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<u>Invitation & Distribution:</u> 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 & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.” Tonight, we are practicing head of the aisle Communion by means of Intinction.	
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PRAYERS

A: Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

A brief silence

A: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, transfigure your Church. Make it a lamp, radiating the splendor of your beloved Son’s light and life. Make it a place where poor sinful mortals hear the Gospel & eat and drink in your presence. Make it a place where all may come, and be fashioned into the very image and likeness of Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Transfigure this sin-darkened and death-shadowed world; its people; and its leaders. Through your Spirit, enlighten minds to seek your truth; and purify hearts to delight in doing your will. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Transfigure the lives of all who sit in the shadows of suffering, whether of body, mind or spirit. We pray for: [Names]. Grant that Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, may rise upon them with healing in his wings. Let their sorrow be turned to joy; their pain into dancing; their fear into hope; and their despair into unshakeable faith in your love for them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we remember our baptism into Christ’s death and resurrection. Thanks for giving us a foretaste of Easter and the blessed assurance of everlasting life. Grant us ears to hear, and hearts eager to obey your commandments. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

JESUS THE VERY THOUGHT OF YOU LBW Tune #320 (O God Our Help in Ages Past)

1. Jesus, the very thought of you, Fills us with sweet delight;
But sweeter far your face to view, And rest within your light.
2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the mind recall,
A sweeter sound than your blest name, O Savior of us all!
3. O Hope of ev’ry contrite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
How kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
4. O Jesus, be our joy today; Help us to prize your love;
Grant us at last to hear you say; "Come, share my home above."

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Psalm 50:1-6 —responsively

L: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth

C: From the rising of the sun to its setting.

L: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,

C: God shines forth.

L: Our God comes; He does not keep silence;

C: Before Him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

L: He calls to the heavens above

C: And to the earth, that He may judge His people:

L: “Gather to me my faithful ones,

C: Who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

L: The heavens declare His righteousness,

C: For God Himself is judge!

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader & Prayers & Communion: Lee Pearce

Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler

Ushers: Arne Nelson & Bob Harms

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Samia Nelson & Marcia Harms

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

Sympathies are extended to the family & friends of Claire Vomhof as they grieve his recent death and celebrate the promised hope of the resurrection. Claire’s funeral was held at Trinity Lutheran this past Thursday. Please keep Claire’s family in your prayers.

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!

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**Worship—Eve of
Transfiguration
February 10, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

With One Voice– Bread of Life Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: God of majesty, through Jesus’ transfiguration you reveal him as your beloved Son. Keep us faithful in the promise that through the cross and the empty tomb we are joint heirs with Christ and will one day enjoy the fullness of your glory for eternity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 50:1-6 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: II Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 31

*Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Children’s Message: “The Veil is Lifted”

Sermon: “Back & Forth” Rev. David Steffenson

***Hymn: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”** #651

The Emmanuel Weekly

Communication Cards/Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also being used as visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a very generous congregation & 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.

Saturday School & G.I.F.T. — G.I.F.T. and Saturday School meet weekly on Saturday nights at 5:10pm. Julie is teaching our little ones Bible Stories. Pastor Dave is teaching grades 3-8 a class on Creation & Fall, using C.S. Lewis' book, "The Magician's Nephew". The Adults are discussing the "Truth about Islam".

Men's Morning Bible Study: The 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.

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 February 21 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

Goodbye Alleluias! The word alleluia or Hallelujah means "Praise the LORD". On Transfiguration, we bury our alleluias in preparation for the Lenten fast. The alleluias return with Easter (April 1). The question has been asked: "Should the church practice the burial of its alleluias during the 40 days of Lent?" Answer: The liturgy of the Western Church grew and changed slowly. By the Middle Ages, there was a feeling that the joy of the Alleluia was too much for the solemn season of Lent. During this time preceding Easter, when the focus was on the Passion (suffering) of Christ, portions of the Worship Service & hymns using Alleluia were omitted. Should it be done? That is in the realm of freedom under the Gospel. Many Lutherans do omit the Alleluia during Lent, often using a burial service. **Martin Luther** would probably have disagreed. He wrote, "Nor is it proper to distinguish Lent, Holy Week, or Good Friday from other days, lest we seem to mock and ridicule Christ with half of a Mass and the one part of a Sacrament. For the Alleluia is the perpetual voice of the church, just as the memorial of His passion and victory is perpetual."

Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018
Transfiguration—6pm

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

Palm Fronds

Thanks for bringing your palm fronds to worship tonight (Transfiguration). Palm Fronds will be burned into ashes for this week's Ash Wednesday Worship.

FAT TUESDAY Fundraiser

Shrove Tuesday is a day of penitence, to clean the soul, & a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. We'll enjoy a Shrove Tuesday celebration this Tuesday, Feb. 13. Pancakes, Sausages, and Pastries will be served at Pastor Dave and Julie's House this Tuesday from 5-7pm. RSVP! A freewill offering will be received for the purchase of acolyte robes & supplies.

Mid-Week LENT 2018

This year's midweek Lenten Services will feature Holden Evening Prayer, & a Drama Series ("Knock, Knock, Parables of Judgment") preceded by Soup. Soup providers and drama actors are needed!

February Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current "Our Daily Bread".



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, February 10
G.I.F.T. & Saturday School (5:10pm);
Transfiguration Worship at 6pm
- Tues, Feb. 13—Men's Bible Study at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am; Fat Tuesday Party (5-7pm) at the Steffenson Home
- Wed, February 14 — Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion at 6pm
- Thurs, Feb. 15 — 10am Clergy Mtg. in La Crosse
- Friday, February 16
Clergy Faithfulness Mtg. at 12:00 Noon (Oasis)
- Sat, Feb. 17 — G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Lent I Worship at 6pm

Exodus 34:29-35 — Moses on Mount Sinai

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30 Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. 31 But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. 32 Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. 33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. 34 Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, 35 the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6 — The Veil is Lifted

12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, 13 not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ... 1 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's Word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

2 After six days Jesus took with him Peter & James & John, & led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 And a cloud overshadowed them, & a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." 8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. 9 And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Emmanuel Building Fund: Beloved, we are God's Fellow Workers, God's Field, God's Building (I Corinthians 3:9). We are temples of the Holy Spirit. Does God want us to have a church building? More importantly, how might we BE a church building? During the Forty Days of Lent, Servants of Emmanuel are invited to practice the Disciplines of Lent: fasting, praying and the giving of alms. Lent will be a time of discernment for us, as we prayerfully consider God's will for Emmanuel's future, and the purchase of a building site for our congregational ministry. Use the Lenten Prayer Calendar, read the daily assigned Bible readings, & pray! On Easter Monday (April 2), members of Emmanuel will be given an opportunity to financially support the Building Fund.

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