

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Elise Patzke

Communion Server: Jenna Serr

Acolyte: Nora Serr

Sound: Don Holtan

Ushers: Jeff & Elise and Luke Patzke

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Barb Steffenson

Set-up: Julie Steffenson      Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

**Women's Bible Study!** Emmanuel is hosting a 6-Session Women's Study at the home of Jenna Serr. This Study begins on **Sunday, March 1 at 6pm**. Women will read and discuss Lysa TerKeurst's book, It's Not Supposed To Be This Way. Questions? Call Jenna Serr. Childcare will be provided.

## FAITH STORIES—LENT 2020

**Ash Wednesday:** King David's Story (Psalm 51)

**Lent I:** Adam & Eve's Story (Genesis 3)

Tuesday, March 3: Julie Steffenson

**Lent II:** Nicodemus' Story (John 3)

Tuesday, March 10: Gary Melin

**Lent III:** The Samaritan Woman's Story (John 4)

Tuesday, March 17: Jean Wanek

**Lent IV:** The Story of the Man Born Blind (John 9)

Tuesday, March 24: Bob Harms

**Lent V:** Lazarus' Story (John 11)

Tuesday, March 31: Jana Pecinovsky—New Life Family Services

**Palm Sunday-Easter:** The Jesus Story (Philippians 2)

**New Life Family Services Baby Shower!** One of our Emmanuel Goals for 2020 is to host a baby shower in support of young pregnant women who seek out the help of New Life Family Services. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to help spearhead this exciting ministry opportunity. Don't miss Jana's "Faith Story" on March 24.



Worship—Eve of  
Transfiguration  
February 22, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

## With One Voice – Bread of Life Liturgy

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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\*Gathering Hymn: "Here in This Place" #718

\*Greeting Page 28

\*Kyrie Page 28

\*Hymn of Praise (Men = I; Women = II) Page 29f

\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 30

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: O God, at the glorious transfiguration of your only Son, you confirmed the mystery of our faith by the witness of the disciples & by your own voice from the cloud. Mercifully complete our adoption as your children, and give us, with our King, an inheritance of his glory. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Exodus 24:8–18

Psalm 2:6-12

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Second Lesson: II Peter 1:16–21

\*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 31

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Children's Message: "Eyewitnesses"

<u>Sermon</u> : “JESUS Only!”	Rev. David Steffenson
*Hymn of the Day: “Shine, Jesus, Shine”	#651
*Confession of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed”	Page 33
* <u>The Prayers</u> (bulletin pages 2-3)	
*The Peace	Page 34
Offering - Gift of Music by our Worship Pianist	
*The Great Thanksgiving	Page 36ff
*Lord’s Prayer: Traditional Version	Page 39
<u>Invitation &amp; Distribution</u> : <i>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 &amp; risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread &amp; wine for the forgiveness of sins, life &amp; salvation.” We’re practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) &amp; dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ). Gluten-free wafers are also available. With repentant hearts, we receive the forgiveness our sins.</i>	
Lamb of God	Page 39
<b>Communion Hymn: “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”</b>	#781
*Table Blessing	Page 40
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* <b>Sending Hymn: “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”</b>	#654
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Postlude	

**PRAYERS**

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

*A brief silence*

L: Holy Lord, Holy & Mighty, holy & immortal, have mercy on us! In the transfiguration of Jesus, we see your glory. And we see what a human being, immersed in you, will look like. Thank you for the gift of this vision. Thank you for showing us that Jesus truly is all in all. When we have Jesus we have everything. Thank you for his suffering and death, which transfigures our own. Thank you for the vision of his holy glory, which he so lovingly pours upon all who cling to him in faith. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Transfigure this congregation: its people and ministries its decisions and vision; its worship, service, and fellowship. Make our every word and action like clear crystal, through which the radiance of Jesus’ love shines unimpeded upon everyone we meet. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Transfigure the suffering of your persecuted Church, by uniting it to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Give it grace to speak truth and offer forgiveness to its enemies. Transfigure the ministries of seminaries, missionaries, and sister congregations and synods, that all that is said and done may point to Jesus and his strong saving love. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Transfigure the lives of all who sit in the shadows of suffering and sorrow – especially those we name before you [NAMES]. Grant that Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, may rise upon them with healing in his wings. Let sorrow be turned to joy; fear into hope; and despair into faith. Lord in your mercy,  
**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, grant to us, dear Father, for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: AMEN.**

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020**  
**Transfiguration—6pm**

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

## **Palm Fronds**

Tonight, we come to the end of the Epiphany Season, and prepare for the start of Lent. Thanks for bringing your palm fronds to worship. Palm leaves will be burned, and the ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday (February 26).

## **Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday—Feb. 25**

The Carnival celebration began with the Feast of the Epiphany (Three Kings Day) and culminates on the day before Ash Wednesday (Shrove Tuesday). Mardi Gras is French for *Fat Tuesday*, reflecting the practice of the last night of eating rich, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season. Shrove is derived from the word *shrive*, referring to “confession & absolution”.

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

**SAVE THE DATE: Mega Kids  
Camp—July 20-23, 2020**



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- -Sat, Feb. 22—Saturday School & G.I.F.T. (5pm); Transfiguration Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, February 23  
Pastor Dave preaching in St. Charles, MN
- Tuesday, February 25  
Men’s Bible Study at 8am; Text Study (10:30am)
- Wed, February 26—Ash Wednesday worship: 1pm at Madonna Towers, and 6pm at Emmanuel Lutheran
- Saturday, February 29  
G.I.F.T. and Saturday School at 5pm; Lent I Worship at 6pm
- Soup Suppers & Faith Stories begin on Mar. 3

**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 and visitors may use the offering 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.

**Women’s Bible Study:** A new five-session study on I Peter (A Baptismal Homily, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord) will begin on Thursday, April 23 at 1pm. Location: TBD. Remaining study dates: April 30; May 7, 14, & 28.

**Men’s Bible Study:** Men of Emmanuel are meeting at Oasis Church and looking at the Augsburg Confession (*Augustana*) on Tuesdays at 8am. Please join us for coffee, goodies, and conversation!

**SEMAC—February 9-21:** Larry Vomhof & his team of dedicated servants are home safe and sound after offering a helping hand in the name of Jesus to the residents of Dayton, Ohio. The people of Ohio experienced 40+ tornadoes on Memorial Day 2019. Pastor Dave was blessed to be able to participate in this mission trip. Thanks for keeping SEMAC in your prayers.

**Madonna Towers Worship:** Twice a month on Wednesday afternoons, Emmanuel members participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Service will be on Ash Wednesday, February 26 at 1pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this ministry.

**LENT 2020:** Palms are collected at the Feast of Transfiguration (Feb. 22), and burned into ashes for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26. This year’s Lenten Theme is: “Faith Stories”. Members & friends will be sharing their faith stories. Soup Suppers & Worship Services will be enjoyed on Tuesdays during Lent. A signup sheet is posted in the Gathering Space for those interested in providing soup, bread, or milk for our weekly soup suppers.

*Thanks for worshiping 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 & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Shining Bright for Jesus!*  
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## Exodus 24:8–18 — The Law is Written Down

8 Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words.” 9 Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 10 and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. 11 And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. 12 The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” 13 So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. 14 And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.” 15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16 The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18 Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## *Psalm 2:6-12 — responsively*

L: “As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.” I will tell of the decree:

**C: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

L: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

**C: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”**

L: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**C: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

L: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

**C: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

## II Peter 1:16–21 — Eyewitnesses

16 We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 17th. Chapter.

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

1 After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. 9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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