

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: Karen Salz (Also Gift of Music: “Better than a Hallelujah”)

Scripture Reader & Communion Server: Lee Pearce

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Judy Pearce

Sound: Don Holtan

Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler

Ushers: Creig Anderson & Dick Stanley

WORSHIP NOTES:

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

Scripture: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; James 5:1-20; Mark 9:38-50

Song of the Day: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” - ReClaim #9

Children’s Sermon: “Millstones or Salt?”

Sermon: “The Prayer of Faith”

Communion Song: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” - ReClaim #223

Prayer of the Day: Good and steadfast God, in your Son we have been given the gift of eternal life and righteousness before you. Empower us to bring the knowledge of your Son to a world hungering and thirsting for mercy and righteousness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives & reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015
Pentecost XVIII - 6 pm

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

SATURDAY SCHOOL
Ready for another fun year of Saturday School? We will be learning about stories and people in the Bible, and using games, skits, music and crafts. A special unit on the Lord’s Prayer and the Apostles’ Creed will also be offered during the year. Thanks for making Christian Education a priority in your family life!

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 plan to have the Directory printed & ready for distribution by the end of September or the first part of October. Church Picture Directories are an excellent tool for communication & for prayer. There is still time to submit a photo.

October Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available!
Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for Sept.-Nov.

- Saturday, September 26
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Pentecost XVIII
Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, September 27
Claire Vomhof “Ministry Recognition” @ Trinity Lutheran Church
- Tues, Sept. 29—Men’s Bible Study Breakfast @ Charlie’s (8am)
- Saturday, October 3
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Pentecost XIX
Worship at 6pm; **Turn in Emmanuel Mission Roadmaps**
- Tuesday, October 6
Movie: “October Baby” at St. James Coffee House (6-9:30pm)
- Wed, Oct. 7—Women’s Bible Study (1pm)

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 — Where's the Beef?

4 Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! 5 We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. 6 But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ... 10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the Lord blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. 11 Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? 12 Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? 13 Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' 14 I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. 15 If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." 16 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. ... 24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud & spoke to him, & took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. 26 Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad & Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." 29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

James 5:1-20 — Share, Do Not Hoard! The Prayer of Faith!

1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4 Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. 7 Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your

hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. 12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. 13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. 19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-50 — In the Name of Jesus

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

38 John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." 39 But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40 For the one who is not against us is for us. 41 For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. 42 "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. 43 And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 48 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' 49 For everyone will be salted with fire. 50 Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, & be at peace with one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

“October Baby” Movie Night and Discussion—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. October Baby will be shown on Tuesday, October 6 at the St. James Coffee House (4156 18th Ave. NW.; across from Pax Christi) with discussion led by Rev. Fred Morck to follow (6:00-9:30 p.m.). **NOTE:** The Sunday, September 27 showing has been cancelled and may be rescheduled at a later date.

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 29 & discuss the readings for Pentecost 19: Genesis 2:18-25; Psalm 128; Hebrews 2:1-18; Mark 10:2-16.

Women of the Word! The Women’s Bible Study has resumed for the Fall. Session 3 of the afternoon study will be held on Wednesday, October 7. We are studying famous Women in the Old Testament. An evening option may also be offered if there are interested women. Contact Pastor Steffenson if you are interested in hosting or participating in an evening study option.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of Sept. we are praying for Pinewood Elementary. Goodies were delivered as an expression of our love & gratitude. Our pianist, MarJean Damerval, is a music teacher at Pinewood Elementary. During October we will be praying for Hoover and Churchill Elementary Schools.

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.

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 for more information.



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).

Channel One—Empty Bowls: October 8, 2015 11am - 8pm. Enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread provided by top local restaurants and bakeries. Attendance allows participants to choose a donated hand-painted bowl as a take home memento of the event. All proceeds will support Channel One Regional Food Bank's mission-partnership with others to feed people in need. Emmanuel Lutheran is a proud supporter of Supermarket Saturday at Oasis Church.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES: Watch for more details to come!

Women’s Gathering at the home of Judy Pearce: Mon, October 12 @ 10 a.m. Experiencing community & discussing Ministry Ideas.

Third Annual Prayer Walk and Potluck: Reformation Sunday, October 25. To be followed by a showing of “Do You Believe?”

Veteran’s Recognition Event: Monday, November 9

Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Pie Social: Wednesday, Nov. 25

Feast of Saint Nicholas: Saturday, December 5

December: Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army (goal: 40 hours)

Christmas with Emmanuel—Dec. 24, 2015 @ 4pm