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1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.	
2. With grateful joy and holy fear, God’s charity we learn; Let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in return.	
3. Forgive we now each other’s faults, as we our faults confess; And let us love each other well, in Christian holiness.	
4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease; Be God’s the glory that we seek, be ours God’s holy peace.	
5. Let us recall that in our midst, dwells God’s begotten Son; As members of his body joined, we are in Christ made one.	
6. No race or creed can love exclude, if honored be God’s name; Our family embraces all, whose Father is the same.	
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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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: Heavenly Father, you call us into Service, though we believe we are neither worthy nor ready for such a call. Strengthen us with your gifts, guide us with your Word, and embolden us by your Spirit, that we may serve you fully and faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our Prayer.

A: O Rock of our Salvation, You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Guide us, O Lord, according to your divine wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our Prayer.

A: Gracious and merciful God, your love is patient, your love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Your love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Your love never fails. Teach and show us how our love can be the same. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our Prayer.

A: Merciful Healer, you demonstrate your power over sickness, over nature, and even over life itself, simply by the power of your spoken Word. We ask that your healing hand be upon all who suffer, all who are sick, especially [names]. May the miracles seen by your command strengthen our faith in you, the Great Physician and Healer of all, and may we know that the ultimate miracle is to be granted life in your presence forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our Prayer.

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

C: Amen.

Psalm 71:1-6—responsively

L: In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;

C: Let me never be put to shame!

L: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

C: Incline your ear to me, and save me!

L: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

C: You have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

L: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

C: From the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

L: For you, O Lord, are my hope,

C: My trust, O Lord, from my youth.

L: Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are He who took me from my mother's womb.

C: My praise is continually of you.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Scripture Reader & Prayers: Deb Vomhof

Communion Server: Katie Siebenaler

Ushers: Jim & Cabe Siebenaler

Acolyte: Elijah Matzke

Coffee: Peg Holtan

Treats: Katie Siebenaler

Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up: Julie Steffenson

Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends

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! Thanks for Letting Your Light Shine before Others!
Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org



**Worship
Epiphany IV
January 30, 2016
6:00 p.m.**

With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, increase in us the holy gifts of faith, hope, and love. May we never fail to exercise these gifts through which your glory is revealed to all nations. Teach us to love all people as you have commanded us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

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Second Lesson: I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

*Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia" Page 31

*Holy Gospel: Luke 4:31-44

Children's Message: "We LOVE Because"

Sermon: "A Still More Excellent Way" Rev. David Steffenson

LENT 2016 begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10. Soup Supper at 5pm and Worship at 6pm. Thereafter, Midweek Services will held each Tuesday at 6pm preceded by a soup supper at 5pm. Judy Pearce is coordinating our soup suppers. We received a Thrivent Action Team Grant of \$250.00 to help fund this fellowship opportunity.

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, Feb. 2 to discuss the readings for Transfiguration Sunday: Deut. 34:1-12; Ps. 99; II Cor. 3:12-4:2; & Luke 9:28-36.

Saturday School 2015: Join us at 5:10 p.m. each Saturday in the Oasis Church Fellowship Hall as we learn Bible Stories and enjoy two special units this year; the Apostles' Creed during Lent, and the Lord's Prayer in the Spring. Games, skits, music and crafts will be a part of the learning experience. All youth are welcome to participate in Saturday School.

Women of the Word! Session 4 for the Evening Study Group will be held at Katie Siebenaler's house (12827 Hwy 52 S.E., Chatfield, MN) on Thursday, February 25 at 6:30pm. The afternoon study has ended and will reconvene in April, 2016.

PRAYING FOR OUR SCHOOLS: During the month of February we are praying for Bishop Elementary School. We are delivering goodies on Monday, February 22 as an expression of our love and gratitude. Thanks for keeping the staff, students & families of our area schools in your prayers.

Worship At Madonna Towers: On the first Wednesday of each month, Pastor Dave is leading worship in the Chapel of the Madonna Towers Nursing Home. Our next Service will be this Wednesday, February 3 at 1:30pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to volunteer & participate in this ministry.

Palm Fronds: Each year, Emmanuel gives palm fronds out on the Eve of Palm Sunday. Palm Fronds are returned to church on the Eve of Transfiguration Sunday and burned into ashes for Ash Wednesday. The Ashes remind us that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Please bring your palm fronds to church next Saturday, February 7 as we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord. We will also be burying our Alleluias on February 7 and awaiting their return at Easter.

Jeremiah 1:4-10 — The Call of Jeremiah

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." 6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." 7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth' for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord." 9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. 10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

I Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 — The Greatest Gift is Love

31b And I will show you a still more excellent way. 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 4:31-44

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th. Chapter.

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

31 And [Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, 32 and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. 33 And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 "Ha! 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." 35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. 36 And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" 37 And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. 38 And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. 39 And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. 40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. 42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, 43 but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." 44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Communion Invitation: 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." We are currently practicing head of the aisle Communion by means of Intinction.

The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016

Epiphany IV - 6 pm

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

Annual Meeting: Tomorrow!

This Year's Emmanuel Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2015, at 4pm, followed by a potluck supper. Child Care will be provided. Meat & beverages will also be provided. Please bring a dish (salad, side dish or dessert) to share.

SEMAC Mission Trip

This year's mission trip to Brookport-Unionville, IL will be during the weeks of February 7-20. Support this mission trip with your time, tithes & prayers. Visit with Larry Vomhof for more information. SEMAC received a Thrivent Action Team gift of \$250.00 in support of this ministry!

The February Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current Our Daily Bread Devotional, and the January 31, 2016 Emmanuel Lutheran Annual Report!



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, January 30
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Epiphany IV
Worship @ 6pm
- Sun. Jan. 31—Pastor Dave preaching at FLC in Hope, MN (9am); Annual Mtg. at 4pm
- Tues. Feb. 2 at 8 am
Men's Bible Study
Breakfast at Charlie's
- Wednesday, February 3
1:30pm - Pastor Dave preaching at Madonna Towers Chapel
- Saturday, February 6
Saturday School @ 5:10pm; Transfiguration
Worship @ 6pm
- Sun, Feb. 7 - Pastor Dave preaching at FLC in Hope, MN (9am); SEMAC Departure