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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Our gracious Father listens to the prayers of His beloved children, so we are bold to pray on behalf of the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

A: We praise you, Most Holy God for all your wondrous deeds, but most especially for the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Let all living things praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Your perfect, sinless Lamb went willingly to the cross, to save

us sinners. As we rejoice in His resurrection, and in the promise of the resurrection made to all who believe and are baptized, help us to share the good news of Christ crucified and risen with people far and near, that they also may know the joy of eternal life.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: In these latter days, there are many would-be prophets who compete for our attention and would diminish our faith in your grace. Give us discerning spirits, so we may hear and be led only by your truth. Help us with all humbleness to guide our children, families, and friends along your right pathways, that they not lose their lives in pursuit of false promises. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: In mercy for this fallen world, you sent your beloved Son to earth to abide with us, and finally, to die for us. May we so love you that we willingly and joyfully love even those we find unlovable or those who are our enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Abide in us, dear Lord, that we may grow much good fruit, and as faithful disciples follow wherever Jesus Christ our Lord may lead us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: There are many who wait in loneliness, sorrow, or pain for the stirring up of your healing power within them. Bring new life to those who are depressed or grieving, sick or injured, afraid or worried. We pray for [*names*]. Uplift their spirits, and give them hope, and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, keep us one with the saints who now rest in your embrace, that we may share with them the great heavenly feast promised to all who live and die in faith. 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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Psalm 150—responsively

L: Praise the Lord!

C: Praise God in His sanctuary;

L: Praise Him in His mighty heavens!

C: Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

L: Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

C: Praise Him with trumpet sound;

L: Praise Him with lute and harp!

C: Praise Him with tambourine and dance;

L: Praise Him with strings and pipe!

C: Praise Him with sounding cymbals;

L: Praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

C: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

L: Praise the Lord!

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mandy Lambrecht

Scripture Reader and Prayers: Vicky Mulvihill

Communion Server: Pastor Fred Morck

Ushers: Bob Mulvihill & LeRoy Quam

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Janet Sunde

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! Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

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**Worship
Easter V
May 2, 2015
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: “Softly & Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” #734

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*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 30

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God you give us your Son as the Vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in His resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 150 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: I John 4:1-11

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 31

*Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

Children’s Message: “To Be Alive”

Sermon: “Making the Cut”

Rev. David Steffenson

Men's Bible Study Breakfast: Emmanuel Men are meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. at Charlie's (1408 2nd. St. SW) for breakfast & a first look at the lectionary readings for the week. Bring a friend, sit at the feet of Jesus & practice being evangelical. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 5. Our Bible Readings for Easter VI are: Acts 10:34-48; Ps. 98; I John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17.

Women's Bible Study: "Practicing Resurrection!" During the 50 days of Easter, women of Emmanuel and their friends are studying Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus and practicing the gift of resurrection in daily life. Participants meet twice each month (May 13, 27; & June 10, 24) on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Join us as we keep company with Jesus & walk wet with the sign of salvation upon us.

Saturday School: Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays at 5:10pm. Each week we'll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/Craft & a snack (kid friendly). Contact Julie Steffenson for more information or to share your ideas: (507)-206-3048.

OASIS VBS is July 12-15. See the bulletin board in the church lobby for a variety of volunteer opportunities. If you find something you like, take the card with the important information, and sign your name on the corresponding line so Angie Kime can contact you. Thanks!

Rochester Day of Prayer Activities! - "Hear the cry and the prayer that Your servant is praying in Your presence this day." - I Kings 8:28

Wednesday, May 6

6-7 pm—First Annual "Miracle Prayer March". Walk begins near St. Mary's Hospital (Second Street SW) and concludes at the Peace Plaza Downtown.

Thursday, May 7

12:00 Noon—Prayer at Government Center, Council Chambers Main Floor (151 4th St. SE).

7:00 pm—Evening Worship at "Word of Life Church of God in Christ". Located at: 400 - 13th Ave. SE, Rochester. BONUS: Renown musician, Mark Smeby will be present!

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Acts 8:26-40 — Philip & the Ethiopian Eunuch

26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. 27 And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. 33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." 34 And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I John 4:1-11 — God Is Love

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; who ever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th. Chapter.

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

1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS WITH EMMANUEL

Its official! December may seem like a long way off, but time flies when you're having Gospel Fun. As you begin to make your family plans for Christmas 2015, please note that Emmanuel Lutheran will be having Christmas Eve Worship at 4:00 p.m. at Oasis Church. Oasis will be worshipping at 6:00 p.m.

One of our goals for 2015 is to have at least 100 people in worship on Christmas Eve as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus.

Christmas with Emmanuel! Our big goal is 200 people in Worship. All things are possible with God. Now is the time to share good news with family & friends, neighbors and co-workers. Invite your loved ones to join you for Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship as we sing carols & celebrate the Incarnation in Word and Sacrament. Imagine a packed house singing praises to Emmanuel - God with us!

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Easter V - 6 pm

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

Special Congregational Meeting!

Members of Emmanuel will meet on Saturday, May 30, following worship in the Worship Space, for a brief meeting to discuss and approve Constitution revisions and Bylaws. Electronic and paper copies are available.

Paschal Candle!

Our Paschal Candle is lit, reminding us that Christ is the Light of the World. We are His luminaries, His Easter People. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! We light the Paschal Candle during the days of Easter until we arrive at Ascension Day. We also light this candle whenever we have a baptism or a funeral, reminding us that in baptism we die and rise with Jesus. Not even death can extinguish the Light of Christ's love.

We are Praying this Month for Gage Elementary School, it's teachers, staff & students.

**The May Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are
available in print!**



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, May 2
Saturday School @
5:10pm; Easter V
Worship @ 6pm
- Sunday, May 3—Pastor
Dave at Rushford
Lutheran Church
- Tues, May 5—Men's
Bible Study Breakfast @
Charlie's (8am)
- Wed, May 6—Prayer
Walk at 6pm
- Thurs, May 7—National
Day of Prayer (7pm)
- Friday—Sat, May 8-9
Oasis Church Garage &
Bake Sale
- Saturday, May 9
Saturday School @
5:10pm; Easter VI
Worship @ 6pm