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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 God, heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to live a perfect life and die in our stead, to pay the price for our sins in order to reconcile us to You. Grant us to live in daily contrition and repentance, not despairing over our sin, but ever mindful of the reconciliation Christ won for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Almighty Father, just as Joseph forgave his brothers and provided for them & their families, let us forgive those who have sinned against us. Grant that we would share with them the Gospel of reconciliation in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Loving heavenly Father, look with mercy upon those who have been forced from their homes and seek refuge in our country. Let the love of Christ be evident in those who serve them, keep them safe from harm, and provide for their needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: God of all comfort, be with those who are poor, homeless or destitute. Give them reassurance of Your care and provision, and fill them with hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Merciful Father, guard and keep all who are sick, lonely, overwhelmed by grief or poor in spirit, [NAMES] that they may be comforted and healed according to Your good and gracious will. Let them look to Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, in their time of need, and remind them that He is the Light no darkness can overcome. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Heavenly Father, we come to Your table as servants who owe a debt we cannot pay. Thanks to Christ, that debt has been forgiven in its entirety. As we receive His very body and blood for our forgiveness, let us be ever grateful, that we may go out to serve others with that same spirit of forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Ever-living God, You gather to Your safe keeping the souls of those who have departed this world in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ. Thanks for always getting and giving the last word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Psalm 103:1-12—responsively

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

C: Bless his holy name!

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

C: Who forgives all your iniquity,

L: Who heals all your diseases,

C: Who redeems your life from the pit,

L: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

C: Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

L: The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

C: He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

L: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

L: He does not deal with us according to our sins,

C: Nor repay us according to our iniquities.

L: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

C: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Organist: Rev. Scott Schilbe

Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Deb Vomhof

Communion Server: Deb Vomhof

Ushers: Larry & Deb Vomhof

Acolyte: Cabe Siebenaler

Sound: Matt Serr

Coffee: Julie Steffenson

Treats: Deb Vomhof

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde and Friends



**Worship
Pentecost 15
Sept. 16, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

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*Gathering Hymn: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" #305

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P: Let us pray - Steadfast God, your mercy is everlasting and your forgiveness boundless. As we gather together and receive your word of forgiveness in the gospel proclaimed and the meal shared, renew us in the gift of baptism that we may be signs of reconciliation for the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

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Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12

*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 83

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Children's Message: "Do the Math"

Sermon: "Getting in the Last Word" Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" #307

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

*The Prayers (bulletin pages 2-3)

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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Genesis 50:15-21 — God’s Providence

15 When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” 16 So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died: 17 ‘Say to Joseph, ‘Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’” And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” 19 But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? 20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. 21 So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Romans 14:1-12 — Personal Piety Varies

1 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. 5 One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For

none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, & if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. 9 For to this end Christ died & lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. 10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; 11 for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” 12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

21 Then Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. 23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30 He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. 31 When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Emmanuel Weekly

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.

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 919-923 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 262 — September 19) in preparation for this week's study (Isaiah 33:1-35:10; Galatian 4:21-5:6; Ps. 108:6-13 (Pp 919-923)).

Women's Afternoon Bible Study Group: Women of Emmanuel are studying the Book of Acts this year. The Book of Acts is Volume 2 of Saint Luke's proclamation of Jesus and His Church. 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 5 at 1pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Read Acts 3-7.

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 on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30pm.

Worship at Madonna Towers: Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Service will be on Wednesday, September 20 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

Saturday, September 16: Iowa Mission District Convocation at Old East Paint Creek Lutheran in Waukon, Iowa from 8am-3pm. Earlier today, our delegates, Darald and Leitha Bothun, attended this convocation with Pastor Dave.

Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017
Eve of Pentecost XV
6:00 p.m.

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

Outdoor Church Lighting

Exterior Lighting will be installed during the first week of October at the main entrance to the Oasis Church. The cost will be less than \$2,500.00. Emmanuel has received contributions of about \$1,000.00 so far.

"Secrets for Lifelong Romance" Marriage Conference

Cost: \$79.00 per couple if registered by Oct. 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!

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, Sept. 16 — Iowa Mission District Mtg. (9am-3pm); G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Worship (Pentecost 15) at 6pm
- Tues, Sept. 19 — Men's Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Wed, Sept. 20 - Worship at Madonna Towers (1pm); Lady Light at Katie's (6:30pm)
- Thursday, September 21 Pastor's Meeting in La Crosse, WI (10am)
- Sat, Sept. 23 — G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Worship (Pentecost 16) at 6pm
- Sunday, September 24 Pastor Dave preaching in Rushford (9am)