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## PRAYERS

L: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *Brief silence*

L: Almighty God, as we await the Day of the Lord with eager expectation, we pray that You would keep us in constant readiness through the pure preaching and teaching of Your holy Word, that we remain steadfast in the faith until Your Son returns in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Everlasting Father, grant that Your people may remain faithful in

receiving the oil that You provide for them in Word and Sacrament, that they may not be found lacking when the Bridegroom returns to receive His Bride, the Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Heavenly Father, Your Church is a beacon of light to a dark and dying world. Grant Your Church zeal in proclaiming the light of Christ to others as the day approaches, that many may be gathered into Your Kingdom and saved from wrath. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Blessed Lord, we pray that You would grant Your help to all who are in need, especially those who are sick or grieving, [NAMES] that they may receive healing as You will & that they may be strengthened and comforted in their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Gracious Father, You give us the very body and blood of Your Son to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins & the strengthening of our faith. Grant that we receive this great gift with thankfulness and to our everlasting benefit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Lord God, as the end approaches, we have continual need of faithful preachers and teachers who will speak to us the Word of truth. Grant us servants of the Gospel who will not shrink from proclaiming the full counsel of Your Word, that Your people may be blessed through them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Merciful Lord, grant that we may not mourn and grieve as those who have no hope, but that we may look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting that you have prepared for us to receive on the Last Day, and that this may always be our hope and comfort. 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.**

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## Psalm 70 — responsively

L: Hasten, O God, to save me;

C: Come quickly, Lord, to help me.

L: May those who want to take my life, be put to shame and confusion;

C: May all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.

L: May those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!” turn back because of their shame.

C: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

L: May those who long for your saving help always say,  
“The Lord is great!”

C: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.

L: You are my help and my deliverer;

C: Lord, do not delay.

## WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight

Pianist: Karen Salz

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Larry Vomhof

Communion Server: Katie Siebenaler

Ushers: Arne Nelson & Larry Vomhof

Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Samia Nelson & Marcia Nelson

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

**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  
Pentecost  
Nov. 11, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

## With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements - Prayer for Veterans (see insert)

\*Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness Page 10f

\*Gathering Hymn: “Awake, O Sleeper” #745

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\*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: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24

Psalm 70 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 4:13-18

\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 31

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Children’s Message: “A Little Shut-Eye”

Sermon: “Falling Asleep in Faith Rev. David Steffenson

\*Hymn: “I Know of a Sleep in Jesus’ Name” Insert

## Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 27 (Year A)

The question of how to be prepared for Jesus' return is answered four times in today's lessons. Being ready for Jesus' return is not passivity on our part; instead, it is an active preparing, an active waiting and serving and doing justice in the world in the name of Christ. There is no reason to fear anything. Christ promised he would return in due time. We await this moment with an active and vibrant faith.

**Communication Cards/Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also being used as visitor & 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.

**Salvation Army Kick-Off:** We need bell ringers for the Red Kettle fundraiser Kick-Off on Saturday, November 18th! Emmanuel will staff the two doors at Hy-Vee West (the newest store on West Circle Drive) from 9am til 5pm. Please contact Lee Pearce to reserve your time. Blessed are they who serve Emmanuel to the praise of God!

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.** — Education for all ages is offered each Saturday night before worship at 5:10pm. Youth ages 3-grade 2 are meeting with Julie (Bible Stories) in the basement; Youth grades 3-8ff are meeting with Pastor Dave (Chronicles of Narnia) in the basement; Adults are meeting in the Fellowship Hall (Conversations & Current Events). The Gathering Space is available for conversation, the Worship Space for meditation, & the Nursery for child care.

**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 1122-1125 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 318 — Nov. 14) in preparation for this week's study (Ezekiel 28:1-29:21; Hebrews 12:1-13 & Psalm 125).

**Women's Afternoon Bible Study Group:** Women of Emmanuel are studying the Book of Acts this year. 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, November 30 at 1pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Read Acts 15 (Controversy and the Jerusalem Council").

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017**  
**Eve of Pentecost 23—6pm**

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

## SNOW REMOVAL

Emmanuel is responsible for snow removal at Oasis Church on Mondays (November 6, 13, 20, & 27).

## Emmanuel Picture Directory

Thanks for submitting pictures to Deb Vomhof for our Church Directory. Our goal is to have the Directory distributed before Thanksgiving. Pictures in printed form need to be turned into Deb Vomhof by Saturday, November 11. Pictures that are being sent by email or to Deb's phone can be sent up to Tuesday, November 14. It has been two years since Emmanuel produced its previous Church Directory. This Directory will include pictures, contact information, and an historical narrative of our first five years as a church.

## Emmanuel Nominating Committee

Is God calling you to serve in leadership at Emmanuel Lutheran? Opportunities: Church Council, Audit Committee, Voting Delegates, or Nominating Committee.

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



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, Nov. 11 — G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Pentecost 23 Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, November 12  
Pastor Dave preaching at Rushford Lutheran
- Tues, Nov. 14 — Men's Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Wed, November 15  
Madonna Towers Worship (1pm); Oasis Choir Practice (7:15pm)
- Thurs, Nov. 16 - Pastors' Mtg. La Crosse (10am)
- Friday, Nov. 17 — Clergy Faithfulness Mtg (12:00)
- Sat, Nov. 18 — G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Pentecost 24 Worship at 6pm

## **Amos 5:18-24 — The Day of the LORD**

18 “Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, 19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **I Thessalonians 4:13-18 — Falling Asleep in Jesus**

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th. Chapter.

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

1 [Jesus said] “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of

them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship:** Emmanuel Lutheran is sharing worship with Oasis Church on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 22 at 6pm. The Oasis Choir will be singing two gifts of music during the Worship Service. Members of Emmanuel are invited to sing with the Oasis Choir. Practice on Wednesday night, November 15 at 7:15pm. Following Worship on Nov. 22, Emmanuel Lutheran will host a pie social. Please bring a pie/dessert to share with our members and guests.

**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, November 15 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

**Lady Light Bible Study:** Meets once a month at Katie Siebenaler’s house (6:30pm). Topic: Marriage and Family — Martin & Katie Luther. Next meeting date is pending.

**Prayers:** Please keep Pastor Dan Berkland (Oasis) & his family in your prayers. Pastor Dan was just diagnosed with metastatic melanoma.

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**"I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name"**  
**Tune: "O Day Full of Grace" — LBW #161**

By Magnus Brostrup Landstad, 1802-1880

**Verse 1**

I know of a sleep in Jesus' name, A rest from all toil & sorrow;  
Earth folds in her arms my weary frame, And shelters it till the morrow;  
My soul is at home with God in heaven, Her sorrows are past and over.

**Verse 2**

I know of a peaceful eventide; And when I am faint and weary,  
At times with the journey sorely tried, Through hours that are long and dreary,  
Then often I yearn to lay me down, And sink into blissful slumber.

**Verse 3**

I know of a morning bright and fair, When tidings of joy shall wake us,  
When songs of from on high shall fill the air, And God to His glory take us,  
When Jesus shall bid us rise from sleep, How joyous that hour of waking!

**Verse 4**

O Jesus, draw near my dying bed, And take me into Thy keeping  
And say when my spirit hence is fled, "This child is not dead, but sleeping."  
And leave me not, Savior, till I rise, To praise Thee in life eternal.

**Veterans Day: Saturday, November 11, 2017**  
**A Prayer for Those Who Protect our Nation**

Dear God,

We thank you for the freedom you have given to us, and for the price that was paid by Christ so that we could live free. We remember today. The cost of it all. The great sacrifice for freedom.

We thank you for the brave who have fought, and continue to fight, so courageously for our nation. We ask for your covering and blessing over them and their families. We pray that you would be gracious & encircle them with your peace. We pray for your great favor and goodness to be evident in their lives.

Be with the men & women in uniform, who serve our communities and nation every single day. We ask that you provide your protection, that you would be their guiding force who leads the way, and their rear guard who keeps them safe from behind. We ask that you would draw them to yourself amidst the dangers they face in a dark world, for you are the Truth, you are the Way, you are the Light.

When the voice of hate rises up against them, silence it. When the plans of the enemy rise up to cause them to stumble, thwart it. When the forces of evil rise up to strike them down, stop it. Lord, we know how powerful you are, all have heard of your Great Name, and we ask that you would indeed be the wind beneath their wings, the power behind their efforts, the heart behind their service, as they are on the front lines against evil in our world today.

Help them to walk wisely. To stay covered in your armor. Give them godly discernment. Make them constantly aware of what lurks close by. Help them to be men and women of prayer, realizing that this is where their greatest help comes from. Help them to stay united and strong, bold and resolute, determined and unwavering.

Lord bless all those who wear the uniform, who serve our cities, our nation, our people. Bless their families. Bless those they love. Give them your great favor, this day, and every day.

Thank you that in our nation today, we are free to worship, to pray, to read your Word, to speak, & to share. For this, we are incredibly grateful. Yet, we understand how quickly these freedoms can be taken away. Give us an increased awareness of the spiritual battle we're in. Help us to stand strong in you and for your purposes.

Thank you that as believers, we can be assured, you never leave us, and you are with us always, in this life, and the next.

In the Powerful Name of Jesus,  
Amen.