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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 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 Light of Epiphany shine bright in our hearts!

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The Prayers

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: Gracious God, Your servant Moses promised that You would raise up a prophet like him from among Your ancient people, putting Your words into his mouth. You fulfilled your promise by sending your Son into human flesh to save Your fallen world. Make all ministers of Your Church faithful in preaching Your Word, & grant all Your people grace to hear & welcome it with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Heavenly Father, Your Son spoke with power and showed His authority to release from the oppression of the devil those whom the enemy had afflicted. Continue to free those in bondage to the powers of darkness, transferring them into the Kingdom of Your Son, that with us they may marvel at Your gracious love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Compassionate Savior, You summon us to consider and weigh the impact of our actions on our weaker brothers and sisters. Remind us that knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Help all the members of our congregation to be considerate of one another & not to put needless stumbling blocks in the way of each other’s faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord, bless those to serve our nation and communities with honor. Protect those in our armed forces, especially our beloved Roman Mulvihill. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: O Divine Healer, hear the cries of Your children who call to You in their time of need: those who are ill, hospitalized, injured, grieving, lonely or frightened [**especially those we name before You**]. Have mercy on them all, O Lord, and let them take comfort in Your steadfast love that surrounds those who trust in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Lord, You are our hiding place & our eternal life. Receive our thanks for all the faithful departed who have gone before us & now rest in Christ. Bring us with all Your saints to the joys of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Psalm 111—responsively

L: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

C: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

L: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

C: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

L: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

C: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

L: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

C: They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

L: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

C: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Organist: Scott Schilbe

Scripture Reader, Prayers & Communion: Deb Vomhof

Ushers: Larry Vomhof & Cabe Siebenaler

Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler

Sound: Don Holtan

NO TREATS after worship due to our Annual Meeting & Potluck

Set-Up: Julie Steffenson

Take-Down: Janet Sunde & Friends



**Worship—Eve of
Epiphany IV
January 27, 2018
6:00 p.m.**

Lutheran Book of Worship—Setting II

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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*Gathering Hymn: “Songs of Thankfulness & Praise” #90

*Greeting Page 78

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P: Let us pray. O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Support us with your Word of truth, that we may grow in faith in the midst of our trials. 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.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 8:1-13

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 83

*Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Children’s Message: “Windbags or Bread Bags?”

Sermon: “License or Love?” Rev. Dave Steffenson

*Hymn of the Day: “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Tell” #559

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 — The Promised Prophet

15[Moses said,] “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers — it is to him you shall listen — 16 just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ 17 And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. 19 And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. 20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 8:1-13 — Knowledge vs. Love

1 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. 2 If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. 4 Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” 5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords” — 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. 7 However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. 9 But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to

idols? 11 And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. 12 Thus, sinning against your brothers & wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Communication Cards/Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope, in your bulletin is also being used as visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a very generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members and visitors may use the communication 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.

Saturday School & G.I.F.T. — G.I.F.T. and Saturday School meet weekly on Saturday nights at 5:10pm. Julie is teaching our little ones Bible Stories. Pastor Dave is teaching grades 3-8 a class on Creation & Fall, using C.S. Lewis’ book, “The Magician’s Nephew”. The Adults are discussing the “Truth about Islam”.

Narnia Movie & Acolyte Training: Youth in grades 3-10 are serving Emmanuel as candle lighters for worship. Pastor Dave & Julie are 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, & discuss the role of an acolyte. Parents can pick their youth up at 6:30pm. We have received a Thrivent Action Team Grant (Fat Tuesday) for the purchase of acolyte robes.

Palm Fronds: Bring your palm fronds to worship on February 10 (Transfiguration). Fronds will be burned into Lenten Ashes.

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Gospel Reading—Mark 1:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 1st Chapter.

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

21 [Jesus, Simon, Andrew, James and John] went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. 22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, 24 “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God.” 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” 28 And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Afternoon Women’s Bible Study: Women are completing their study of the Book of Acts on Thursday, February 8 at 1pm, and then taking a break during the Season of Lent. A new study will resume this Spring.

Lady Light” is looking at “Holy Christian Marriage and Family” through the lens of Scripture & the lives of Martin Luther and his wife Katie. Lady Light meets at the home of Katie Siebenaler once a month at 6:30pm. Session 6: Thursday, February 8.

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

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Jan 27, 2018
Eve of Epiphany IV – 6 pm

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

FAT TUESDAY Fundraiser

Shrove Tuesday is a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. On Tuesday, February 13, we will bring the Season of Epiphany to a close and prepare for the arrival of Lent with a Shrove Tuesday celebration. Pancakes, Sausages, and Pastries will be served at Pastor Dave and Julie’s House from 5-7pm. A freewill offering will be received for the purchase of acolyte robes. Emmanuel has received a \$250.00 Thrivent Action Team Grant in support of this Fundraiser. The French name for this feast is *Mardi Gras*; meaning Fat Tuesday.

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!

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



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, January 27
NO G.I.F.T. or Saturday School; Annual Mtg. at 3:30pm; Potluck at 4:45pm; Epiphany IV Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, January 28
Pastor Dave preaching at Immanuel in Wykoff; Movie & Acolyte Mtg. at Pastor Dave & Julie’s (3pm)
- Tuesday, January 30
Men’s Bible Study at 8am; Text Study at 10:30am
- Wednesday, Jan. 31
Salvation Army Red Kettle Event at 5pm
- Sat, Feb. 3 — G.I.F.T. & Saturday School (5:10pm); Epiphany V Worship at 6pm