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**Thanks** for worshipping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word & 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 in the Season of Epiphany!

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### The Prayers

A: The glory of the Father is revealed in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Standing in the light of that glory, we pray for the Church, the world,

and for all who yearn for the light that overcomes the world’s darkness.  
— *A brief silence*

A: Your glory, Father, is too great for us to bear, so you sent your only begotten Son, True Light from True Light, into the world to reveal to us your glory in a way that we could safely behold. Even so, for reasons of sin, shame, or grief, we seek refuge in darkness. Search us out, dear Father, and bring us from darkness into your holy light, that we may shine with your reflected glory and enlighten those caught in deep darkness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Your mercy, O Lord, is great, and so we do not lose heart as we struggle against our own sin and the world’s. To those that are responsible for the governance of the nations, and all who administer our towns and cities or judge disputes, give a spirit like that of Moses, that they may faithfully maintain the covenant between state and citizen. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Lord, weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. May we, like Elijah and Moses, your servants of old, walk obediently in the light of your grace and live to the praise of your glory. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: O Lord, our only true hope is in you, for you gave your Son to destroy sin and death. Give an extra portion of your Holy Spirit to those who suffer from age, disease, grief, depression or loss, including those we name now (*names may be offered*). May they not despair but look to you for healing and life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: For those soon to see your glory face to face, we pray for faith in your ongoing and everlasting goodness. Bless all who mourn with a sure and certain hope in the resurrection and their reunion with their loved ones. Sustain us who struggle day by day to live in faith, hope and love, that we may someday join you and all the saints in light everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Praising your glory, and that of your Son and Holy Spirit, we give ourselves and all for whom we pray into your hands, trusting in your steadfast compassion for those whom you love.

**C: Amen.**

*Psalm 30—Read Responsively*

L: I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**C: O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

L: O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**C: You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

L: Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

**C: For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.**

L: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**C: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

L: By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong;

**C: You hid your face; I was dismayed.**

L: To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

**C: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?"**

L: Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

**C: Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"**

L: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

**C: You have loosed my sackcloth & clothed me with gladness,**

L: That my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

**C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

**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 and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We are practicing head of the aisle Communion tonight by means of Intinction.



**Worship—Eve of  
Transfiguration  
of our Lord  
Feb. 14, 2015  
6:00 p.m.**

**Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And Also with you.**

P: Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the King in all His glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: II Kings 2:1-12b

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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 10:31-11:1

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\*Holy Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Children's Message: "Make Mine a Double"

Sermon: "Listen to Him!" Pastor Dave Steffenson

**Goodbye Alleluias!** The word alleluia or Hallelujah means “Praise the LORD”. On Transfiguration Sunday we bury our alleluias in preparation for the Lenten fast. The alleluias return with Easter.

**Shrove Tuesday—February 17:** Shrove (Fat) Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shriving, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began. As far back as 1000 AD, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions. Shrove Tuesday also marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. If a family had a store of these foods they would certainly spoil by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do? Make some Pancakes & Pastries. In New Orleans they call this day Mardi Gras.

**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, February 17 & discuss the readings for Lent I: Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 25:1-10; James 1:12-18; & Mark 1:9-15.

**Saturday School: 5:10 p.m.—**Christian Education for all ages on Saturdays prior to Worship! Each week we’ll enjoy singing, a Bible Lesson/Craft and a snack (kid friendly). Contact Julie Steffenson for more information or to share your ideas: (507)-206-3048. During the Season of Lent, kids will be learning about Baptism and making keepsake banners.

**Looking Ahead:** Emmanuel will host its first Mother-Daughter Brunch on Sat, May 2, 2015 (11am-2pm). Speaker will be Lee Ann Knutson—”Faith Like a Teapot Ministry”. The Teapot Singers will also share gifts of music. Judy Pearce & friends are organizing this event. Save the Date and bring that special mother, daughter, woman or girl in your life to this special event! Contact Judy if you would like to help with this event.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday, April 18, 2015 (6:00pm) - Emmanuel Lutheran Choir, Grafton, Iowa will perform an Easter Cantata during worship at Emmanuel Lutheran, Rochester, MN. Invite a friend!

**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. Interested in signing an Emmanuel Discipleship Covenant? Contact Pastor Dave Steffenson.

## II Kings 2:1-12b — Elijah Taken to Heaven

1 Now when the LORD was about to take Eli'jah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Eli'jah and Eli'sha were on their way from Gilgal. 2 And Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Eli'sha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. 3 And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Eli'sha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace." 4 Eli'jah said to him, "Eli'sha, tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. 5 The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Eli'sha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace." 6 Then Eli'jah said to him, "Tarry here, I pray you; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Eli'jah took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Eli'jah said to Eli'sha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Eli'sha said, "I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit." 10 And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." 11 And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Eli'jah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Eli'sha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! the chariots of Israel & its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.  
L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## I Corinthians 10:31-11:1 — Copycats of Christ

31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, 33 just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved. ... 1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading—Mark 9:2-9

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

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

2 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, 3 and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. 4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 6 For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. 7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." 8 And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. 9 And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**P: The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

### WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Mandy Lambrecht

Scripture Reader/Prayers: Leitha Bothun

Communion Server: Darald Bothun

Sound: Joe Konop

Set-up/Prepare: Julie Steffenson

Take Down/Restore: Janet Sunde

Ushers: Larry Vomhof & Cabe Siebenaler

Coffee: Judy Pearce

Treats: Katie Siebenaler

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015**  
**Eve of Transfiguration—6 pm**

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

### EMMANUEL WINTER FUN DAY!

On Sunday, Feb. 15 from 1-3 p.m. Members & Friends of Emmanuel are invited to cross country ski at Oxbow Park at 5731 County Rd. 105 NW, Byron, MN. For those not wishing to ski, fellowship, nature walking, animal observation, games, and refreshments will be enjoyed in the large classroom/equipment room. Ski Rental Cost: \$5 for adults and children. Bring snacks & games to share with the other participants. Questions? Call Pastor Fred (218-371-5647), or the Bothuns (507-252-8735). Please join us!

### LENT 2015—WATER STORIES

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18, we will have Lenten worship on Wednesday evenings each week at 6pm. Our liturgy will be Holden Evening Prayer and our sermon series will be a look at Baptism via favorite water stories from the Bible. Guest preachers will join us. Soup and Bread supper will be provided on Ash Wednesday from 5-6pm.

**The February Emmanuel Prayer  
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are  
available in print!**



### CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, February 14 - Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Transfiguration of our Lord Worship @ 6pm Collect Palm Fronds from last year!
- Sun, Feb. 15 (1-3pm) Winter Fun Day at Oxbow Park
- Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17—Men's Bible Study Bkft. at Charlie's (8 am); Council Mtg. @ 10am
- Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18—Soup Supper @ 5pm, and Worship @ 6pm
- Sat, February 21 Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Lent I Worship @ 6pm