

Reformation Sunday Prayer Event (October 25)

Emmanuel has a tradition of hosting a prayer walk and potluck each year on Reformation Sunday. Each year, Emmanuel walks around our Oasis neighborhood, offering prayers for our city and her people. The prayer time concludes with a church potluck. This year will be our **8th year of walking and praying**. This year will be a little different. Instead of walking the sidewalks of our neighborhood and enjoying a potluck meal, we will gather on our church land at 4:31pm for prayer on October 25. Pastor Dave is inviting members and friends of Emmanuel to submit prayers to him. The prayers can be one word, one sentence, or several sentences in length. Pastor Dave will assemble the prayers and send the collated prayers your way. Whether we sit in a chair on the church land, physically distancing, or in our vehicles, or remain at home, we can all join our voices in prayer for our churches, families, communities, country and world on October 25. Feel free to pack a snack or even a simple picnic supper if you wish to enjoy some food as you pray. Stay for a few minutes or as long as you wish.

Implementation Team: After prayerful deliberation, the Church Council has appointed the following people to serve on a Committee charged with implementing the next steps of our Emmanuel Building Project: Larry Vomhof, Don Holtan, Judy Pearce, & Don Wanek. Pastor Dave serves as an ex-officio member of this Team Their appointment is a 1-year commitment beginning on Nov. 1, including the following responsibilities: Seeking God's will for His Church, His Land and His People; Developing a church site master plan; Soliciting feedback and input from church members; Identifying, prioritizing, and implementing necessary tasks in a timely manner; & Presenting all proposals to the Council & Congregation for approval. Their first meeting is on November 1 at Oasis Church at 5pm.

Thanks for worshipping 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 and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Shining Bright for Jesus!

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**Worship—Eve of
Reformation
October 24, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

“Holden Evening Prayer”

** indicates stand as you are able*

Gathering Music—Song: “Lord Keep Us Steadfast” — LBW #230

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing your praise eternally.
3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray: O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, & bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever.

C: Amen.

*Service of Light

***Evening Hymn: “Joyous Light”** (Leader sings introduction; and the congregation sings verses 1-3).

*Evening Thanksgiving

Psalmody: Psalm 141 (Sing as a Round)

Silence for Meditation and Prayer

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

6 I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 8:31-38

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 8th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” 33 They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham & have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” 34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. 37 I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. 38 I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Message: “To be Continued...” (Posted on Facebook)

Song of the Day: “A Mighty Fortress” — LBW #229

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood, of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the Right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who That may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

3. That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

Sermon: “How Free Am I?”

*Annunciation (duet) and Magnificat (Congregation)

*Gloria Patri (*Tune of Evening Hymn: Joyous Light*)

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.)

Litany & Closing Prayers

The Lord's Prayer: “Our Father who Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Song: “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” — LBW #297

1. Salvation unto us has come, By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our mediator.

2. Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone, And rests in him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known, With love & hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply,
The proof that faith is living.

3. All blessing, honor, thanks, & praise, To Father, Son, & Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace, All glory to his merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

The Emmanuel Weekly

October 24, 2020
Reformation - 6 pm

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



Reformation: “The is power in the truth. Jesus told his disciples that if they stay in his Word then they will know the truth and the truth will set them free. In a culture where truth is so often subjective, it is comforting and empowering to trust in the truth of Christ which is the ultimate truth. We are free because we know the truth of God that is revealed in Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.

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

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Pending

Sound: Don Holtan

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

Thanksgiving Eve Celebration: Emmanuel Lutheran will host a Thanksgiving Worship Service at Oasis Church on **Wednesday, Nov. 25. at 6pm.** We won’t have our traditional pie social, but we will be serving pie. Store-bought pie will be purchased & packaged in single serving containers. Worshippers will be invited to take home a piece of pie after worship, and a second piece that they can share with a friend. The distribution of the pie will be done in a safe manner. We are also purchasing **Thanksgiving Greeting Cards** and encouraging members of Emmanuel to pick up a card or 2. Members will write a note and send a card to a neighbor, a friend, a co-worker, etc. We will collectively spread the Good News of Jesus & the Spirit of Thanksgiving to others. Greeting Cards will be available by November 1. Our Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be a Service of the Word with the Lord’s Supper. We hope you can join us!

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

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.

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All Saints Celebration

We are remembering loved ones who died during the past 12 months in our All Saints Worship Service next Saturday (Oct. 31). Send names to Pastor Dave.

Men’s Bible Study IN-PERSON

Join us on Wed, October 28 from 11am-12:00 Noon for a study of the Bible Readings appointed for worship for the week ahead. We’ll meet inside the Oasis Building—Fellowship Hall, & practice physical distancing. Bring a Bible!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have Thrivent Products don’t forget to designate your Choice Dollars. Go online at www.thrivent.org or call #1-800-847-4836 to designate your choice dollars. Emmanuel has received over \$1600.00 in Choice Dollars this year.

The November Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter is available in print! The Prayer Calendar will come your way soon. Pick up your copy of the Our Daily Bread Devotionals.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, October 24
Reformation Celebration
“In-Person” and Virtual
Worship at 6pm.
- Sunday, October 25
Prayer Event @ 4:31pm
- Wednesday, October 28
Men’s In-Person Bible
Study at 11am
- Thursday, Oct. 29—New
Life Gala Event
- Saturday, Oct. 31—All
Saints Eve Worship with
Holy Communion (6pm)
- Sunday, November 1
Implementation Team
Meeting at Oasis Church
(Fellowship Hall) at 5pm
- **4:31 — Prayer Time**