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## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: With joy and confidence, let us approach the throne of grace, imploring the mercy of our risen Savior upon the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

A: Lord Jesus, unite all who confess your Name into your Body, truly to be your one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church upon the earth. Fill it with your Spirit, so that it may be a faithful witness to your death and resurrection, proclaiming the gospel of repentance and forgiveness to the whole world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Bless the people and guide the ministries of this congregation, so that in all things your name is glorified and your will is done. Unite us ever more closely with you and with one another; and use our words and actions to draw others into the joy of the life you share with your Father and with your people, in the bond of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord Jesus, 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: As you prayed for your followers, so we pray for the world, its rulers and its people; and most especially for our country and its leaders. Bestow peace and unity wherever suspicion and violence cause distress. Turn the hearts of many to seek and work for those things that please our heavenly Father, and that bring health, hope and justice to all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: We plead on behalf of all who endure the anguish of pain, grief, abandonment, shame, despair, or any other evil that afflict their bodies, minds, or hearts. Especially we lift before you the needs of [NAMES]. Grant to them the strong assurance of your presence, so that they may firmly believe and deeply feel that they dwell in you, and you in them; and bring them to fullness of life, hope, and joy. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord Jesus, you have ascended to the right hand of your Father, and you promise your life in Him to all whom you have saved. Wipe away the tears of all whose grief runs deep. Dwell with us and in us, and draw us ever closer to one another even as you lead us to your Father’s embrace. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, gracious 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 133 — responsively**

L: Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

**C: It is like the precious oil on the head,**

L: Running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,

**C: Running down on the collar of his robes!**

L: It is like the dew of Hermon,

**C: Which falls on the mountains of Zion!**

L: For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,

**C: Life forevermore.**

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**WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

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

*Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler*

*Ushers: Darald & Leitha Bothun*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan*

*Treats: Judy Pearce*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*

**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

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**Worship**  
**Easter VII**  
**May 7, 2016**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father's promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26

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Second Lesson: Revelation 22:1-21

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\*Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26

Children's Message: “Casting Lots”

Sermon: “I AM Coming Soon”

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 10. Our Bible Readings for Pentecost are: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 143; Acts 2:1-21; and John 14:23-31.

**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). Final Session until fall is Saturday, May 21.

**Women's Bible Study:** The Afternoon Study Group will meet on Wednesday, May 11 at 1pm (Topic: "Women of the Word: New Testament Ladies" - Mary Magdalene) - Meeting at Oasis Church. The Evening Study Group will meet on Tuesday, May 17 (6:30pm) at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield); Session 7 (Rahab & Ruth: Foreigners in the Family Tree). Session 8 is June 14.

**PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS:** During the month of May we are praying for Lincoln K-8 School. We are delivering goodies on Monday, May 9 as an expression of our love & gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff and the students of our local schools in your prayers.

**Madonna Towers Skilled Care Chapel:** On the first Wednesday of each month. Emmanuel members are invited and encouraged to participate a ministry to seniors of our community. Our next Service will be on Wednesday, June 1 at 1:30 pm. Give Lee Pearce a call if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

**Offering Envelopes for Children:** If you are interested in teaching your children or grandchildren the joy of giving, offering envelopes are available in kid size. Each household can receive a box of 100 envelopes to be used as desired. Generous giving is a mark of discipleship.

**Electronic Giving:** Members wishing to contribute to Emmanuel Lutheran with automated giving may do so by contacting Judy Caudill or Deb Vomhof. Offerings are transferred once a month on the 15th.

*Thanks for worshipping 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 and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Easter Alleluias!*

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## Acts 1:12-26 — A Replacement for Judas

12 Then [the Disciples] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. 15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'" 21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." 23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Revelation 22:1-21 — Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him.. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. 6 And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." 7 "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." 8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, May 7, 2016**  
**Easter VII - 6 pm**

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

## **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 (May 5). We also light this candle whenever we have a baptism or a funeral, reminding us that in baptism we die & rise with Jesus. Not even death can extinguish the Light of Christ's love.

## **ASCENSION of Our LORD**

As Jesus' disciples look on, he is taken up into heaven 40 days after his journey from death to life. Having received their final instructions from their Master, the apostles are sent into the world to proclaim the good news of all they have seen and experienced. For those who are Christ followers, our hope is centered in this same good news of our Lord's life, death, resurrection & ascension. We go and tell!

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



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Sat, May 7 - Saturday School (5:10pm); Easter VII Worship @ 6pm
- Monday, May 9 - Deliver Treats to Lincoln K-8; IHN Mtg. at 7pm at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church
- Tues, May 10 - Men's Bible Study Breakfast at Charlie's (8am)
- Wednesday, May 11 Women's Bible Study at 1pm; Council at 5pm
- Saturday, May 14 Saturday School at 5:10pm; PENTECOST Worship at 6pm (Wear the color RED)
- LAST Day of Saturday School until fall is May 21 at 5:10pm

these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, 9 but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.” 10 And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. 11 Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.” 12 “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. 13 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” 14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. 16 “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” 17 The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. 18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. 20 He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th. Chapter.

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

[Jesus said,] 20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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