

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

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader: Darald Bothun

Communion Server: Leitha Bothun

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Katie Siebenaler

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler

Ushers: Larry Vomhof and Cabe & Jim Siebenaler

WORSHIP NOTES:

Liturgy: Holden Evening Prayer, revised edition (*Please return Service Bulletin each week*)

Gathering Song: “O Lord, May All We Say and Do” - INSERT

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4-10; James 3:1-12; Mark 9:14-29

Song of the Day: “Lord, Speak to Me” - ReClaim #267

Children’s Sermon: “Put a Sock in It”

Sermon: “Tongues of Fire”

Communion Song: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues” - ReClaim #30

“**October Baby**” DVD—A college freshman's world is rocked when she learns she is the adopted survivor of a failed abortion. Embarking on a journey to discover her hidden past, Hannah discovers the true power of forgiveness, and learns that every life is beautiful. Join us for a Sunday Matinee and Movie Discussion on Sunday, September 27 (2-5 p.m.). Location is pending.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015
Pentecost XVI - 6 pm

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, September 12 Pentecost XVI Worship at 6pm; Information Exchange & Fellowship Follows
- Tues, Sept. 15—Men’s Bible Study Breakfast @ Charlie’s (8am); Deliver treats to Pinewood Elementary (10am); Council Mtg. @ 10:30am
- Thurs, Sept. 17—Clergy Mtg. in La Crosse, WI (10am)
- Saturday, September 19 Iowa Mission District Convocation—Readlyn; Rally Day “Saturday School” @ 5:10pm; Pentecost XVII Worship at 6pm; Refreshments in Oasis Fellowship Hall
- Wed, Sept. 23 - Bible Study for Women at 1pm

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Join us tonight, September 12, following worship, as members of Emmanuel Lutheran discuss our ministry together. Highlights from the recent NALC Convocation in Dallas & Mission Driven Roadmaps will be presented & discussed. Join us for conversation & refreshments!

Church Picture Directory!

Members of Emmanuel Lutheran are having their pictures taken for a Church Directory. Thanks for sharing a photo and your contact information with your church family. We hope to have the Directory printed & ready for distribution by the end of September. Church Directories are an excellent tool for communication & for prayer. There is still time to submit a photo.

September Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for September—November

Prayer of the Day: O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 50:4-10—Isaiah’s Suffering...Christ’s Passion

4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. 6 I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. 7 But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. 8 He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. 9 Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. 10 Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

James 3:1-12—The Responsibility of Teaching

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed

by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 9:14-29—All Things are Possible!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

14 When [Jesus, Peter, James and John] came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw [Jesus], were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” 19 And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23 And Jesus said to him, “‘If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.” 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute & deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him & never enter him again.” 26 And after crying out & convulsing him terribly, it came out, & the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” 29 And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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, September 15 & discuss the readings for Pentecost 17: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:10; Mark 9:30-37.

Women of the Word! The Women's Bible Study has resumed for the Fall. Session Two of the afternoon study will be held on Wednesday, September 23. We are studying famous Women in the Old Testament. An evening option is also being offered for women not able to attend the afternoon study. Contact Pastor Steffenson if you are interested in hosting the evening option.

Iowa Mission District Convocation: Our fall Mission District Convocation will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Readlyn, Iowa on Saturday, September 19 from 8am - 3:30pm. Bishop John Bradosky will be the keynote speaker & worship preacher.

RALLY DAY for SATURDAY SCHOOL: We hope you are ready for another fun year of Saturday School. We will kick off our new year on Rally Day which is Saturday, September 19th at 5:10pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Bring your family and we will decorate cookies and play a few Bible games. We will again be learning about stories and people in the Bible, and using games, skits and crafts. A special unit on the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles' Creed will also be offered during the year. We hope to see you all there!

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: Each month, on the 15th day of the month, we pray for an area school. During the month of September we are praying for Pinewood Elementary and delivering goodies as an expression of our love & gratitude. Our pianist, MarJean Damerval, is a music teacher at Pinewood Elementary.

Promise Keepers Men's Conference: A Men's Conference will be held at Grace Church in Eden Prairie, MN on October 9-10. Cost is \$59. Emmanuel Men, interested in participating, should contact Larry Vomhof for more information.

Save the Date: Christmas with Emmanuel—Dec. 24, 2015 @ 4pm



Moms Night Out + Saturday Conference (2 Main Sessions + 4 Workshops of your choice + Lunch) = The Best Weekend Ever!! **The Hearts at Home North Central Conference** will be held on Friday & Saturday, November 13-14, at the Mayo Civic Center, right here in Rochester. Cost: \$98.00 until October

21. At a **Hearts at Home Conference** moms will experience laughter, Christ-centered learning, & understanding that they are not alone in this mothering thing! Visit www.heartsathome.org for more info. \$25 scholarships are available to the first four Emmanuel moms who register (see Pastor Dave).

THANK YOU: Gary Froiland, our recent Gideon Speaker, sent us a thank you for the offering of support given to the Gideons for the distribution of Bibles. Emmanuel members gave \$450.00 in support of this important ministry. Remember, "faith comes by the hearing of God's Word"—Romans 10.

Martyrs: "Living Witness" - Visit www.thenalc.org. Video & paper copies of the 2015 Lutheran Week Events in Dallas can be viewed by going to "Convocation" on the main navigation bar of the NALC website. Also, a 32 page August-September NALC Newsletter is available containing a detailed account of the Convocation.

Visit www.poblo.org (People of the Book Lutheran Org.) POBLO International is a Christian organization working to transform the way missions is approached in the United States by responding to the changing demographics that have brought the mission field to our own front yard. POBLO serves immigrants and refugees. They train and educate churches on how to engage in cross-cultural outreach. Most importantly, they share the Gospel message. They love people. Our local contact for this ministry is **John Gayed** — International Friendship Coordinator, Trinity Lutheran Church Campus, Rochester, MN (507-258-4155).

United Marriage Encounter is celebrating 40 years of ministry. Don't take marriage for granted. Invest in your marriage and the marriages of others. Everybody wins when marriage gets better. An Encounter weekend for couples is taking place in Des Moines, Iowa on the weekend of October 15-18. Call #1-866-483-8889 or visit www.unitedmarriage.org.

**“O Lord, May All We Say and Do” - Sung to the tune of
“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” ReClaim #63**

- Verse 1: O Lord, may all we say and do
Reflect the faith we have in you;
For faith is meant to change the way
We live our lives from day to day.*
- Verse 2: God, may we open wide the door
And welcome people who are poor;
And may we share with them our bread,
For faith without good works is dead.*
- Verse 3: Just as a spark can start a fire,
Our words can damage or inspire;
We pray for wisdom from above
To speak and act in gentle love.*
- Verse 4: May we not covet earthly things
Or seek the riches this world brings;
May we not boast of all our plans,
For, Lord, our lives are in your hands.*
- Verse 5: O Lord, possessions rust away,
But your love fills us every day;
Through prayer and service in your name,
May we live out the faith we claim.*

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