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Thanks...to all Emmanuel Members for your second mile gift of financial support. Your generosity is helping us to address our budget shortfall for 2015, and replenishing our Reserves for 2016 and 2017. “Our God supplies all of our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus”. Thanks be to God for His inexpressible Gift!

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 & marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! May the gift of Christmas equip the saints for Witness in the World! **Visit us at:** www.emmanuelofrochester.org.

The Prayers

A: Let us pray for the whole world, that God who sent his Son may make all things new.

A Brief Silence

A: Heavenly Father, we give thanks and praise to you. Great are your works, O Lord; help us to delight in them. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

A: As we celebrate the coming of the Prince of peace, so let your peace reign in our hearts. May the peace of Christ be a reality in every land & nation. Bring an end to violence, especially persecution that is leveled upon your children. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

A: King of Kings and Lord of Lords, you rule over all nations. Bless the elected leaders of this country, that they may govern wisely. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

A: O Word of God incarnate, bless the children you are currently forming in their mother’s wombs. Be present in the joy of those families who have celebrated the birth of children. Make your comforting presence known among those whose arms long to hold a son or daughter. Teach us to cherish all life, from conception until they rest in you. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks to you Heavenly Father for those whose service leads them away from families. Bless with your protection those who protect us at home and abroad. Grant your grace to all missionaries and ambassadors of the good news of Christ. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Bless with your tender mercy the compassionate hearts of those who care for the sick, the injured, the orphaned and the elderly. We pray for your healing presence to be upon (names are offered) that they may be made well. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Wonderful Counselor, grant the healing that is needed among broken relationships. Remind us what it means to bear with one another, to forgive those who have sinned against us and to forgive ourselves, knowing that you have freely and undeservedly forgiven us. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Psalm 111—responsively

L: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,

C: In the company of the upright, in the congregation.

L: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

C: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

L: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

C: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

L: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

C: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

L: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

C: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

L: Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

C: All those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Leslie Duesenberg

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Tim Duesenberg

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Darald Bothun

Communion Server: Leitha Bothun

Ushers: Larry Vomhof & LeRoy Quam

Acolyte: Elijah Matzke

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-Up: Julie Steffenson

Take-Down: Janet Sunde & Friends

Treats: Deb Vomhof



**Worship—Eve of
Christmas I
Dec. 26, 2015
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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*Gathering Hymn: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” #50

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*Hymn of Praise: “Glory to God” Page 79f

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P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, having been redeemed and made your children by grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

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Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 83

*Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Children’s Message: Rev. Tim Duesenberg

Sermon: Rev. Tim Duesenberg

*Hymn of the Day: “Our Father, by Whose Name” #357

*Confession of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed” Page 85

Nominating Committee Report: Opportunities to serve! Is God calling you to offer your spiritual gifts in service to Christ as a member of the Emmanuel Church Council? Two positions are available, one being the Church Treasurer.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Weekly fellowship around God's Word at 8 am Tuesdays at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW). Join us in being Evangelical. Invite a friend. Share the Good News! We will meet on Tuesday, December 29 to discuss the readings for Christmas I: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Psalm 111; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40.

Saturday School 2015: Join us at 5:10 p.m. each Saturday in the Oasis Church Fellowship Hall as we learn Bible Stories and enjoy two special units this year on the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed. Games, skits, music and crafts will be a part of the learning experience. All kids are welcome to participate in Saturday School. No Saturday School on December 26 and January 2.

Women of the Word! Two studies are available. One for women during the day and one in the evening. Both groups are studying "Famous Women in the Word of God". Session Three for the Evening Study option will be held at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield, MN) on Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30pm. The afternoon study has ended and will reconvene in April, 2016.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of December we are praying for Washington Elementary School. We delivered goodies as an expression of our love & gratitude on December 14. Thanks for keeping the staff, students & families of our area schools in your prayers. In January we will be praying for Folwell Elementary.

Twelve Days of Christmas Bell Ringing Service - Jan. 2, 2016 Emmanuel will have a special worship liturgy on Saturday night, January 2 in celebration of the Season of Christmas. Did you know that Christmas is a Season & not just a day? Did you know that the Keeping of the Twelve Days is a Tradition that began in 567 AD, the purpose of which was to allow God's people more time to reflect upon the gift of the Incarnation & to celebrate God's presence among us as Emmanuel? Bring a bell and help us celebrate the birth of Jesus as we ring in the New Year 2016

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Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 — Consecrated & Redeemed!

1 The Lord said to Moses, 2 "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine." 3a Then Moses said to the people, ... 11 "When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, 12 you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. 13 Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. 14 And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. 15 For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Colossians 3:12-17 — Baptismal Clothing

12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy & beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The 2016 Discipleship Covenants are available for signing.

Membership at Emmanuel is an annual renewal. 33 Discipleship Covenants have already been received for 2016. If you desire to "praise, proclaim, & practice Emmanuel—God With Us—in daily life," then complete the Discipleship Membership Covenant, place it in the offering basket, and walk with us to the glory of God.

Gospel Reading—Luke 2:22-40

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Luke the 2nd. Chapter.

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

22 And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Joseph and Mary] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” 25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, 28 he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 29 “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; 30 for my eyes have seen your salvation 31 that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” 33 And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. 34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed 35 (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.” 36 And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, 37 & then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. 38 And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God & to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. 39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Salvation Army Bell Ringing! Thanks to Servants of Emmanuel for letting your lights shine and your bells ring for the glory of God and the good of your neighbors. Our bell ringing goal was 2015 was 40 hours and we exceeded our goal. Yay God!

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Dec. 26, 2015

Christmas I – 6 pm

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

**Welcome to the Season of
Christmas, Twelve Days long:**
*Special welcome & thanks to Pastor
Tim Duesenberg from “Gift of Grace” in
Holmen, WI, our pulpit supply, and his
wife Leslie, our pianist.*

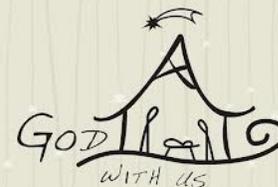
The SONG in our HEART:

**“Oh Come, Oh come, Emmanuel and
ransom captive Israel. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.”**

**Servants of Emmanuel celebrate the
birth of Jesus every day!**

Annual Meeting: Change of Date
*This Year’s Emmanuel Lutheran
Church Annual Meeting will be held on
Sunday, January 31, 2015, at 4pm,
followed by a potluck supper. Child
Care will be provided. Meat and
beverages will also be provided. Please
bring a dish (salad, side dish or dessert)
to share.*

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, December 26
No Saturday School;
Christmas I Worship at
6pm - Pulpit supply,
Rev. Tim Duesenberg
- Pastor on Vacation
(Dec. 26-Jan. 1)
- Tues, Dec. 29 at 8 am
Men’s Bible Study
Breakfast at Charlie’s
- Saturday, January 2
No Saturday School;
Twelve Days of
Christmas Bell Ringing
Service at 6pm
- Wednesday, January 6
Worship at Madonna
Towers at 1:30pm
- SEMAC—Feb. 7-20,
2016 in Brookport-
Unionville, IL. Contact
Larry Vomhof for more
information