

*Hymn of the Day: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” #41

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

*The Prayers: each petition ends with, “Lord in your mercy,” ... and the congregation responds with, “Hear our prayer.”

*The Peace Page 86

Offering—Sing verses 1-2 of “What Child Is This” (#40) while the offering is being received, and then rise and sing verse 3 while the offering is brought forward.

*The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer for Christmas

*Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version* Page 91

Invitation & Distribution—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 & 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 & salvation.” We practice Intinction at Emmanuel Lutheran. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) & dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ).

Communion Hymn: “I am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” #69

*Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, Word made flesh and born of Mary, keep you always in His light and love.

C: Amen.

*Post-Communion Cantic: “Silent Night” #65

— Lighting of candles and dimming of lights —

Benediction

P: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn: “Go Tell It On the Mountain” #70

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the Real Presence.

C: Thanks be to God. The LORD is with us!

Postlude

The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016
Christmas Eve—2:00 p.m.**

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



Merry Christmas to You and Yours!

**Martin Luther—1543
Lecture on Isaiah 9:6**

“The Son of God did not want to be seen and found in heaven. Therefore He descended into this humility and came to us in our flesh, laid Himself into the womb of His mother & into the manger and went to the cross. This is the ladder that He placed on earth so that we might ascend to God on it. This is the way you must take.”

A GIFT FOR YOU!

Emmanuel Lutheran has an annual tradition of providing a Christmas keepsake ornament for each family. This year’s ornament is a “Christmas Angel”. We hope this keepsake will provide a cherished memory of your life at *Emmanuel*. Be sure to get yours today.

The January 2017 Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also available, the current issue of the Our Daily Bread Devotional. Pick yours up today.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve
Worship @ 2pm; NO Saturday School & NO G.I.F.T.
- Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day
Worship at 10am
- Pastor Dave on
Vacation this week.
- Tues, Dec. 27 - Men’s
Bible Study Breakfast
at Oasis Church (8am)
- Saturday, Dec. 31
NO Saturday School & NO G.I.F.T.; Christmas II
Worship @ 6pm
with guest preacher,
Rev. Waldemar Gies.
- Annual Meeting:
Sunday, January 29 at
4pm followed by a
potluck meal.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 29, 2017
This Year's Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 4pm, followed by a potluck supper. Child Care will be provided. Meat & beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish (salad, side dish or dessert) to share.

Enrollment for membership at Emmanuel Lutheran in 2017 is now open. Complete a Discipleship Membership Covenant and give it to Pastor Dave or place it in the offering basket before December 31, 2016. We have 39 signed covenants already. MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read and study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, & give generously.

WORSHIP HELPERS:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Darald Bothun

Communion Helper: Leitha Bothun

Ushers: Darald & Leitha Bothun

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Emma Matzke

Set Up: Julie Steffenson

Take Down: Janet Sunde & friends

The BIBLE: Have you always wanted to read the Bible (cover to cover), all 66 books & 1189 Chapters? Why not make a New Year's Resolution & plan on reading the Word in its entirety in 2017. Pastor Dave & several others have already committed to the journey. Commit, and a \$25.00 gift awaits you. Gifts are limited, so don't delay, decide today.

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! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

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**Worship
Christmas Eve
Dec. 24, 2016
2:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

***Gathering Hymn: "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"—vs. 1 & 3 #45**

*Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the WORD made flesh, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Hymn of Praise: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" #60**

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And Also with you.

P: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of His glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Verse: "Joy To the World" — verse 1 #39

Christmas Gospel—Nativity Scene

Song: "Away in a Manger" - Children sing verse 1 & Congregation sings verses 2-3 #67

Children's Message: "Christmas Angels"

Sermon: "Real Presence for You!"

Pastor Dave Steffenson

Prayers for Christmas Eve

A: Rejoicing with the angels and all who came to the manger in Bethlehem at the nativity of our Lord Jesus, let us pray for the whole church, for all those in need, and for all of God's creation.

A brief silence

A: Holy and mighty God, your Word comes to your people in many ways. With great joy we celebrate today the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Word Incarnate, whom you sent to redeem your people from the wrath of sin. We pray that all people may come to know the meaning of His birth and experience the joy of salvation through Christ alone. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: In the field outside of Bethlehem the shepherds heard the joyful message of the Angels, and they went to Bethlehem to see Jesus. Give us the faith and the courage to follow and share with our neighbors the joy and peace that comes from believing that Jesus came to redeem us and all the world. Grant that we may be your Christmas angels. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Your Son came to bring healing to those in need. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, we ask for your healing hand upon those who are in need of healing; especially those we name before you now (*names*). May the confidence that you care for them be a sign of hope and strength. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: As families and friends join in celebrations at this time of the year, we remember those whose service to communities, and our nation, keep them from their loved ones. We pray for the safety of members of our military services, police and fire departments, medical personnel, and those who work for the safety, health, and well-being of others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: We pray for brothers and sisters in the faith, whose joy at Christ's birth is tempered with the sadness they experience at the death of family members and friends. Sustain them with the certainty that the birth of Jesus brings new life in Christ here on earth, and life with all the faithful in eternity. 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.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:2-7

2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. 3 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.