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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, the world and all people according to their needs. —*a brief silence*

A: Heavenly Father, you are worthy of all glory, honor and praise. We praise you for raising your Son from death. We praise you for opening the door to your mansion for all who believe. We give thanks that you made your people a royal priesthood. Hear us, O God:

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We remember your servant Stephen, who answered the call to serve you. As he gave his life in proclaiming the good news, sustain those who are threatened with similar persecutions throughout the world. Grant them steadfastness of faith, courage to pray for and to forgive those who persecute them, and a holy remembrance that you have made them your chosen people. Hear us, O God:

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for all who are in need of your mercy: orphans, widows and widowers, foster children, those who are abused, the homeless, the hungry and those gripped in the chains of addiction. Grant help, healing and a remembrance of their value in your eyes. Provide the church and social services the resources needed to care all in need. Hear us, O God:

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We hold before you all who are sick and injured. Bring healing to those who have recently had surgery and undergoing physical therapy. Sustain the hope of those who long for healing of life threatening diseases. We especially hold before you (*List names*) and those who serve as care givers. Hear us, O God:

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for those who are graduating from high schools, colleges, universities and other places of learning. Grant that they may use what they have learned for the well-being of their neighbors and for the praise of your glory. Be present with those who will enlist in military service and those who are currently serving their country. Guide congregations and candidates for ordained ministry in their call processes. May those who are seeking employment find meaningful work. Hear us, O God:

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: As your Son prepared a place for those who believe, comfort the families of those who now reside in your heavenly mansion. Hear us, O God:

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **Psalm 146—responsively**

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

L: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

L: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

C: Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

L: Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

C: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

L: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

C: The LORD loves the righteous.

L: The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless,

C: But the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

L: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

C: Praise the LORD!

**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 SERVANTS Tonight:**

Pianist: Leslie Duesenberg

Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion Server: Kari Richards

Usher: Larry Vomhof

Coffee: Judy Pearce

Treats: Margaret Quam

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Kari Richards



**Worship  
Easter V  
May 17, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

## **Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II**

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**Women's Bible Study:** Pastor Dave & Julie are leading a nine session Bible Study on the Discipleship Parables of Jesus. Women meet at Oasis Church, twice a month, on Mondays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Our next Meeting is May 19. We will be studying Matthew 25:1-13—"The Ten Bridesmaids". Bring a friend.

**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, May 20 and discuss the readings for Easter VI: Acts 17:16-31; Psalm 66:8-20; I Peter 3:13-22; & John 14:15-21.

**Confirmation Class for Elementary Youth:** During the Season of Easter, youth are joining Pastor Dave for a reading of C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia. We are currently reading "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe". We meet at Oasis Church on Wednesdays from 4:15-5:15 p.m. Class began on Wednesday April 23. Eight youth are participating.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** In May, Emmanuel received \$444.00 in Choice Dollars from three of our supporting households. We also received \$1731.00 from 4 supporting households in April. Thank you to all who are directing Choice Dollars to Emmanuel Lutheran. Your financial support enhances and expands our witness to the Gospel!

**Care Fest—Showing the Love of Jesus:** June 14 and July 19. Seventh and final year: over 500 worksites, 100,000 hours of labor, ages 7-80+, over 5000 people from 30+ churches. Leaving Christ's footprint in our community. [www.rochestercarefest.org](http://www.rochestercarefest.org)

**Prayer Concerns!** Offering intercession and prayers of healing for Janet Sunde, Sharon Hart, Peg Holtan Rachel Carl, & Wayne Sather. Continued prayers for Rev. Fred Morck & St. Paul Lutheran Church in Oregon, IL as they discern God's mutual call to ministry. Prayers of guidance and blessing for students graduating this Spring.

**Emmanuel May Epistle Church Newsletter  
and Prayer Calendar are available!**

## **Acts 7:2a, 51-60 — Stephen's Sermon and Stoning**

2 And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. 51 "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, 53 you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." 54 Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at Stephen. 55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." 57 But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. 58 Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **I Peter 2:2-10 — Christ the Cornerstone**

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation--3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 4 As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame." 7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th Chapter.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. 12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. 13 Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SAVE THE DATE: VBS at OASIS CHURCH

Theme: "WEIRD ANIMALS"

Sunday-Wednesday, July 13-16

Sunday (9:30 am-2:30 pm); Monday-Wed. (5-8 pm)

Free for all children, ages 5-11

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, May 17, 2014  
Easter V - 6 pm**

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



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, May 17 @ 6 pm Easter V Worship
- Mon, May 19 @ 1 pm Women's Bible Study
- Tues, May 20 @ 8 am Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie's; 10 am—Council Meeting
- Wed, May 21 @ 4:15 pm Confirmation Class for Elementary Youth
- Saturday, May 24 at 6pm—Worship Easter VI
- Sunday, May 25—Pastor Steffenson preaching at Rushford Lutheran
- Monday, May 26 Memorial Day
- Thursday, May 29 Ascension of our Lord

## SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, July 26—Picnic with Oasis and Ecclesia churches here at Oasis.

Sunday, August 3—Emmanuel Lutheran Church Picnic at the home of Deb & Larry Vomhof.

More details to come as the picnic dates approach.