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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

a brief silence

A: As we gather in your name, Heavenly Father, we present our bodies as living sacrifices. No matter our lot, accept the sacrifice of our worship and thanksgiving, and let our songs and our lives be filled with a joy that begins and ends in knowing you as our Lord and Savior. Lord in your mercy;

C: Hear our Prayer.

A: May each of our lives be ones of transformation. In a world that seeks its own will and not yours, we are pressured to do the

same. Transform our lives from not only being mere members of your church, but make us disciples and followers, and transform our thoughts and attitudes that we may be humble before you, always asking “thy will be done, not mine.” Lord in your mercy;

C: Hear our Prayer.

A: When we confess you as Lord, may we truly comprehend what this means. Grant that we may do what you command and what is best for our neighbors. May we do the right thing and not always the popular thing. May your ways become acceptable and pleasing to the world, for you alone have all things in your control and power. Lord in your mercy;

C: Hear our Prayer.

A: We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that the all-surpassing power is from You and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. May we always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. Lord in your mercy;

C: Hear our Prayer.

A: As you call all people to your banquet feast, may we also remember all those who suffer in mind, body, and spirit. Give comfort to the dying, strength to the weak, assurance to the sick, and aid to the injured. We pray for all who are in need of your mercy, [names are offered]. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our Prayer.

A: As students once again return to their classrooms, we pray that they learn in all Godliness and submission to you. May teachers adopt an attitude of humility, teaching truth & virtue in all honesty, in accordance with the great trust you have passed to them to educate future generations. Lord, in your mercy;

C: Hear our Prayer.

P: 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

Psalm 138—responsively

L: I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

C: Before the gods I sing your praise;

L: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

C: For you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

L: On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

C: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,

L: And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

C: For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;

C: You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

L: The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

C: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

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! May the power of the Holy Spirit equip the saints for Witness in the World!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship
Pentecost XI
August 23, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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*Hymn: “Built on a Rock” #365

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*Hymn of Praise: “Worthy Is Christ” Page 81f

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 82

P: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, and through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm 138 Bulletin Page 4

Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 83

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Children’s Message: “Who Am I?”

Sermon: “MY CHURCH” Rev. Dave Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: “Onward, Christian Soldiers” #509

Council Highlights (August 12): Emmanuel Lutheran Budget projected to use \$24,000 from our reserves during the calendar year 2014. At the end of July we have used only \$4,613. Yay God! Emmanuel received \$55 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. Kari Richards is visiting with prospective families regarding Saturday School this fall (4:50-5:45 p.m.), including music, lesson, & a light meal—cross-generational learning. Confirmation class will be held at 4:15 p.m. each Tuesday this fall. Our next Emmanuel Huddle is Saturday, Sept. 27 during the coffee hour—budget input for Mission Plan 2015 and distribution of Emmanuel Constitution and Bylaw revisions. Congregational Viewing of the DVD “God Is Not Dead” (Sunday, September 28 @ 2 pm) and our Second Annual Potluck (following our Reformation Sunday—October 26—Prayer Walk) at Sharon Hart’s place (Gramercy). Judy Pearce suggested having a Mother-Daughter Luncheon in May of 2015. ReClaim Hymnals have been picked up (thanks Mulvihills) and will be used with revised Holden Evening Prayer Liturgy in Sept.

Women’s Bible Study: Pastor Dave & Julie are leading a nine session Bible Study on the Discipleship Parables of Jesus. Women meet at Oasis Church, twice a month, on Mondays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Our next Meeting (Session 9) is August 25. We will be studying Luke 16:1-13 (Parable of the Shrewd Manager). Bring a friend.

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: Weekly fellowship around God’s Word at 8 am Tuesdays at Charlie’s (1408 2nd. St. SW). Join us in being Evangelical. Invite a friend. Share the Good News! We will meet on Tuesday, August 26 & discuss the readings for Pentecost XI: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; and Matthew 16:21-28.

Oasis Women’s Retreat: “Loved Beyond Measure”. The Women of Oasis Church have invited the women of Emmanuel Lutheran to join them at Camp Victory for their annual Women’s Retreat on Friday (5:30 pm)--Saturday (3 pm), September 12-13. Cost is \$55.00 which includes three meals and overnight lodging; or come only on Saturday (\$30.00).

North American Lutheran Church Seminary: In 2013 the Candidacy Committee of the NALC gave 16 positive entrance decisions, 2 endorsements for Internship, and 7 approvals for first calls. Bishop Paul Spring adds, “we currently have 2 houses of studies and 60+ people in the process of becoming pastors.

Isaiah 51:1-6—The LORD’S Comfort for Zion

1 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. 2 Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. 3 For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. 4 "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. 5 My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Romans 12:1-8—A Living Sacrifice

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th. Chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader and Prayers: Leitha Bothun

Communion Server: Darald Bothun

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Jenna Serr

Ushers: Matt Serr and Vicki Mulvihill

Sound: Don Holtan

INVITE: TEAM ROCHESTER — Prayer and Praise:

Sunday, August 31 at 7 p.m. at Word of Grace Foursquare Church (located at the Izaak Walton Cabin, 937 - 7th Ave. N.E., Rochester, MN). Always on a fifth Sunday. Save the Date: November 30. Praying for the welfare of the city!

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, August 23, 2014

Pentecost XI - 6 pm

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

THE TRUTH PROJECT

Focus on the Family DVD Series!
Equipping the Saints with a Biblical
Worldview for bearing witness to Jesus.

13 weeks, on Sunday mornings, at Oasis

10:30 a.m.—Coffee & Fellowship

10:50 a.m.—DVD Segment

11:50 a.m.—Discussion

12:20—Closing & Prayer

12:30 p.m.—Departure

DATES: **Aug. 24, & Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28.**

EMMANUEL: TENTATIVE PLANS FOR FALL & WINTER

Saturday School—Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays prior to Worship; Potluck Bible Study on the Book of Revelation; View and Discuss DVD—"God Is Not Dead"; September Liturgy: Revised Holden Evening Prayer with ReClaim Hymnal as our Songbook; Confirmation Class—The Magician's Nephew; Women's Bible Study—I Corinthians; Salvation Army Bell Ringing; Parents Night Out—Investing in Marriage & Family; and a joint Ministry Event with the Nestingen's and St. Paul Lutheran Fellowship.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, August 23 @ 6 pm
Pentecost XI Worship
- Sunday, August 24
Pastor Dave @
Emmanuel, Grafton, IA
- Mon, Aug. 25—Women's
Bible Study @ 1 pm
- Tuesday, Aug. 26 @ 8am
Men's Bible Study Bkft.
- Sat, August 30 @ 6 pm
Pentecost XII Worship
- Sunday, August 31
Pastor Dave @ Rushford
Lutheran Church (9 am)
- Saturday, September 6
Baptism of Scarlett Serr;
Revised Holden Evening
Prayer & ReClaim
Hymnals
- Tues, Sept. 9 @ 10 am
Council Mtg.



FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Meyer Gladiolus and St. John's "Second Sunday"

"Consider the lilies"

Bible "lilies", maybe include "sword lily", or Gladiolus. Contact Pastor Fred (frederick.morck@ecunet.org) soon, if you can drive north from Rochester about 20 minutes for an amazing field trip in a gladiolus field on Sunday, September 14 at 4:30 p.m. Meet at Immanuel

LCMS of Potsdam (four miles east from Hwy 63 on 247). Drive north 1 mile, and 1/2 mile east to the farm of John and Barb Meyer. Weather permitting, their four acres of hundreds of varieties of prize winning gladiolus will still be blooming well. We can spend some time in their gladiolus fields, which Pastor Fred has helped weed, harvest, prepare for winter storage and spring planting. The Meyers have given many "glad" bouquets to many area churches, including Emmanuel and Oasis of Rochester. After a time of driving and/or walking among these beautiful flowers, we would have a brief devotion.

*The field trip would then be over, unless you also can drive north and east to the beautiful Zumbro River valley through Millville, Pastor Jack Miller's home town, and then along the river to Hammond, where Judy and Lee Pearce live, to St. John's LCMS of Hammond. That Sunday evening, at 6 p.m. we are welcome to **"Second Sunday"** a Hammond area potluck, time of singing led by the Miller family, devotions and prayer led by Pastor Jack. Let us know soon what you can commit to. Contact Pastor Fred (frederick.morck@ecunet.org)!*



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