

we are a stumbling block and unwitting agent of Satan. Give us grace to repent and humbly take up our cross again, following Jesus alone. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Lord, grant that your Church may never be a hindrance to your Son nor a stumbling-block to those whom he came to save. Center its life and proclamation in the Cross of Jesus. Cause it to follow wherever Jesus leads, even unto death. By its witness & example, draw many hearts to repentant faith in Christ, and to the desire to overcome the world's evil with his good. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, as schools approach opening day in a world clouded by pandemic and upheaval, we pray for students & teachers, parents, & aides. Keep them safe, & help them flourish. Bless our church colleges, schools, and seminaries with faithfulness to Jesus and love of neighbor, of wisdom, and of virtue. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, deal mercifully with all whose lives are shadowed by suffering, sorrow, or any kind of adversity. Especially we pray for: [NAMES]. Have pity on them and redeem them; turn their sorrow into gladness, and their pain into shouts of thanksgiving. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayer, O Father, and grant all that glorifies you and builds up your people. This we ask for Jesus' sake & in His name.

C: Amen.

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Postlude

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word 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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**Worship—Eve of
Pentecost XIII
August 29, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

“Service of the Word”

Lutheran Book of Worship

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude: “

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Song: “Take Up Your Cross,” The Savior Said—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: You are the treasured people of the LORD.

C: A people holy to the LORD our God.

P: Keep the words of the LORD in your hearts; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, and when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone,

C: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

***Scripture Song: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” WOV #713**

Sing twice:

“Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.”

* Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, strengthen us to follow your commands in humble obedience along life's journey. Show us the way of sacrificial love for the sake of your world as we lose our old lives and find true life in Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalm 26 (*Responsively by half verse*)

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Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

***Gospel Verse: "Alleluia"**

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*Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Children's Message: "Simon Says! Jesus Says!" (*On Facebook*)

Sermon: "Follow the Leader" Pastor Dave Steffenson

***Song of the Day: "Lift High the Cross" — LBW #377**

(**vs. 1-3 before sermon; vs. 4-5 after sermon**)

*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, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and 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, and 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.*)

Offering (No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

*Closing Prayers

L: Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their need. *A brief silence is kept.*

L: Heavenly Father, thank you for Peter! Last week we thanked you for his witness. Today we thank you – not that he stumbled, but that even as Jesus rebuked Peter, he still loved and forgave him. Lord, we know you will rebuke us, sometimes sharply, when

will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. 28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

IN-PERSON WORSHIP: Emmanuel is hosting worship at a 50% seating capacity. Foot traffic is one-directional. Masks are required, but may be removed at appropriate times. An usher is present to give directions. The Worship Service and Hymns are projected on the Overhead Screen. RSVP's are no longer needed.

Sympathies: MarJean & Denny Damerval's mothers have both completed their earthly journeys and have gone home to be with the Lord. Twylah Larson passed away on August 18, and Gwen Damerval passed away on August 21. Prayers are offered for MarJean & Denny Damerval, and their entire family.

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 and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. 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.”

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The Emmanuel Weekly

August 29, 2020

Pentecost XIII - 6 pm

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



Matching Gift—Building Fund

A Supporter of Emmanuel pledged a matching gift of \$25,000 to our Building Fund. Every gift given to the Emmanuel Building Fund before Aug. 31 has been matched dollar for dollar. We've met our goal: \$25,000+. Thank You! We now have almost \$100,000 in our “Building for the Future Fund”. Thank You!

Men's Bible Study — IN-PERSON

Join us on Wednesdays, Sept. 9 & 23 from 11am-12:00 Noon for an outdoor conversation about the Bible Readings appointed for worship for the week ahead. We'll plan on meeting outside the south side of the Oasis Church building. Bring a lawn chair, and your Bible.

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

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat. Aug. 29—**Memorial Service—Twylah Larson** at Christ Lutheran, Byron at 2pm; Visitation @1pm
- Sat, Aug. 29—Pentecost 13 “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- Tues, Sept. 1 — Men's Bible Study at 8:30am (email study)
- Sat., Sept. 5—Pentecost 14 “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- Wed, Sept. 9—Men's In-Person Bible Study at 11am (Oasis Church)
- Friday, Sept. 11—Council Meeting at 1pm

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

Jeremiah 15:15-21 — Your Words Became a Joy to Me

15 O Lord, you know; remember me & visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. 17 I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? 19 Therefore thus says the Lord: “If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. 20 And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you & deliver you, declares the Lord. 21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, & redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26 (Responsively)

L: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,

C: And I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

L: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

C: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.

L: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

C: I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.

L: I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

C: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

L: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

C: In whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

L: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.

C: My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.

Romans 12:9-21 — Practicing Genuine Love

9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” 20 To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 16th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

21 Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” 23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake

Gathering Song: “Take Up Your Cross,” The Savior Said — Sing to the traditional tune of “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (ReClaim #132)

1. "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"If you would my disciple be;
Forsake the past, and come this day,
And humbly follow after me."
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
Pervade your soul with vain alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up,
Sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let your foolish heart rebel;
For you the Lord endured the cross
To save your soul from death and hell.
4. Take up your cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only those who bear the cross
May hope to wear a golden crown.

**Song of the Day: “Lift High the Cross” — LBW #377
(vs. 1-3 before sermon; vs. 4-5 after sermon)**

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world, Adore His sacred name.**

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain:**
2. Led on their way, By this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God, In conquering ranks combine. **Refrain:**
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified,
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain:**

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Continued from front side...

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world, Adore His sacred name.**

4. O Lord, once lifted, On the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, Draw the world to Thee. **Refrain:**
5. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified For victory. **Refrain:**

**Sending Song: “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought”
LBW #501**

1. He leadeth me: O, blessed thought!
Oh, words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!
**Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
By his own hand he leadeth me,
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.**
2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. **[Refrain]**
3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **[Refrain]**
4. And when my task on earth is done,
When by thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me. **[Refrain]**

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.