

*Sending Hymn: “Breathe on me Breath of God”—INSERT

Benediction:

P: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. (1 John 5:7).

C: Amen.

*Dismissal:

P: Hallelujah! Go in peace. Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan

Assisting Minister/Scripture Reader/Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Greeter: Julie Engle

Sanitizing Team: Pending

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed! *“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.”* Each day at 4:31pm, members & friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer. Send your prayer requests to Pastor Dave. Thanks for joining us in daily prayer.

FYI: Iglesia (ICNJ) is hosting a COVID-19 Vaccination clinic on Saturday, June 5 from 9am-3:30pm. This won't interfere with our Emmanuel Worship.

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Holy Spirit Rain Down! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship--Eve of
Pentecost
May 22, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

Hallelujah Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude - Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship:

P: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

P: Come, Holy Spirit!

C: Kindle in us the fire of your love!

Confession & Forgiveness:

P: Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord! As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him & confess the ways in which we have failed to follow his will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

P: Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

C: We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful & unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your lovingkindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.

P: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

C: Amen.

***Hymn: “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”—LBW #486**

***Greeting**

P: Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: Come, Holy Spirit!

C: Kindle in us the fire of your love!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray: God of life everlasting, on this day you poured forth upon your Church your Spirit through whom we are one body, the body of Christ. Unite us at your table that we may be poured forth into the world, bearing witness to your grace and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 139:1-16 (Read Responsively)

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

*Gospel Verse: Alleluia — WOV page 31

*Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15

Children’s Message: “Happy Birthday Church!” (On Facebook)

Sermon: “ALL Fired Up for Jesus!” Pastor Steffenson

***Hymn of the Day: “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”—LBW #523**

***Confession:**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven & earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit & born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, & was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, & is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers:** (Each petition ends with “**Lord in your mercy**”; and the people respond with, “**Hear our prayer**”.)

***Sharing the Peace!**

P: The Peace of the LORD be with you always.

C: And also with you! (*Share God’s peace in a safe manner*)

Offering: (No passing of baskets. Offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves worship; envelopes are available. Offerings of support may also be given via PayPal, electronically, or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

Communion Hymn: “There’s a Wideness”—LBW #290

***Eucharistic Prayer for Pentecost**

Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version

Invitation & Distribution: *Holy Communion is the Lord’s Supper for the Lord’s People: “All are welcome to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, & believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life & salvation.” With repentant hearts, we receive the body & blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. Gluten-free wafers & consecrated grape juice are available. When instructed, please receive the body and blood of Jesus in the pre-filled and consecrated containers.*

***Table Blessing:**

Men's Bible Study IN-PERSON: Join us on June 2, 16, & 30 at 11am for a study of the appointed Bible Readings for the week ahead. We'll meet at the Oasis Church.

SEMAC Mission Work Trip—TEXAS: San Miguel Lutheran Church, an NALC Hispanic Church in Fort Worth, TX, had a foot of water in its building after pipes burst. Many members of San Miguel also suffered a lot of damage to their homes. Many were in need of help before the winter storms, and even more so now, having minimal resources & no insurance. Larry Vomhof and a Team of Workers are addressing this need this week (**May 22-30**). Servant work includes: plumbing, sheet-rocking & taping. The Servant Team is staying at Hope Lutheran Church (Cedar Hill, TX 75104-5317); served by Pastors Joel & Wendy Berthelsen. Wendy is the daughter of Gloria Wiebusch. Thanks for keeping the SEMAC crew in your prayers.

Implementation Team update! Generosity (new dollars and donated labor) is coming our way & it looks like we're going to be able to build a combined shelter and storage area (72 x 24), AND still be under our \$90,000 approved church vote. Praise God! The goal is to have 1/2 of the larger shelter open and 1/2 of the shelter enclosed providing indoor meeting space, storage and security. This will allow us to use the larger building SO MUCH MORE! Those hoping to have a portion of the shelter enclosed are invited to help fund this dream. If you've been thinking of giving a gift to the Building Fund, now is the time to do it! No gift is too small or too large.

Season One of "The Chosen"! The Chosen is a television drama based on the life of Jesus Christ. **Season 1** introduces Jesus & the calling of his initial disciples. **Season 2** focuses on the beginning of his public ministry. Dan & Mary Jo Grimsrud have ordered the DVD's of Season 1. Contact them if you would like to borrow & view the DVD's! You won't be disappointed.

Mega Kids Camp—Register Today! Limited Enrollment opened May 15 for only 125 elementary age children and 30 pre-kindergarten children. Camp Dates: Monday-Thursday, July 26-29 | 8:45am - 12:30 pm at the Rochester Century High School. Cost: \$40 per youth. **For more INFO or to Register:** www.evangelum.org and follow the MEGA Kids Camp link.

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Entrance Hymn:

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”—LBW #486

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love you as I ought to love.
2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.
3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
4. Teach me to love you as your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heav'n-descended dove,
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Hymn: “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”—LBW #523

1. Holy Spirit, ever dwelling, In the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding, O'er a world of gloom & night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising, Those of earth to thrones on high;
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.
2. Holy Spirit, ever living, As the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving, Through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming, In the Church the mind of Christ;
You we praise with endless worship, For your gifts & fruits unpriced.
3. Holy Spirit, ever working, Through the Church's ministry;
Quick'ning, strength'ning, & absolving, Setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding, Age to age and soul to soul,
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

Communion Hymn:
“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”—LBW #290

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows,
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings,
have such kindly judgment giv'n.
2. There is welcome for the sinner,
and a promised grace made good;
There is mercy with the Savior;
there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

Hymn: “Breathe on Me Breath of God”

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love the way you love, & do what you would do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life, for all eternity.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: In the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

L: Most holy and gracious Spirit, thank you for blowing where you will even when we don't notice you. Renew our life, faith, and love, now and always. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Renew your Church. Fill it with boldness in witnessing to Jesus. Fill it with faithfulness in proclaiming his Word and celebrating his Sacraments. Fill it with zeal for ministering to all people in his name – especially to the least of those whom he calls sisters and brothers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Renew the faith of your persecuted Church. Give it grace to endure suffering for Jesus' sake; and grant that its faithful witness may cause many to turn to Christ and live. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Renew the people and the ministry of this congregation. Fill us with joyfulness in worship; eagerness in service; gentleness in fellowship; generosity in giving; and persistence in faithful witness in Jesus' name. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Renew the minds of worldly leaders. Fill their hearts with wisdom and humility as they wield power & authority. Fill the spirits of the world's citizens with love for God, neighbor, and the world around them. Fill creation with fruitfulness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Renew the hope, faith, and health of all whose need is great, especially: [NAMES]. Fill them with the comfort of your presence and lead them into the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Come, Holy Spirit, and cheer the hearts of all who grieve the loss of loved ones. Fill them, and all of us, all with faith in you, the Lord and Giver of life; in the communion of saints in heaven and on earth; in the forgiveness of sins, in the resurrection of the body; and in life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Grant us, dear Lord, all that is in accordance with your will, to your glory, and for the building up of your people.

C: Amen.

GOSPEL Summer Concert Series

Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Charles is pleased to invite everyone to their Gospel Summer Concert Series. Wednesdays, June 23, July 21 & August 18 at 6:30pm. See the Emmanuel Church Newsletter (May issue) for more details!

works of God.” 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: 17 ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, & they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. John the 15th & 16th. Chapters.

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

26 [Jesus said,] “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of TRUTH, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. ... 16:4b I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin & righteousness & judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of TRUTH comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Emmanuel Weekly

May 22, 2021

Eve of Pentecost - 6 pm

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

Blessed Pentecost to You and Yours!

Tonight we celebrate the 50th Day of Easter and the Feast of Pentecost. After showing himself to the disciples and after having ascended, Jesus’ followers received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. Clothed with power from on high, disciples become witnesses of THE WAY and THE TRUTH and THE LIFE! Worshipers often wear red on the Feast of Pentecost, recalling the red of the flames of the Holy Spirit.

Church Land Work Day!

We hope you can join us for some church land fellowship and holy work on Saturday, June 5 from 9am-3pm. Judy & Lee Pearce will be providing lunch, but they need a headcount so please let them know that you plan on participating. Work projects will include: completion of the church sign; reduction of the brush/burn pile; and preparation of the recreation/play area.

The May Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current “Our Daily Bread”.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, May 22—Eve of Pentecost Worship at 6pm; Holy Communion; SEMAC Mission Work Trip, Fort Worth, TX
- Sunday, May 23
Collecting the Donated Playground Equipment!
- Tuesday, May 25, Men’s Email Bible Study at 8:30am
- Friday, May 28 - Clergy Faithfulness Mtg. (Noon)
- Saturday, May 29—Eve of Holy Trinity Worship at 6pm (Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy)
- Saturday, June 5 (9-3)
Church Land Work Day
- **4:31 — Prayer Time! Thanks for joining us!**

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. 2 And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. 3 And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O LORD God, you know.” 4 Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the LORD God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, & you shall live. 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I Am the LORD.” 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the LORD God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. 11 Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ 12 Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And you shall know that I Am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. 14 And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I Am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-16 (Read Responsively)

L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

C: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

L: You discern my thoughts from afar.

C: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

L: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

C: You hem me in, behind and before, & lay your hand upon me.

L: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

C: It is high; I cannot attain it.

L: Where shall I go from your Spirit?

C: Or where shall I flee from your presence?

L: If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

C: If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

L: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

C: Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

L: If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,”

C: Even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

L: For you formed my inward parts;

C: You knitted me together in my mother's womb.

L: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

C: Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

L: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

C: Your eyes saw my unformed substance;

L: In your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, [the disciples] were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed & astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians & Medes & Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea & Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty