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WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Organist: Rev. Scott Schilbe
Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Julie Steffenson
Ushers: Brock Edwards, Mason & Gavin
Acolyte: Emma Matzke
Sound: Don Holtan
Coffee: Peg Holtan
Treats: Julie Edwards
Set-up: Julie Steffenson *Take-down: Janet Sunde & Friends*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence is kept.

L: Lord, we are Your vineyard, planted by Your grace for Your glory. Give us a willing heart, that we may honor You with the good fruit You desire and glorify Your name in all that we think, say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, when we had nothing to honor You with but only the sin that shamed us and gave us death, You showed us Your great mercy, cleansing us from our sins by our Savior’s blood, covering us with His righteousness, and imparting to us, by the Spirit, the obedience of faith. Bless all pastors and church workers, and help us to pursue with all our energies the cause of the Gospel, at home and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, we judge too easily with our eyes and trust too little in Your Word. Give us courage that we may remain faithful before temptation, in the face of trouble and when facing the trials of this mortal life. Encourage us, that we may without fear count all things as loss for the sake of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, You know only too well the afflictions of body & soul and the shadow of death that hangs over us & all we do. According to Your will, give healing to the sick, relief to those in pain, recovery to those who have had surgery, peace to those troubled in mind and hope in the hour of death. [NAMES]. In all things, let Your good and gracious will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord, give us such confidence in the suffering and death of Christ that we may not fear the sun by day or the darkness by night, but rejoice that You are with us always as we await the joyous appearing of Your Son with all His saints; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Psalm 80:7-19 —responsively

L: O God of hosts, restore us, & cause Your face to shine upon us,
C: **And we will be saved.**

L: You removed a vine from Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it.

C: **You cleared the ground before it, And it took deep root and filled the land.**

L: The mountains were covered with its shadow, And the cedars of God with its boughs.

C: **It was sending out its branches to the sea, And its shoots to the River.**

L: Why have You broken down its hedges, So that all who pass that way pick its fruit?

C: **A boar from the forest eats it away, And whatever moves in the field feeds on it.**

L: O God of hosts, turn again now, we beseech You; Look down from heaven and see, and take care of this vine,

C: **Even the shoot which Your right hand has planted, And on the son whom You have strengthened for Yourself.**

L: It is burned with fire, it is cut down;

C: **They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.**

L: Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand,

C: **Upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself.**

L: Then we shall not turn back from You;

C: **Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.**

L: O LORD God of hosts, restore us;

C: **Cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved.**

Reformation Sunday Prayer Walk (3pm) and Potluck (5pm):

Save the Date: Sunday, October 29. We'll begin our prayer walk at Oasis Church (3pm) & enjoy a potluck supper (5pm) at the residence of Dick and Nancy Stanley (The Homestead of Rochester). Members of Emmanuel are invited to bring a dish to share with their church family. This year is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

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**Worship
Pentecost 18
October 7, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Welcome/Announcements

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*Gathering Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #526

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*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 82

P: Let us pray - Heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism you have grafted us onto the vine that is Christ and given us a share of his inheritance, that we might know the power of his resurrection. Guide us by your Holy Spirit that we might live in newness of life; 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: Isaiah 5:1-7

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Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 83

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

Children's Message: "Pressing On!"

Sermon: "God's Love Never Quits!" Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: "We Plow the Fields & Scatter" #362

*Confession of Faith: "Apostles' Creed" Page 85

*The Prayers (bulletin page 3)

Thanks for worshiping 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! We are forgiven and forgiving!

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Isaiah 5:1-7 — A Vineyard Song

1 Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. 2 He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. 4 What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? 5 And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. 6 I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Phil. 3:4b-14 — Pressing On

4b If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that

depends on faith — 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

33 [Jesus said to the chief priests and the Pharisees,] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41 They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” 42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? 43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” 45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017
Eve of Pentecost XVIII
6:00 p.m.

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

Outdoor Church Lighting

Exterior Lighting was installed this past Thursday at the main entrance to the Oasis Church. Thanks to Lee Pearce & everyone who contributed to this project.

Emmanuel Huddle

We are huddling up after worship tonight & discussing our mutual ministry. Refreshments are being served in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be discussing our 2018 Mission Plan Budget. Please join us for the conversation.

G.I.F.T. THANKS

Rev. Wendy Berthelsen led the adult education this evening on the topic of Discipleship: “We are the Church”. Rev. Berthelsen serves an NALC church in Texas, & is the daughter of our beloved Gloria Wiebusch. Thanks Wendy!

The October 2017 Emmanuel Prayer Calendar and Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current issue of the “Our Daily Bread” Devotional.

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

Saturday School & G.I.F.T. — Education for all ages is offered each Saturday night before worship at 5:10pm. Youth ages 3-grade 2 are meeting with Julie (Bible Stories) in the basement; Youth grades 3-8ff are meeting with Pastor Dave (Chronicles of Narnia) in the basement; Adults are meeting in the Fellowship Hall (Portraits from the Life of Luther). The Gathering Space is available for conversation, the Worship Space for meditation, & the Nursery for child care.

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: Each week, Emmanuel Men meet on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study & Coffee. We are currently reading & discussing the Bible (Genesis-Revelation). Read pages 999-1003 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 283 — October 10) in preparation for this week’s study (Jeremiah 14:1-15:21; I Thessalonians 2:17-3:13; & Psalm 119:9-16).

Women’s Afternoon Bible Study Group: Women of Emmanuel are studying the Book of Acts this year. Scholars refer to the Book of Acts as the “Acts of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church”. What does it mean to be the Church, the Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit for witnessing in God’s World? The Book of Acts teaches us what it means to be missionaries, ignited by the mighty rushing wind of God. Next session: Thursday, October 12 at 1pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Read Acts 8-9 (The Church in Judea and Samaria).

Women’s Evening Bible Study Group: This year “Lady Light” will be looking at “Holy Christian Marriage & Family” through the lens of Scripture and the lives of Martin Luther and his wife Katie. Women will meet at the home of Katie Siebenaler once a month for 60 minutes, beginning at 6:30pm. **Session Two: October 18**

“Secrets for Lifelong Romance” Marriage Conference

Cost: \$79.00 per couple if registered by October 13. Scholarships available. Location: Autumn Ridge Church Sanctuary (Rochester, MN). Dates: Friday, October 27 (6:00-8:30pm) & Saturday, October 28 (7:30am-12:00 Noon). See Flier in Gathering Space!



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, Oct. 7 — G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Worship at 6pm; Emmanuel Huddle follows at 7:30pm.
- Sunday, October 8
Pastor Dave preaching at St. John’s of Vilmar, Green, IA (10am)
- Tues, Oct. 10 — Men’s Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Thursday, October 12
Women’s Bible Study @ 1pm; Channel One: Empty Bowls (11-8)
- Sat, Oct. 14 — G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Pentecost 19 Worship at 6pm
- New Life Gala (Thursday, October 26 at 6pm)

THEATER OPPORTUNITY

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Brief summary of the play: Three friends, Alexis, Brooke, and Courtney, have been assigned “Martin Luther” as the topic for their history project. As they drown in their attempts to understand the time period and the man, in walks Brooke’s older sister, Kelsey, who happens to be working on her master’s degree in European history. As Kelsey begins to answer their questions, suddenly Luther and the rest of the people in his story appear on the main stage. The major events of his life are portrayed in some detail, including his early years, decision to become a monk, his spiritual struggles & friendship with von Staupitz, his “*tower experience*” with Romans 1, the 95 Theses, the Diets of Worms and Augsburg, & so much more. Unlike so many popular histories of Luther, the play also deals with his accomplishments (Bible translation, sermons, catechisms) as well as his struggles (health, bombastic style, anti-Semitism) to create a memorable and accurate Luther. Over 50 students from grades 4-12 are involved with this production, including Thea and Luke Bothun, grandchildren of Darald and Leitha Bothun.

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