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**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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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: With joyful confidence in the mercy of our risen Savior, let us pray for the world and all its peoples, for the Church, and for ourselves and one another.

*A brief silence*

A: Lord Jesus, bless your Church with the continued power and presence of your Holy Spirit, so that your love fills and overflows it. Nourish it with Word and Sacrament; and through its words and actions let the world see, desire, and dwell in your love forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Cheer the hearts and strengthen the spirits of all who are persecuted for your Name’s sake, and use their witness to cause many to repent and believe in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Bless the people of this congregation with love, respect, and kindness towards each other, so that others in our community may truly know we are your followers. Fill us with wisdom and prudence; and give us generosity and boldness as we look to the future you open to us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You care tenderly for your people, especially the littlest who are laid in your arms. We therefore ask your blessing upon all mothers and those who act with a mother’s love. Give them your own patience, steadfastness, tenderness and wisdom. Share your deep gentleness and strong love as they care for their children.

Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Pour out upon the leaders of the nations the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might. Teach them to love justice; to act with mercy toward the poor and hungry in their lands; and to walk humbly. Grant to all people the blessings of peace and unity on earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Grant the refreshment and joy of your life-giving Spirit to all who cry to you for help. *Especially we pray for: {NAMES}*. Grant them wholeness of body and mind; a joyful and confident hope in your goodness, and the peace which the world cannot give them. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord Jesus, we thank you for the lives of the faithful who have gone before us. Grant to us and to all the redeemed the inheritance of joy and life everlasting. 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.**

**Psalm 98—responsively**

L: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

**C: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

L: The Lord has made known His salvation;

**C: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

**C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**C: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

L: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands;

**C: Let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.**

L: He will judge the world with righteousness,

**C: And the peoples with equity.**

**WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader, Prayers, & Communion Server: Lee Pearce*

*Ushers: Larry Vomhof and Cabe Siebenaler*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Julie Steffenson*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*



**Worship  
Easter VI  
May 9, 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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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-48

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Second Lesson: I John 5:1-8

\*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 31

\*Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

Children’s Message: “Choosy Mothers”

Sermon: “Greater Love” Rev. David Steffenson

\*Hymn: “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” #765

### **Blessed Mother's Day:**

\* Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love. ~Mildred B. Vermont

\* Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. ~Author Unknown

\* The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the love of a Mother. ~St. Therese of Lisieux

\* The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.  
~Henry Ward Beecher

**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 12. Our Bible Readings for Easter VII are: Acts 1:12-26; Ps. 1; I John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19.

**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. Saturday School ends on May 30 and will resume in September. Thanks to the parents and youth who have supported this ministry, & special thanks to Julie Steffenson who has devoted many hours to the spiritual and educational care of our children.

**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!

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### **Acts 10:34-48 — Gentiles Hear the Good News**

34 So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), 37 you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, 40 but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." 44 While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 47 "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **I John 5:1-8 — The Victory...Our Faith**

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

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

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

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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 9, 2015**

**Easter VI - 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 9  
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Easter VI  
Worship @ 6pm
- Sunday, May 10  
Mother's Day; Pastor  
Dave at Rushford  
Lutheran Church
- Tues, May 5—Men's  
Bible Study Breakfast @  
Charlie's (8am); Council  
Meeting. @ 10am
- Wed, May 6—Women's  
Bible Study @ 1pm at  
Oasis Church
- Saturday, May 16  
Saturday School @  
5:10pm; Easter VII  
Worship @ 6pm
- Thursday, May 21  
Pastors' Mtg. in La  
Crosse, WI (10am)

## JESUS LOVES ME

## WHERE CHARITY AND LOVE PREVAIL

*Music will be printed from LBW #126*

**Vs. 1** Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

**Vs. 2** Jesus loves me! He who died,  
Heaven's gates to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin,  
Let His little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

**Vs. 3** Jesus loves me! Loves me still,  
When I'm very weak and ill;  
From His shining throne on high,  
Comes to watch me where I lie.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

**Vs. 4** Jesus loves me! He will stay,  
Close beside me all the way;  
He's prepared a home for me,  
And some day His face I'll see.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

*Text: Anna B. Warner (1820-1915)*

*Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)*