

***2018 Membership Covenant Renewal Ceremony**

P: God's chosen people entered the Promise Land & participated in a Covenant Renewal Ceremony (Joshua 24). Joshua assembled God's people & reminded them of God's eternal faithfulness & providential care for His people. Joshua commanded God's people to choose whom they will serve, the false gods of this world, or the LORD God Almighty. Joshua ended his exhortation with these familiar words: "As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

C: The people responded with one voice: We also will serve the LORD for He is our God. His voice we will obey.

P: Tonight we remember God's grace & faithfulness to us, and we renew our pledge to Him. God has made us His people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and 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, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, He rose again. He ascended into Heaven, and 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.

P: Beloved Servants of Emmanuel, you have made public profession of your faith. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, do you intend to continue in the covenant that God made with you in baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear His Word and share in His Supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word & deed, to serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, & to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? Do you intend to practice the marks of discipleship (daily prayer, weekly worship, spiritual growth, Bible reading, service to others, sharing the good news, generous giving), and to grow up into the full maturity of Christ?

C: I do and I ask God to help and guide me.

A: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (*Each petition ends with "Lord in your mercy," ... followed by "HEAR OUR PRAYER"*).

P: Loving God, we thank you for the ministry opportunities that await our congregation in 2018, & for the Servants of Emmanuel who have committed themselves to membership and the walk of discipleship. Grant that all baptized believers may praise, proclaim, and practice your saving presence in daily life. Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering - Gift of Music by Karen Salz

*Eucharistic Prayer for Epiphany

*Lord's Prayer: Traditional Version

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

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord"

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*Table Blessing

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***Sending Hymn: "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"**

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*Dismissal

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Postlude

Psalm 62—responsively

L: For God alone my soul in silence waits; from him comes my salvation.

C: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be greatly shaken.

L: How long will you assail me to crush me, all of you together, as if you were a leaning fence, a toppling wall?

C: They seek only to bring me down from my place of honor; lies are their chief delight.

L: They bless with their lips, but in their hearts they curse.

C: For God alone my soul in silence waits; truly, my hope is in him.

L: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

C: In God is my safety and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

L: Put your trust in him always, O people, pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

C: Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

L: On the scales they are lighter than a breath, all of them together.

C: Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

L: God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

C: Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

***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!*

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**Worship—Eve of
Epiphany III
January 20, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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***Gathering Hymn: “Arise, Your Light Has Come” #652**

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*Hymn of Praise (Men = I; Women = II) Page 29f

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 30

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Merciful God, through the gift of your grace you call us to repentance, obedience, and eternal life. Transform us so that we are able to set aside all that might prohibit us from following your call to new life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62

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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 7:29-31

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 31

*Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Children’s Message: “Jonah’s Trash...God’s Treasure”

Sermon: “Caught Fishing” Rev. David Steffenson

***Hymn: “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” #784**

Enrollment for membership at Emmanuel Lutheran in 2018 is now open. Complete a Discipleship Membership Covenant and give it to Pastor Dave before the January 27 Annual Meeting. **MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP:** Signposts guide our way—Disciples seek to pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read and study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and give & live generously. 63 signed covenants have already been received!

Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thanks to all of our members and supporters who have designated Emmanuel as a recipient of their Thrivent Choice Dollars. In 2017 we received over \$695 in Choice Dollars. Don't forget that Thrivent members can also apply for Thrivent Action Team Grants of \$250. In 2017 we received eight Action Team Grants. Visit with Julie Steffenson, if you have any questions.

Saturday School & G.I.F.T. — G.I.F.T. and Saturday School meet weekly on Saturday nights at 5:10pm. During the month of January, Julie will be teaching our little ones Bible Stories for the Season of Epiphany. Pastor Dave will be teaching grades 3-8 a class on Creation & Fall, using C.S. Lewis' book, "The Magician's Nephew". The Adults will be discussing the "Truth about Islam". **No classes on Jan. 27!**

Narnia Movie & Acolyte Training: Youth in grades 3-10 are serving Emmanuel as candle lighters for worship. Pastor Dave will be hosting an Acolyte Training Session on Sunday, January 28 at 3pm. The afternoon will begin with a viewing of the movie, "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe" in the home of Pastor Dave & Julie. Youth will enjoy pizza, chips, soda, and Turkish Delight, & then discuss the role of an acolyte. Parents can pick their youth up at 6:30pm. We are hoping to receive a Thrivent Action Team Grant in 2018 for the purchase of acolyte robes for use by our youth in worship.

Men's Morning Bible Study: In 2018, we are looking at the Book of Acts on Tuesdays at 8am. Weekly we are discussing the gift of Witnessing in Daily Life. We meet at Oasis Church for conversation & coffee.

Worship at Madonna Towers: Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Services will be on Wednesdays February 7 & 21 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

Women's Bible Study Groups: Women meet on Thursdays at 1pm at Oasis Church to study the Book of Acts. Our Next Session will be: January 25 (Paul's Defense before Festus & Agrippa; Acts 25-26). "**Lady Light**" meets at the home of Katie Siebenaler once a month at 6:30pm. The Current study is on "Holy Christian Marriage and Family"

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018
Eve of Epiphany III—6pm

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

Sanctity of Life

On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating Jan. 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day. (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.) Churches around the U.S. use the third Sunday in January each year as the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, & commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

Annual Meeting—Jan. 27

This Year's Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 3:30pm, followed by a potluck meal at 4:45pm. Child Care will be provided. Meat and beverages will also be provided. Please bring a dish (salad, side dish or dessert) to share. Worship will follow at 6pm. Pick up your copy of the Annual Report.

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat., Jan. 20—G.I.F.T. and Saturday School at 5:10pm; Epiphany III Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, January 21
Pastor Dave preaching at St. John's, Green, IA
- Tues, Jan. 23—Men's Bible Study at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am
- Thursday, January 25
Women's Bible Study at Oasis Church (1pm)
- Saturday, Jan. 27 — **NO G.I.F.T. & Saturday School; Annual Mtg.** at 3:30pm; **Potluck Meal** at 4:45pm; Epiphany IV Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, Jan. 28 — Movie & Acolyte Mtg. at Pastor Dave & Julie's (3pm)

Tonight's Readings: God's call is serious business. It is rooted in God's desire for all people to know Him and be in a loving relationship with him. Those who are called are sent out to fish for people, the people God loves. This call is an urgent one. It cannot wait. And it's not about us — it's about Jesus reconciling the whole world to the Father, who sent his Son to usher in the Kingdom of God in the here and now.

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 — Second Chances

1 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ... 10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 7:29-31 — Time is Short!

29 This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, 30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, 31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the

kingdom of God is at hand; repent & believe in the gospel." 16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight

Pianist: Karen Salz

Scripture Reader, Prayers, & Communion: Lee Pearce

Ushers: LeRoy Quam & Rich Sunde

Acolyte: Elijah Matzke

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Margaret Quam

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

Communication Cards & Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also used as visitor/communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members and visitors may use the envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks

Lent 2018: *This year's weekly Lenten Services will feature Holden Evening Prayer, & a Drama Series: "Knock-Knock—Parables of Judgement"; preceded by Soup. Soup providers and drama actors are needed!*

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PRAYERS

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

Brief silence

A: Heavenly Father, Your Son once called Andrew and Peter, James and John to follow Him with the promise that He would make them fishers of men. Grant Your baptized people the faith so to hear and heed the Savior's call, that through following Christ, the Holy Spirit would draw many into the Savior's net and rescue them from everlasting destruction. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: O Lord, You are high above all nations and Your glory is above the heavens! Look in mercy on our nation. Give to those entrusted with civil authority courage and compassion, wisdom and integrity. Raise up men and women who will speak Your warning threat of judgment to our nation just as You raised up Jonah, Your servant, to warn Nineveh. Give our nation the grace of repentance to turn from evil. As we remember the Sanctity of Life, we beg Your protection especially for those most vulnerable among us, particularly those in the womb. Free us from all willful blindness and disregard of Your precious gift of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Kind Master, the words of St. Paul seem more true to us today than ever before. We know and can see that the world in its present form is passing away. Protect all Your children from fear in these gray and latter days, and fill them with great confidence and hope in what never passes away: Your faithful promises in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: As Your Son came proclaiming the Gospel of Your Kingdom and inviting all to repentance and faith, so prosper the preaching of Christ in our land and in every place throughout the world. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may Your name be praised! We especially commend to You those who have left home and kindred to proclaim the Good News in foreign lands. Strengthen them in the tasks at hand and supply their daily bread. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Into Your merciful hands, we commend all who are afflicted or suffering in any way [**especially those we name before you now, out loud and in the silence of our hearts**]. Stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to heal & defend them in Your own chosen time and manner, giving them faith to trust Your wise governance. Lord, in Your mercy,

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C: Amen.