament”**

**Lutheran Book of Worship**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude — Patriotic Music

Welcome/Announcements

\*Gathering Song: “Softly & Tenderly Jesus is Calling” INSERT

\*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.”

\* Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, Jesus bids us to come to him when we are weary, promising his yoke of love will be easy. Give us the grace to see that our true peace comes from assuming his yoke and serving you until we are at last at rest in him; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

**Psalm 145:1-14** (*Responsively by half verse*)      **SEE INSERT**

Second Lesson: Romans 7:14-25a

**\*Gospel Verse: "Alleluia"**      **LBW page #83**

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Children's Message: "What's the YOKE?"

Sermon: "Rest for the Soul"      Rev. David Steffenson

**\*Song of the Day: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**      **INSERT**

**\*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.** (*Sharing of God's peace may be done as an expression from the heart, without actual contact.*)

Offering (No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

**\*The Great Thanksgiving:**

Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Pentecost

\*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

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*Invitation & Distribution: Following worship, as weather permits Communion will be offered in the outdoors. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Thanks!*

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

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 gifts of \$1,400.

### 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."

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

# The Emmanuel Weekly

July 4, 2020  
Pentecost V - 6 pm

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

### Blessing of the LAND

The tentative date for the blessing of our church land is Sunday, August 2. Good Lord willing, we will have our church picnic on the land that day as well. We will gather on the Church Land and bless it to the praise and glory of our Triune God. There is plenty of room out there for social distancing.

### Prayer for Independence Day

Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**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 4—Pentecost 5 "In-Person" and Virtual Worship at 6pm. Holy Communion will be served outdoors following worship.
- Sunday-Saturday, July 5-11 — Pastor Dave on vacation.
- Tues, July 7 — Men's Bible Study at 8:30am (email study); Pastor Dave begins Round 5 of his Chemo.
- Sat., July 11—Pentecost 6 "In-Person" and Virtual Worship at 6pm. Pulpit Supply: Pastor Gies
- 4:31 — Prayer Time each day. Thanks for joining us!

### **Zechariah 9:9-12 — Prisoners of Hope**

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. 10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. 11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. 12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 145:1-14 (Responsively)**

L: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

**C: Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.**

L: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

**C: And his greatness is unsearchable.**

L: One generation shall commend your works to another,

**C: And shall declare your mighty acts.**

L: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, & on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**C: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.**

L: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

**C: And shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

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

**C: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

**C: And all your saints shall bless you!**

L: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

**C: To make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

**C: And your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

L: The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

**C: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

### **Romans 7:14-25a — Thanks be to God!**

14 We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. 15 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. 17 So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. 21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25a Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 11th. Chapter.

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

25 Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## “Softly & Tenderly” — WOW #734

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

### Refrain:

*"Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

2. Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.

### Refrain:

*"Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"*

## “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

(Tune: “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” LBW #54)

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say:  
"Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down,  
Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
And He has made me glad.

—Continued on backside

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's Light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise,  
And all thy day be bright!"  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that Light of Life I'll walk  
Till trav'ling days are done.

## “Jesus Shall Reign” — LBW #530

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun,  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

3. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring,  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

## MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Faith Practices! Signposts guide our way—Disciples pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read and study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and live & give generously.