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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Trusting in the steadfast goodness and mercy of God the Father, as revealed in the light of his Son Jesus Christ, we pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their need. — *a brief silence*

A: O Lord, our God, we hunger for the blessings of an ordered society, where trust and peace flourish. Yet we turn from your commandments, and we choose conflict over peace, death rather than life. Loosen the hold sin has on our wills, and conform our minds to that of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, so that we may, through the aid of your Holy Spirit, choose life, love you, obey you, & hold fast to you. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Give your Church and her leaders the heart of a servant, that bishops,

pastors, teachers, and lay leaders may happily devote themselves to the needs of the afflicted, the poor, the desolate and those buried by their own sin. Create and sustain in us the need to know you better, love you more dearly, & follow you more nearly for the sake of our public witness to your grace & our private experience of it. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: You give the nations leaders that they might act on your behalf for the good of all your children in every corner of the earth. Unite those who govern under your righteous sovereignty, give them a common purpose, and a willingness to use their authority, power, and wealth to build up the communities they govern, not tear them down. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Father in heaven, we read your Word and we tremble, for you call us to a perfection we are unable to achieve. We believe ourselves saints if we do not raise our hands and strike down our neighbors, yet you insist that the anger burning in our hearts brings judgment upon us as well. Grant us peace, that we may bring peace even to those whose will is bent on destruction. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: In you, Father, we have life, and through you we have all we need to sustain life. Our bodies are wondrously made, yet even so they fail, and we cry out to you for healing, comfort, and strength. Lift up all laid low by illness, accident, addiction, or happenstance, *especially those we name before you [names]*. Heal them of their afflictions, and bring them the comfort of your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Gracious God, your faithfulness and your mercy are from everlasting to everlasting. You hold in your firm embrace our beloved dead, and you are the only true source of consolation for all who mourn. Grant to us who yet inhabit this earth the strength to keep your commandments, to walk in your ways, and to look to everlasting life with you when the trials and tribulations of this life overwhelm us. Then bring us to life everlasting, where we might with our beloved dead and the angels and archangels sing your praises without ceasing. 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 Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.
C: Amen.

Psalm 119:1-8—responsively

L: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

C: Who walk in the law of the LORD!

L: Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,

C: Who seek Him with their whole heart,

L: Who also do no wrong,

C: But walk in His ways!

L: You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

C: Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

L: Then I shall not be put to shame,

C: Having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

L: I will praise you with an upright heart,

C: When I learn your righteous rules.

L: I will keep your statutes;

C: Do not utterly forsake me!

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! **Visit us at:** www.emmanuelofrochester.org.

WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader, Communion Assistant & Prayers: Lee Pearce

Usher: Arne Nelson & Larry Vomhof

Coffee: Julie Steffenson

Treats: Judy Pearce



Worship
Eve - Epiphany VI
Feb. 15, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** 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: Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 3:1-9

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*Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-32

Children's Message: "I Planted..."

Sermon: "But I Say..." Rev. David Steffenson

*Hymn: "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways" #480

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. 37 Membership Covenants have been received.

Local Benevolence Partners: Our Church Council is asking for congregational input as we prayerfully discern the recipients of our local benevolences in 2014. Criteria for selection: Ministries must be Christ-centered, offering opportunity for members to participate in hands-on service. Submit your suggestions, with a brief summary of the ministry and its merits, to Pastor or a Council Member. See also suggested ministries on survey sheet.

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, February 18. Our Bible Readings for Epiphany VII are: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119:33-40, I Corinthians 3:10-23, and Matthew 5:33-48.

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 gathering: Monday, Feb. 24 @ 1 pm.

Devoted Hearts Women's conference: 8th annual area wide women's event at Autumn Ridge Church, April 25-26. Friday 7-9 PM and Saturday 8:30 – 3 PM. Cost: \$48 before March 31st. Register online at www.devotedheartsrochester.com.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Workshop: Social Security - Strategize to Maximize! Prevent costly mistakes when making decisions about your Social Security. This workshop will help answer questions: When should I apply? How can I maximize my benefits? How will my spouse be affected? The purpose of the workshop is to help you sort through all the information, answer questions about your situation, and help ensure your choices are tailored to meet your specific needs. There will be two sessions containing the same information on March 10th at 5:00 and 7:00 PM—Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (1212 12th Ave NW). A light meal will be provided between the two sessions. Please RSVP to Carol Ficher at 507-289-1841 by March 3. Bring a guest!

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 — Choose Life

15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. 16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 3:1-9 — Divisions in the Church

1 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? 5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-32

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th Chapter.

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

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. 23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. 26 Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. 31 "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014
Eve of Epiphany VI - 6 pm

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

Emmanuel Skiing, Snow- shoeing & Game Day

On Sunday, February 16, from 1-3 p.m. Members and Friends of Emmanuel are invited to cross country ski at Quarry Hill Nature Center. Lessons will be provided. For those not wishing to ski or snowshoe, games, refreshments and fellowship will be enjoyed in a reserved room. Ski Rental Cost: \$7.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Bring your own skis or snowshoes if you wish. Bring snacks and games to share with the other participants. A freewill offering will be received to cover the cost of the room rental. Questions? Call Kari Richards Fred Morck, or the Bothuns. We hope you can join us!

2014 Church Council

President: Kari Richards

Vice-President: Lee Pearce

Secretary: Kalo Lockerby

Treasurer: Arne Nelson

Next Meeting: Tues, March 11 @ 10 a.m.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sunday, February 16 from 1-3 pm—Skiing, Snowshoeing & Games
- Tuesday, February 18 Men's Bible Study Bkft. at Charlie's (8 am)
- Fri, Feb. 21 @ 12:00 noon—Faithfulness Gathering for clergy
- Sat, Feb. 22 @ 6 pm LBW Worship Service
- Mon, Feb. 24 at 1 pm Women's Bible Study at Margaret Quam's
- **Looking Ahead:**
March 4: Fat Tuesday at Pastor Dave & Julie's Pancakes and Pastries
March 29: Emmanuel Lutheran of Grafton, Iowa, Choir offering gifts of music at Worship