

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Glorious God, you have freed us from the threat of sin and death. Give us such faith that we may always receive your free & gracious gifts of forgiveness and eternal life; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. **Amen.**

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.

Byron Parade: Interested in being a part of the Emmanuel Parade Team? The Byron Parade will be held on Sunday, July 22 at 3pm. Last year was FUN! This year will be even better! Contact Jenna Serr if you're interested in participating. Arne Nelson has a flatbed trailer for us to use. Karen Peterson has submitted a request for a Thrivent Action Team grant (approval pending)

Dinners for Eight: Special thanks is offered to members of Emmanuel who are hosting a dinner for 8 in the week ahead. Thanks is also offered to those who have made reservations to attend one of our church family dinners.

Larry & Deb Vomhof—Sunday, June 3 at 12:00 Noon

Matt & Jenna Serr—Sunday, June 10 at 11:00am

Lee & Judy Pearce—Sunday, June 10 at 11:00am

6th Annual Mega Kid's Camp: An amazing camp for kids, including Creative Arts, Horses, Legos, and Adventure Games & Sports will be held in the summer of 2018 (Monday, July 16th - Thursday, July 19th, from 8:45am-Noon each day) at Century High School. This year's theme is "Team Spirit". Youth (Preschool age 4-Grade 6) will learn how to be great teammates through both sports stories and Bible stories about Jesus and his team of disciples. Cost: \$35.00 per child. Call Evangel Methodist for registration & more information (507-289-4817).

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Pentecost II - 6 pm

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

Theme of the Day

Paul clearly stated that the message he and his companions proclaimed was not a message about themselves. It was a message of Jesus Christ, of whom they were servants. The message—"Jesus is Lord"—is a treasure, but it is carried to the world by fragile humans, whom Paul called "jars of clay." Christ is at work in believers; he is our life & our Lord.

Save the Date—Church Picnic

Our 5th annual Emmanuel church picnic will be held at the home of Larry & Deb Vomhof on Sunday, July 29. Arrive at 11:30am and eat at Noon. Bring a dish to share. Our picnic will also include an Emmanuel Huddle, where we will share feedback from our Dinners for 8.

Enjoy the gift of Summer!

Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath! May we always regard God's Word as holy and gladly hear and learn it!

**The June Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter
are available in print! Pick up your
copy of the current issue of the
"Our Daily Bread Devotional".**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, June 2—Pentecost II
Worship at 6pm
- Sun, June 3—Pastor
Dave preaching at
Peace Lutheran Church,
Northwood, IA; Dinner
for 8 at Larry & Deb
Vomhof's (Noon)
- Tues, June 5—Men's
Bible Study (8am); Text
Study (10:30am)
- Wed, June 6—Worship at
Madonna Towers (1pm)
- Thursday, June 7
Women's Bible Study at
the Homestead of
Rochester (10am);
Church Council (12:00)
- Friday, June 8—Clergy
Faithfulness Mtg. (Noon)
- Sat, June 9—Pentecost
III Worship at 6pm

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 and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We practice Intinction at Emmanuel Lutheran. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) and dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ). With repentant hearts, we preach Christ crucified and risen for the forgiveness of sins.

Continuing Education: Pastor Steffenson will be enjoying a few days of growth in learning during the week of June 11. His topics of study will be "Luke & the Christian Life", and "God & the Transgender Debate".

Women's Bible Study: The "Great Commissions" of the Bible. Session Six (final session until fall) is on June 7 at 10am at The Bridgemoor Pavilion of the Homestead of Rochester (Residence of Nancy Stanley; Bldg. #5520).

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 Service will be on Wednesdays, June 6 & 20 at 1:00 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Men of Emmanuel are looking at the Book of Acts on Tuesdays at 8am and discussing the gift of Witnessing in Daily Life. They meet at Oasis Church weekly for conversation & coffee. This Week's Study—June 5: Acts 20.

Thanks for worshipping 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 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 Witness in the World!

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**Worship
Eve of
Pentecost II
June 2, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

LITURGY: HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

WORSHIP NOTES:

Liturgy: Holden Evening Prayer, revised edition
(Please return the Service Bulletin)

Song of the Day: "In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found"
ReClaim #215

Children's Sermon: "Treasured Vessels—X Marks the Spot"
Sermon: "What Do WE Preach?" Rev. David Steffenson

Communion Song: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"
ReClaim #13

Closing Song: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"
ReClaim #55, Verse 1

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: Scott Schilbe

Scripture Reader: Julie Steffenson

Communion Server: Julie Steffenson

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Emma Matzke

Worship Leader & Set up: Julie Steffenson

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Julie Steffenson & Jenna Serr

Ushers: Darald & Leitha Bothun

Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

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Deuteronomy 5:12-15 — Remember the Sabbath Day

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L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

II Corinthians 4:5-12 — Treasure in Earthen Vessels

5 For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. 6 For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 2:23-28

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You Calling Me a Crackpot? By Rev. Chris Brekke

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It’s so blasted humbling. No, it’s downright humiliating. St. Paul sounds our humble note in 2 Corinthians 4. He knows that we have in our hands the glorious treasure of the Gospel, but we fumble it. (Good thing that God’s promise is unbreakable! Though we botch the handoff, the Gospel remains.) Paul puts it this way: “What we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord.” He continues: “We have this treasure in earthen vessels.” These “earthen vessels” were jars of clay. They were temporary and fairly fragile pots. We are those mere containers! We are the short-shelf-life instruments for distributing the real gift. And we are often cracked pots that leak. Never ever conflate and confuse Christ with Christians! Don’t judge Christ by way of some crackpot. We jars of clay have feet of clay, ya’ know. Your favorite pastor ever, your shining gospel singer, your sweet Christian grandma ... bless their hearts, but do not expect perfection. We are but earthen vessels. This truth does not demean us, though. It doesn’t mean that we are worthless and useless. Not at all. It does, however, keep our eyes properly fixed on Jesus. It keeps us in our place — we are redeemed sinners — and it keeps Jesus in his. He is the Redeemer of the world. Thanks be to God.

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