

L: Holy Lord, Mighty God, You send forth water upon the earth, that it may bring forth abundant fruit and feed our bodies with all that we need. Help us to be wise and faithful in the use of the rich bounty of the earth, that the poor may be supplied and that we never fail to give thanks to You for all You have given us for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Holy Lord, Mighty God, Your Word will not return to You empty, but will accomplish Your purpose in sending it. By Your Holy Spirit, make our hearts good soil for Your Word to be planted, that we may give evidence of a sturdy faith & show forth in our lives the good works You have called us to do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Holy God, Mighty Lord, You know how weak & frail we are. Give to those afflicted in mind, body or soul the fullness of Your healing grace, that according to Your will they may be restored to health. Grant mercy to those we name before you [NAMES], and for those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: In Him, with Him and through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

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Postlude

Men's Bible Study — Outdoor IN-PERSON

Join us on Wednesday, July 29 from 11am-12:00 Noon for an outdoor conversation about the Bible Readings appointed for worship for the week ahead. We'll plan on meeting at the church land or outside Oasis Church. Bring a lawn chair, and your Bible.

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**Worship—Eve of
Pentecost VI
July 11, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

“Service of Word”

Lutheran Book of Worship

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Gathering Song: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” — LBW #229

*Greeting:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And Also with you.

P: You are the treasured people of the LORD.

C: A people holy to the LORD our God.

P: Keep the words of the LORD in your hearts; teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, and when you lie down and when you rise.

P: One does not live by bread alone,

C: But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.
(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

*Scripture Song: “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” WOV #713

Sing twice:

“Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.”

* Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, scatter the seed of your word in our hearts. Grant that it may be received in joy, sprout and bear the fruits of your mercy as we grow in faith, hope, and love. Then send us into your world to scatter the seeds of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:9-13 (*Responsively by half verse*) **SEE INSERT**

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

***Gospel Verse: "Alleluia"** **LBW Page #83**

*Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Children's Message: (*posted on the Emmanuel Facebook Page*)

Sermon: Rev. Waldemar Gies

***Song: "Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"** **LBW #234**

***Confession:**

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: 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 and 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: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: Pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (*Sharing of God's peace may be done as an expression from the heart, without actual contact.*)

Offering (No passing of baskets; offerings may be placed in the basket located by the church entrance as one leaves; offerings of support may also be given electronically or sent via U.S. mail. Thanks for supporting the ministry of Emmanuel.)

***Closing Prayers**

L: Holy Lord, Mighty God, You are the strength of the hills and the hope of the ends of the earth. Give to our hearts Your perfect peace, that we may not be anxious nor live in fear, but rest all our hopes, dreams and desires upon Your merciful goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Sound: Don Holtan

Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson & Peg Holtan

IN-PERSON WORSHIP: Emmanuel received the go-ahead to have worshipers inside the Oasis building beginning on June 6. Presently, Emmanuel is hosting worship at a 50% seating capacity. Everything has gone smoothly thus far. Foot traffic is one-directional. Masks are required, but may be removed at appropriate times. An usher is present to give directions. The Worship Service and Hymns are projected on the Overhead Screen. RSVP's are no longer needed.

New Life Family Services: "Carry Them through Campaign." During the month of July, New Life is seeking churches to sponsor the next 200 women seeking help and counsel for their unplanned pregnancy. For every \$550 raised, a church will be carrying one woman and her unborn child through birth and beyond. Emmanuel has committed to raise funds and to save at least one child. Gifts of support may be given directly to Emmanuel Lutheran. Please indicate on the offering envelope that your gift is for New Life (Carry Them through Campaign). Emmanuel has already received \$1800 in gifts.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.

Each day at 4:31pm, Members and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave Steffenson. Thanks for joining us.

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

Thanks for worshiping 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 & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Shining Bright for Jesus! Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org

The Emmanuel Weekly

July 11, 2020
Pentecost V - 6 pm

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

Thank You!

Thanks is offered to Pastor Waldemar Gies, who is serving as our guest pastor tonight while Pastor Dave Steffenson is on vacation with his family.

Blessing of the LAND

The blessing of our church land is scheduled for Sunday, August 2. Good Lord willing, we will have our church picnic on the land that day as well.

Giving Statements—January-June

Statements are in the mail. Thanks for your generous support of Emmanuel during the first six months of 2020.

Matching Gift—Building Fund

A Supporter of Emmanuel has pledged a matching gift of \$25,000 to our Building Fund. Between now and August 31, every gift to the Building Fund will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000.

The July Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for June-August.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat., July 11—Pentecost 6 "In-Person" and Virtual Worship at 6pm. Pulpit Supply: Pastor Gies.
- Tues, July 14 — Men's Bible Study at 8:30am (email study)
- Sat., July 18—Pentecost 7 "In-Person" and Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- Wed, July 29—Men's In-Person Bible Study at 11am (Oasis Church?)
- Sunday, Aug. 2—Blessing of the Church Land and Emmanuel Picnic
- Thurs, Aug. 6—Zoom Council Mtg. at 3pm
- 4:31 — Prayer Time each day. Thanks for joining us!

Isaiah 55:10-13 — You Will Go Out With Joy

10 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. 12 For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65:9-13 (Responsively)

L: You visit the earth and water it;

C: You greatly enrich it;

L: The river of God is full of water;

C: You provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

L: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,

C: Softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

L: You crown the year with your bounty;

C: Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

L: The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

C: The hills gird themselves with joy,

L: The meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

C: The valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Romans 8:12-17 — Heirs with Christ

12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by

whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 13th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, 6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear.” ... 18 [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Hear then the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom & does not understand it, the evil one comes & snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. 23 As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” — LBW #229

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe,
Has sworn to work us woe,
With dread craft and might
He arms himself to fight.
On Earth he has no equal.
2. God's word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

“Almighty God, Your Word is Cast” — LBW #234

1. Almighty God, your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.
2. Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

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3. Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.
4. So when the precious seed is sown,
Your quick-'ning grace bestow,
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

“On What Has Now Been Sown” — LBW #261

1. On what has now been sown
Your blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Yours alone
To make it sprout and grow.
O Lord in grace the harvest raise,
And Yours alone shall have the praise!
2. To You our wants are known,
From You are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Your own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Your Word a blessing give.
3. O grant that each of us,
Now met before You here,
May meet together thus
When You and Yours appear
And follow You to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, Amen, Lord Jesus, come!

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Faith Practices! Signposts guide our way—Disciples pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and live & give generously.