

Sermon: "The Devil, You Say"

Rev. David Steffenson

\*Hymn of the Day: "A Mighty Fortress"

LBW #229

\*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 - *Music by Karen Salz*

\*Offertory Prayer:

P: God, our Creator, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will & walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Eucharistic Prayer for "Sundays after Pentecost"

\*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

*Invitation & Distribution: 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 & salvation." We practice Intinction at Emmanuel Lutheran. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) & dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ).*

**Communion Hymn: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LBW #389**

\*Table Blessing

\*Closing Prayers

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\*Benediction

\*Sending Hymn: "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

LBW #509

\*Dismissal

Postlude

*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 & marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life!*

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## CLOSING PRAYERS

A: Lord God, You know the great evils that lurk in our hearts by nature, defiling us from within. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on all Your baptized people, that our hearts may be daily cleansed by faith. Bless our teachers & learners, & schools with your saving presence. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Holy Spirit, fill us with your goodness and grace. Clothe us each day with the full armor of Christ. Keep us steadfast in the Word that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Heavenly Father, On this Labor Day weekend, we praise You especially for Your gift of work in our many callings. Free us from thinking of that gift as drudgery. Help us to welcome labor with joy as an opportunity to be a blessing to our neighbors. Remember especially all who desire work but can find no gainful employment, as well as those no longer able to work as they would like. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Merciful Lord, look with compassion upon those who are struggling with illness, grief, loneliness, and mental or spiritual malady [especially **NAMES**]. Reassure them of Your love, which is like that of the shepherd who seeks and saves the one lost sheep. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, Almighty Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

*Pianist: Karen Salz*

*Scripture Reader, Prayers, & Communion Server: Julie Steffenson*

*Treats: Julie Steffenson*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Ushers: Creig Anderson & Bob Mulvihill*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Acolyte: PENDING*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*

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**Worship**  
**Pentecost 15**  
**Sept. 1, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**

## “Service of Word & Sacrament”

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

**\*Gathering Hymn: “O Word of God Incarnate”**

**LBW #231**

**\*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 your God.**

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

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

P: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

**\*Prayer of the Day:** “O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace, & in your Holy Word; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**”

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

**\*Holy Gospel: Mark 7:14-23**

Children’s Message: “A Sermon in Shoes”

### **2018 Iowa Mission District Convocation: September 15**

On Saturday, September 15 from 9am-3pm, First Lutheran Church in St. Ansgar, Iowa will host our annual Iowa Mission District Convocation. Pastor David Wendell, a member of the NALC Staff, will be the guest speaker, addressing the topic of “Sola Scriptura”. All pastors and two lay members of each congregation are eligible to serve as voting delegates. Contact Pastor Steffenson if you would like to attend as a delegate or visitor.

### **NALC Disaster Relief Truck In-Bound!**

An NALC Disaster Relief semi-truck will be swinging through our Mission District to pick up items to stock the relief warehouse in Ohio. Any and all supplies within any of the Kit categories are welcome (See Flyer). The truck will be stopping at Mission in Christ in Strawberry Point. Anyone wanting to make donations for relief efforts, can bring them to St. Ansgar on Saturday, September 15 (Iowa Mission District Convocation). Representatives from Mission in Christ will transport them to Strawberry Point and ensure they are on the semi. Contact Pastor Dave for more info.

### **Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 — Never Forget**

1 [Moses said,] “And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, & do them, that you may live, and go in & take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. ... 6 “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? 9 Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children ....”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Ephesians 6:10-20 — The Whole Armor of God**

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, & having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading — Mark 7:14-23**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 7th Chapter.

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

14 [Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: 15 There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” 17 And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18 And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, 19 since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) 20 And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**September 1, 2018**  
**Pentecost 15 - 6 pm**

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

## **Blessing of Backpacks**

A new school year is beginning. Tonight we are blessing our schools and those who teach and learn. Bring your backpacks and lunch boxes up to the Children’s Sermon so we can bless them and you! Stick with Jesus, because He’s stuck on you!

## **Rally Day Saturday School & G.I.F.T.**

Join us next Saturday (Sept. 8) at 5:10pm as we kick off another year of Christian Education. We’ll meet in the fellowship hall with special activities.

Root Beer Floats will be served.

G.I.F.T. this fall will be a study of Mark Cahill’s book, “One Thing You Can’t Do in Heaven”—Learn how to share your Christian faith with others!

## **SAVE the DATE**

Reformation Sunday Prayer Walk and Potluck: October 28, 2018.

**The September Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, the “Our Daily Bread Devotional”.**



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Saturday, September 1 Pentecost 15 Worship at 6pm with Blessing of Backpacks!!
- Monday, September 3 Blessed Labor Day!
- Tues, Sept. 4—Men’s Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Wed, Sept. 5—Madonna Tower’s Worship (1pm)
- Thurs, Sept. 6—Women’s Bible Study on the Book of Psalms (1pm)
- Friday, Sept. 7—Church Council Mtg. (10am)
- Sat, Sept. 8—Rally Day at 5:10pm—Saturday School & G.I.F.T.; 6pm Pentecost 16 Worship

**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 and ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members and 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.

**Women’s Bible Study:** Women of Emmanuel will begin a new study on the Book of Psalms this week, meeting twice a month on Thursdays at Oasis Church at 1pm. Our first session will be on Thursday, September 6. The new study will look at Israel’s Prayer & Hymn Book. In Session One we will look at Psalms 1 & 2.

**Worship at Madonna Towers Skilled Care Chapel:** On the first and third Wednesdays of each month, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Worship Services will be on Wednesdays, September 5 & 19 at 1pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

**New Address!** Pass the word around! Oasis Church has a new mailing address & so does Emmanuel! 3819 - 18th Ave. NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

**Men’s Bible Study Breakfast:** Men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Psalms on Tuesdays at 8am & discussing the appointed Psalm for the week. The men meet at Oasis Church weekly for conversation & coffee. This Week’s Study—Sept. 4 (Psalm 146).

## **LOOKING AHEAD:**

- Reformation Sunday Prayer Walk & Potluck: Oct. 28, 2018.
- Christmas Eve 2018: Worship at 9pm with Communion and Candlelight.
- The 12 Days of Christmas Bell Ringing Worship Service will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 6pm.
- 2019 SEMAC Mission Trip is February 10-22 in Houston, TX.

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