

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven

Sanitizing Team: Pending

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Larry & Deb Vomhof

Sound: Don Holtan

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

**Sanitizing Team—Volunteers:** Emmanuel is required to take care of after worship cleanup and sanitation of the space we are using. Cleaning and Sanitation takes less than 15 minutes. If you are available to help with this task, please contact Julie Steffenson.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost:** The Day of the Lord is ever upon us, even though believers have been waiting for his return since his ascension long ago. Time for us is vastly different than God's time and so we wait with anticipation and patience for the return of Christ. In the meantime we are encouraged to be good stewards of all that God has given us: investing in others, sharing His Word, and living each day with joy and mercy.

**Implementation Team Update:** Their next meetings are scheduled for Sundays, Nov. 22 & Dec. 13. Congregational surveys have been mailed and emailed out to our members. We want your input. Please return your completed survey to Pastor Dave by Nov. 18. Thanks!

**Information Sharing Time:** Join us on Saturday night, November 21 at 7pm for conversation regarding our "Building for the Future Campaign." We'll highlight items from the congregational feedback survey & the current work of the Implementation Team. We'll meet at the close of worship for 25 minutes. Please join us!

**Thanksgiving Eve Celebration: Wednesday, Nov. 25. at 6pm.** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Store-bought pies will be distributed in single serving containers. Worshippers will be invited to take home a piece of pie after worship, & a second piece to share with a friend. We've also purchased **Thanksgiving Greeting Cards** & are encouraging members of Emmanuel to write a note & send a card to a neighbor, a friend, a co-worker, etc. Together, we are spreading the Good News of Jesus & the Spirit of Thanksgiving with others.

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Worship—Eve  
of Pentecost 24  
Nov. 14, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

## With One Voice – Bread of Life Liturgy

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

\*Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness Page 10f

\*Hymn: "Take My Life that I May Be" — LBW #406 - Song Insert

\*Greeting Page 28

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.**

\*Kyrie Page 28



[A] Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: [C] Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



[A] Chri - ste e - le - i - son: [C] Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:



[A] Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: [C] Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

\*Hymn of Praise (Men = I; Women = II) Page 29f

\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 30

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, in baptism you pour out upon us gifts of immeasurable, eternal worth — faith, salvation, and the calling to serve as your witnesses in the world. Help us to deepen our baptismal life, walking wet daily, and responding with abandon to your gracious gifts; 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: Zephaniah 1:7-16

Psalm 90:1-12 (See INSERT)

Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 5:1-11

\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Children’s Message: “A Talent Show!” (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: “Betting on a Sure Thing!” Rev. David Steffenson

\*Hymn of the Day: “O God, We Yearn for Safety” — Sung to the tune of “O Jesus, I Have Promised” —LBW #503 Song Insert

\*Confession of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed”

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**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.**

\*The Prayers (Each petition ends with “Lord in your mercy,” & the people’s response of “Hear our prayer.”)

\*The Peace (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.)

Communion Hymn: “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending — To the Tune of “LBW #423” Song Insert

\*The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer

\*Lord’s Prayer: Traditional Version

Invitation & Distribution: (H.C. Served Following Worship)

\*Benediction

\*Sending Cantic: “Thankful Hearts”

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

\*Dismissal

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P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th. Chapter.  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

14 [Jesus said to the disciples,] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground & hid his master’s money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ 21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master answered him, ‘You wicked & slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown & gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020**  
**Eve Pentecost 24 – 6pm**

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

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have Thrivent Products don’t forget to designate your Choice Dollars. Go online at [www.thrivent.org](http://www.thrivent.org) or call #1-800-847-4836 to designate your choice dollars. Emmanuel has received \$2,260.00 in Choice Dollars this year.

### Men’s Bible Study IN-PERSON

Join us on Wednesdays, Nov. 25; & Dec. 9 & 23 from 11am-12:00 Noon for a study of the Bible Readings appointed for the week ahead. We’ll meet inside the Oasis Building and practice safe physical distancing. Bring a Bible!

### Children’s Worship Bags

Worship Bags are available for kids each week. We hope children enjoy these resources during worship. Please take the bags home with you.

**The November Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotionals for Sept.-Nov. & Dec.-Feb.**



### CALENDAR ITEMS

- -Saturday, November 14 Pentecost 24 WOV “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm. Holy Communion following Worship. Pick up your Thanksgiving Cards!
- Tuesday, November 17 Men’s email Bible Study at 8:30am.
- Saturday, November 21 Christ the King “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm. (New Year’s Eve in the Church Year); Information Sharing Time (7:00-7:25pm)
- Sunday, Nov. 22 @ 5pm Implementation Team Mtg.—Oasis Church

**Acts 4:31—The  
Church Prayed!**

## Zephaniah 1:7-16 — “God Will Intervene”

7 Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8 And on the day of the Lord’s sacrifice — “I will punish the officials and the king’s sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. 9 On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master’s house with violence and fraud. 10 On that day,” declares the Lord, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, & I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ 13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.” 14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress & anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast & battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *Psalm 90:1-12 — responsively*

L: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**C: Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

L: You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!”

**C: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

L: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

**C: For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.**

L: You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**C: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

L: Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**C: So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

## I Thessalonians 5:1-11 — The Coming Day of the LORD

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, & they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, & for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

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**Communion Hymn: “God’s Whose Giving Knows No Ending” — Sung to the tune of LBW #423 (“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”)**

1. God, whose giving knows no ending,  
From Your rich and endless store:  
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,  
Costly cross, grave’s shattered door.  
Gifted by You, we turn to You,  
Off’ring up ourselves in praise:  
Thankful song shall rise forever,  
Gracious donor of our days.
2. Treasure, too, You have entrusted,  
Gain through pow’rs, Your grace conferred:  
Ours to use for home and kindred,  
And to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
As we heed Christ’s ageless call.  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
Serving You by loving all.

***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 & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit, and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life & salvation.” We are practicing distancing Communion following worship tonight. Please follow the directions of the ushers. With repentant hearts, we receive the body & blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. Gluten-free wafers and consecrated grape juice are also available.*

**Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!** Each day at 4:31pm, Members & Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave.

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**SONG INSERT**

**Hymn: “Take My Life that I May Be” — LBW #406**

1. Take my life, that I may be, Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments & my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use, Ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.
4. Take my love; my Lord, I pour, At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all for thee.

**Hymn of the Day: “O God, We Yearn for Safety” — Sung to the tune of “O Jesus, I Have Promised” —LBW #503**  
**(Verses 1-2 before sermon; verses 3-5 after sermon)**

1. O God, we yearn for safety; We long to be secure.  
Yet faithful, loving service, Is what you value more.  
You give us what is needed; You love, forgive and save.  
Then, sending us to serve you, You call us to be brave.
2. You give to some ten talents - to others, two or three;  
To some you give one blessing, To manage faithfully.  
For you, O Lord, are loving, And don't demand success;  
You daily call your people, To lives of faithfulness.
3. You give your church the gospel, Good news for us to share.  
You give us great compassion, For neighbors everywhere.  
You give us skills to serve you, And loving work to do.  
We're blest to be a blessing, And called to risk for you.
4. O God, it seems much safer, To live from day to day,  
Protecting what you lend us, And hiding it away.  
Yet all these gifts can't flourish, When hidden in the ground;  
When we are brave to share them, Your blessings will abound.
5. O Jesus, you have promised, To all who follow you,  
That where you are in glory, Your servant shall be too.      And  
Jesus I have promised, To serve you to the end;      Oh, give  
me grace to follow, My master and my friend.

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**\*Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God!" (Men = I; Women = II)**



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



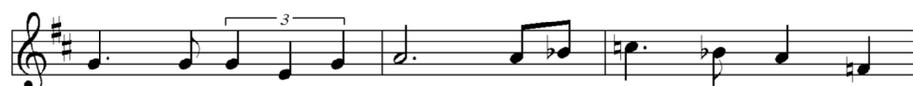
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐☐ For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

**Thanks** for worshipping 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! May the power of the Holy Spirit equip the saints for bold Witness in the World!  
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## Worship Prayers: November 14, 2020

L: Let us approach the Throne of Grace, there to pray for the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence is kept.*

L: Father, thank you for entrusting to us the treasures of your Kingdom and the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for your confidence in us – for commending wise risk taking and condemning fearful inaction. Give us grace to be faithful stewards of your bounty, to your glory, and for the good of your people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Give your Church pastors, bishops and theologians who rightly & tirelessly proclaim your Word of Law and Gospel. Make the Church shine with the holiness and humility of Jesus, guiding many, by the light of his Cross, to seek his promised forgiveness and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Make the faithful witness of your suffering Church into a beacon of hope for all who love Christ, and into an urgent warning to all who hate him. Give to us, who can scarcely comprehend the suffering of our persecuted sisters and brothers, the willingness to defend and provide for them as we can; and to adorn their sacrifices with our smaller acts of faith and love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We pray for all who have been richly blessed with skills of mind & hand, and gifts of imagination & wise judgment. Guide them in using their gifts to your glory and for the benefit of others. We also pray for those whose talents seem meager; who are afraid to use them; or are convinced they are worthless. Give them the grace to value what you have given them, and to use all their resources to their utmost. Help all of us to risk much as we seek to please you, help our neighbor, and heal our world. Remind us that you have prepared for us joys that are infinitely greater than any treasure we lay at your feet. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Give teachable minds and willing hearts to the leaders of the nations. Remind them that they must give you an account of their stewardship of power, authority, and talents. Do not let them squander these gifts through hard hearts, rivalries, misuse, or disuse. Give to each of us the gifts of kindness, humility, and generosity, so that all our lives may be touched by happiness and brightened by hope. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We beseech you to come speedily to the rescue of all who cry out for healing of body, mind, heart or spirit: [NAMES]. Deliver them from their afflictions, & restore them to the fellowship of all who care for them. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Keep in your sheltering arms all those who have died trusting in your promises. And as you have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown, we pray: Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, until you bring us home, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayer, and graciously grant all that glorifies you and benefits our poor broken world, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**