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*Prayers (*L: Lord in your mercy... C: Hear our Prayer.*)

*Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

*Benediction

***Sending Song: "Lord Keep Us Steadfast" — LBW #230**

*Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Gideon Moment for Mission: Gary Froiland

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Greeters: Don & Jean Wanek

Sound/Recording: Jeff Patzke

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson

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Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship 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! Sharing the WORD! ***Visit us at:*** www.emmanuelofrochester.org



**Worship—Eve of
Pentecost 18
Sept. 25, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Service of the Word - Bible Saturday

* *indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements: "Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life!"

***Song: "Stand with Me so that We Withstand" — INSERT**

*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: In the beginning was the Word,

C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P: In the Word was life,

C: And the life was the light of all people.

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. (John 1)

***Song: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" WOV #716**

"Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending: touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation; saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring."

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, Your WORD is our great heritage and shall we ours forever. To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while time shall last, your church may hold it fast, throughout all generations. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

Temple Talk: Gary Froiland - "The Gideons"

Gift of Music: Gary Froiland - "Matthew 24"

First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalm 104:27-35 (*Responsively by half verse*) **SEE INSERT**

Second Lesson: James 5:13-20

***Gospel Verse: "Alleluia" — WOV page 31**



*Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Children's Message: "God's Word says, 'PRAY!'" (On Facebook)

Sermon: "The Prayer of Faith"—Rev. David Steffenson

***Song of the Day: "O Word of God Incarnate" — LBW #231**

*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, & was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, & 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, & 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. (*Sharing of God's peace may be done as an expression from the heart, without actual contact.*)

make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG: “O Word of God Incarnate” - LBW #231

1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise you for the radiance That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

2. The Church from you, dear Master,
Received the gift divine;
And still that light is lifted, O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass, That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rock and quicksands,
Still guides, O Christ, to you.

3. Oh, make your Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations, Your true light, as of old;
Oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims, By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see you face to face.

SONG: “Lord Keep Us Steadfast” — LBW #230

1. Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son,
And bring to nought all he has done.
2. Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your holy church, that we
May sing your praise triumphantly.
3. O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

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INSERT — Songs & Scriptures

Opening Song: “Stand with Me so that We Withstand”
(tune of “Lord Keep Us Steadfast in thy Word”—LBW #230)

1. Stand with me so that we withstand,
Against the devil, hand-in-hand,
Protected by our Father's hand,
Stand with me so that we withstand.
2. He'll clothe us with a truthful belt,
Before me, Satan's lies will melt,
Across my heart, a righteous plate,
A holy and eternal trait.
3. Our running shoes adorn our feet,
To make the Gospel travel fleet,
Our shield protects us from the slings,
And arrows that the devil brings.
4. The helmet of salvation gives
Eternal life, for Jesus lives.
The Spirit through God's Holy Word,
Is in my hands a holy sword.

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 — Who Carries God’s People?

4 The rabble that was among [the Israelites] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, “Oh that we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. 6 But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.” ... 10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, & Moses was displeased. 11 Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? 12 Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,’ to the land that you swore to give their fathers? 13 Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ 14 I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. 15 If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I

find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness.” 16 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, & let them take their stand there with you.” ... 24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. 26 Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad & Medad are prophesying in the camp.” 28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” 29 But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:27-35 — Read responsively

L: These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

C: When you give it to them, they gather it up;

L: When you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

C: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

L: When you take away their breath, they die & return to their dust.

C: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

L: May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,

C: Who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke!

L: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

C: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

L: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

C: Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more!

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!

James 5:13-20 — The Prayer of Faith

13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. 19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 9th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

38 John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” 39 But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40 For the one who is not against us is for us. 41 For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. 42 Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. 43 And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 48 ‘where their worm does not die & the fire is not quenched.’ 49 For everyone will be salted with fire. 50 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you

The Emmanuel Weekly

September 25, 2021
Eve of Pentecost 18 - 6 pm

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

Bible Saturday!

Tonight we are celebrating the gift of Holy Scripture. Thanks for bringing your Bible with you to worship. Gary Froiland is sharing a Gideon message with us. A freewill offering in support of Bible Distribution is being received.

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.

Women’s Study

On Wednesday, October 6 at 1pm a Bible Study on Women of the Bible begins! Contact Judy Pearce or Leitha Bothun if you would like to attend this study or need more information.

Children’s Ministry

Worship Bags are available for kids each week. We hope children enjoy these resources during worship. Youth are asked to take the bags home with them.

The Oct. Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for September - November.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, Sept. 25 - Eve of Pentecost 18 Worship with a Gideon Temple Talk; & a freewill offering
- Wednesday, Sept. 29 Men’s Bible Study at 11am — Oasis Church
- Saturday, Oct. 2 - Eve of Pentecost 19 Worship at 6pm with Communion
- Tuesday Oct. 5—Council Meeting at 2pm
- Wednesday, October 6 Women’s Bible Study Begins (1pm)
- Sunday, October 31 Reformation Sunday Prayer Walk (2-4pm)

4:31 — Prayer Time!
Thanks for joining us.

Men’s Bible Study: Men of Emmanuel Lutheran are meeting on Tuesday mornings at 8:30am via email and studying the Scripture Lessons for the upcoming weekend. Let Pastor Dave know if you would like the study notes. We will have In-Person studies on: Wednesdays, Sept. 29 & Oct. 13 & 27 at 11am at Oasis!

Coffee Fellowship: Once a month, members of Emmanuel are hosting & serving refreshments following worship. Deb Vomhof & Judy Caudill are hosting the October 23 Coffee Hour. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to host a coffee hour in November. Judy Pearce has already volunteered for the month of December.

Emmanuel Nominating Committee. Contact Lee Pearce, Julie Steffenson, Heather Mikesh, or Leitha Bothun if you are looking for ways to serve Christ & His Church. *There are many ways to use your gifts for the glory of God.* **On the Ballot in January of 2022:** Council Member: 2-year term, 2 positions; Nominating Committee: 4 needed; 1 year term; Audit Committee Members: 2 needed; one 3-year term, & one 2-year term; & Voting Members for Convocations.

Saturday School this year! This Fall, Stories on the **MIRACLES in the Bible** will be packaged in monthly sessions for youth age 4 -grade 3. Youth in grades 4-8 are invited to join Pastor Dave in a reading of C.S. Lewis’ “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”. Pastor Dave is hosting a monthly Zoom Meeting for participating youth. Weekly instruction videos will be posted on Facebook.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.”

Each day at 4:31pm, Members & Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave Steffenson. Thanks for joining us. At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

Save the Dates: Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Wed, Nov. 24 at 2pm); Christmas Eve Worship (Friday, Dec. 24 at 2pm).

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Prayers for Pentecost 18 — September 25, 2021

L: Trusting, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the goodness of our heavenly Father, let us pray in Jesus' name for the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

L: Dear Father, thank you for being good to us even when we complain and murmur. Thank you for prayer, anointing, and loving exhortation that calls us away from sin and back to you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You appointed 70 elders to ease Moses' burden of leadership. Give your Church Spirit-filled leaders. Keep them obedient to your Word. Make them radiant with the love of Jesus. By their holy care, keep everyone in their charge safe from sin and evil. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world. Give them patience in suffering and hope in their darkest night. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Grant a spirit of charity and patience to this congregation. Remind us, even when it would be easy to complain, of Jesus' words, "Whoever is not against Me is for Me!" Help us to work together kindly and willingly. Make us eager to share the gifts you have lavished upon us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Remind our earthly leaders that they have been entrusted with a solemn obligation: to care for their people, especially the poor, hungry, and oppressed. Give them grace to think, speak, and act according to your will, for the common good. Help all of us to treat our neighbors with respect, kindness &

justice, so that we may live peaceably with one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Bless we pray the holy work of your beloved servant Gary Froiland. Grant that his labor and the work of the Gideons may be fruitful for your glory. May your Word be a lamp to the feet of all in need of your saving grace. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Even a cup of cold water given in your name can be blessed refreshment to one who suffers. Grant this and more to all who are in distress – especially those we name before you [**NAMES**]. Restore them to health and hope. Grant a double portion of your Spirit to all who minister to them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Thank you, Father, for your faithful servants whom you have gathered into your Kingdom. Fill those who mourn with "tidings of comfort and joy." Fill us all with your steadfast love and mercy. Fill us with the sure hope that through the merits of your dear Son, you will welcome us, with all the redeemed, into your Kingdom, where we will rejoice in your love forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Incline your ear to our prayers, dear Lord; and answer them according to your most gracious and holy will, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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