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## **2014 Membership Covenant Renewal Ceremony**

P: The Chosen people of God entered the Promise Land and participated in a Covenant Renewal Ceremony (Joshua 24). Joshua assembled God’s people and reminded them of God’s eternal faithfulness and providential care for His people. Joshua commanded God’s people to choose whom they will serve, the false gods of this world, or the LORD God Almighty. Joshua ended his exhortation with these familiar words: “As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

**C: The people responded with one voice: We also will serve the LORD for He is our God. His voice we will obey.**

P: Tonight we remember God’s grace and faithfulness to us, and we renew our pledge to Him. God has made us His people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

### **C: “Apostles’ Creed” - Page 85**

P: Beloved Servants of Emmanuel, you have made public profession of your faith. Clothed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, do you intend to continue in the covenant that God made with you in baptism: to live among God’s faithful people, to hear His Word and share in His Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth, practicing the marks of discipleship (prayer, worship, spiritual growth, Bible reading, service to others, sharing the good news, & generous giving), and growing up into the full maturity of Christ?

### **C: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.**

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. (*Each petition ends with “Lord in your mercy,” followed by the response...HEAR OUR PRAYER*).

P: Loving God, we thank you for the ministry opportunities that await our congregation in 2014, & for the Servants of Emmanuel who have committed themselves to membership and the walk of discipleship. Grant that all baptized believers may praise, proclaim, and practice your saving presence in daily life. Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ;

### **C: Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### **C: And also with you.**

P: Share God’s peace with one another. (*followed by offering*)

**Psalm 27:1, 4-9—responsively**

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**C: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.**

L: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

**C: He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

L: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, & I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**C: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

**C: Be gracious to me and answer me!**

L: You have said, "Seek my face."

**C: My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

L: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.

**C: Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

**Thanks** for worshipping 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! **Visit us at:** [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org).

**WORSHIP SERVANTS:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Scripture Reader & Prayers: Darald Bothun*

*Ushers: Arne Nelson & Larry Vomhof*

*Beverages: Julie Steffenson*

*Treats & Communion Assistant: Leitha Bothun*

*Chili: Judy Pearce*



**Worship**  
**Eve - Epiphany III**  
**Jan. 25, 2014**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II**  
**Covenant Renewal Ceremony**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And Also with you.**

P: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1:10-18

\*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 83

\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25

Children's Message: "Go Fish"

**Emmanuel's first Annual Meeting:** Please join us for refreshments and our first Annual Meeting in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Chili is being served. We will elect council members and approve our 2014 Mission Plan Budget. Thanks for your partnership in Ministry!

**MEMBERSHIP AT EMMANUEL:** "Now you are the Body of Christ and individually members of it"—I Cor. 12:27. Baptized members are servants of Emmanuel, living out their God-given faith in congregational life; committed to the walk of discipleship, growing up into the full maturity of Christ. Each January, Christians desiring membership at Emmanuel Lutheran of Rochester are invited to sign up (be enrolled for the calendar year) on our Servant Roster. To be a member is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, baptized and committed to the Marks of Discipleship. If you desire to "praise, proclaim, and practice Emmanuel—God With Us—in daily life," then complete the 2014 Emmanuel Membership Covenant and walk with us to the glory of God! Members are eligible to hold office and vote. 28 Covenants have been received!

**MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP:** Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and give generously.

**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, January 28. Our Bible Readings for Epiphany IV (Presentation of Our Lord) are: I Samuel 1:21-28, Psalm 84, Hebrews 2:14-18, and Luke 2:22-40.

**Women's Book & DVD Bible Study:** "Simplify Your Life", a Women's Study based on the Book of Proverbs is being enjoyed by 12 women. Margaret Quam is hosting this study in her home (304– 15th Ave. S.W.). Next gatherings: Mondays, Jan 27 & Feb. 10, 24 @ 1 pm.

**NALC House Church—Twin Cities:** Dr. Jim Nestingen and his wife Carolyn are launching a new NALC House Church in the Twin Cities in partnership with Pastor Steve King (Maple Lake Church) and Pastor Challa Barro (Ethiopian Church). Worshipers are meeting weekly for Bible Study at 5 pm on Sundays at the Nestingen house, 2216 Ferris Lane, Roseville, MN 55113. The topic of study is: "Who Is Jesus?" If you have friends or relatives in the Twin Cities area, please let them know about this new church initiative. Please keep this House Church in your prayers!

## Isaiah 9:1-4 — For to Us a Child Is Born

1 But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 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 shined. 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## I Corinthians 1:10-18 — Divisions in the Church

10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. 11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. 12 What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. 16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. 18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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## Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-25

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th Chapter.

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

12 Now when (Jesus) heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-- 16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. 23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. 24 So His fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and He healed them. 25 And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014**  
**Eve of Epiphany III - 6 pm**

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

## Equipped!

Last week, Rev. Fred Morck introduced us to The Divine Plan, a witnessing tool for sharing our faith with others. Sharing the Gospel is one of the seven marks of discipleship. We hope you are praying for the opportunity to share your faith with others, and practicing using this 8-frame witnessing resource. Additional copies of The Divine Plan are available upon request. If you have access to a computer you may want to visit "YouTube" or google, "Crossways: The Divine Plan with Dr. Harry Wendt".

## NO REGRETS—Men's Conference

Saturday, February 1 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Christ Community Church in Rochester. Event Goal: To develop men with a heart for God, bearing in their person the imprint of God's character, reflected in all that they think, say and do. Contact Pastor Steffenson if you would like to attend. We'll grab a quick bite at the close of the Conference and gather with our families for evening Worship at Emmanuel at 6:00 pm. Cost for this event is \$35.00.



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, January 25  
6 pm—Emmanuel  
Worship with  
Membership Renewal  
7:30 pm—Annual Mtg.  
following worship!
- Monday, January 27  
1 pm—Women's Study at  
Margaret Quam's
- Tuesday, January 28  
Men's Bible Study Bkft.  
at Charlie's (8 am)
- Sat, Feb. 1 (8:30 am-  
4:30 pm) - Men's "No  
Regrets" Conference at  
Christ Comm. Church
- Sat. Feb. 1 @ 6 pm  
"Candlemas Service"  
Presentation of Our Lord
- Mon, Feb. 3—Pastor  
Dave at Cont. Ed.