

**Sending Song: “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” — LBW #25**

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon is drawing nigh;  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.

2. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption, that sets your people free!

**Thanksgiving Eve Celebration:** Emmanuel Lutheran will host a Thanksgiving Worship Service at Oasis Church on **Wednesday, Nov. 25. at 6pm.** We will celebrate the Lord's Supper. We won't have our traditional pie social, but we will be serving pie. Store-bought pies 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 have also purchased **Thanksgiving Greeting Cards** and are encouraging members of Emmanuel to pick up a card or 2. Members will write a note & send a card to a neighbor, a friend, a co-worker, etc. Envelopes already have a postage stamp attached. We will collectively spread the Good News of Jesus & the Spirit of Thanksgiving with others. 50 Greeting Cards have already been distributed. 50 cards remain. Pick up yours today. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the gift of Thanksgiving!

**Implementation Team Update:** Judy Pearce is the chairperson of this Committee, serving with Don Wanek, Larry Vomhof, and Don Holtan. Pastor Dave serves as an ex-officio member of this Team. Their Charge: 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, & implementing necessary tasks in a timely manner; & Presenting all proposals to the Council & Congregation for approval. Their next meetings are scheduled for Sundays, Nov. 22 & Dec. 13.

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**Worship—Eve of  
Pentecost 23  
November 7, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

**“Holden Evening Prayer”**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

**Gathering Music—Song: “Children of the Heavenly Father” — LBW #474 (All—verses 1 & 4; Men—verse 2; Women—verse 3)**

1. Children of the heav'nly Father, Safely in His bosom gather.  
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven, Such a refuge ne'er was given.
2. God, His own doth tend & nourish, In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them, In His mighty arms He bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever, From the Lord, His children sever.  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
4. Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh.  
His, the loving purpose solely, To preserve them, pure and holy.

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray: God of light & life, through your most Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your grace so that we may be ready for the coming of your Son. Grant that we may bear the light of your love to the world in need, that all may know of your justice and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 25th. Chapter.

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

1 [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message: “I’ll Do It Later!” (Posted on Facebook)

**Song: “I Know of a Sleep in Jesus’ Name” — LBW #342**

1. I know of a sleep in Jesus' name,  
A rest from all toil & sorrow;  
Earth folds in her arms my weary frame,  
And shelters it till the morrow.  
My soul is at home with God in heav'n;  
My sorrows are past & over.

2. O Jesus, draw near my dying bed,  
And take me into your keeping,  
And say when my spirit hence is fled,  
"This child is not dead, but sleeping."  
And leave me not, Savior, till I rise,  
To praise you in life eternal.

3. I know of a morning, bright and fair  
When tidings of joy shall wake us,  
When songs from on high shall fill the air  
And God to his glory take us,  
When Jesus shall bid us rise from sleep--  
How joyous that hour of waking!

Sermon: “Rise N’ Shine, Sleepyhead!”

\*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 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

# The Emmanuel Weekly

November 7, 2020

Eve of Pentecost 23 - 6 pm

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



**23 Sunday after Pentecost:** “The question of how to be prepared for Jesus’ return is answered four times in today’s lessons. Being ready for Jesus’ return is not passivity on our part; instead, it is an active preparing, an active waiting, serving, and discipling others in the name of Christ. There is no reason to fear anything. Christ promised he would return in due time. We await this moment with an active and vibrant faith. Rise N’ Shine Sleepyhead!””

**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.

**Men’s Bible Study IN-PERSON:** Join us on Wednesdays, Nov. 11 & 25 from 11am-12:00 Noon for a study of the Bible Readings appointed for the week ahead. We’ll meet inside the Oasis Building & practice physical distancing. Bring a Bible!

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson*

*Ushers: Pending*

*Sanitizing Team: Pending*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

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

## **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.

**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 a congregational feedback survey & also update members as to the current work of the Implementation Team. We’ll meet at the close of worship for 25 minutes.

*Thanks for worshiping 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!  
Visit us at: [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org)*

## **Sanitizing Team!**

Volunteers are needed. 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. Thanks!

## **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.

## **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 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, November 7 Pentecost 23 In-Person and Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- Monday, November 9 Church Council Zoom Meeting @ 1pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 11 Men’s In-Person Bible Study Oasis Church at 11am
- Saturday, November 14 Pentecost 24 In-Person and Virtual Worship at 6pm; Holy Communion will be offered.
- Sunday, November 22 **Implementation Team** Meeting at Oasis Church (Fellowship Hall) at 5pm
- **4:31 – Prayer Time**