

Pentecost 4: How often we fail to recognize the power of God in our lives. In today's Old Testament reading, God's voice pierced through the chaos of a whirlwind as He reminded Job of who is in control of all of life. The divine voice is echoed on the Sea of Galilee as Jesus calms an abrupt storm that sends waves crashing into the disciples' boat. "Peace! Be still," Jesus ordered the water, showing his power over creation. Exorcism on the Sea. Does Jesus care if we perish? Follow Him & you will see! The family of God walks wet with the sign of salvation upon us.

Emmanuel Lutheran Mini-VBS: Emmanuel is hosting a MINI-VBS on Sunday, Aug. 8 from 2-4pm on the Church Land, weather permitting. One Day! Two Hours! For children ages 4 through fourth grade, AND their friends! "Story Telling" with Pastor Dave. Music & crafts, snack & a surprise! Interested in helping out or attending? Contact Pastor Dave!

GOSPEL Summer Concert Series! Trinity Lutheran in St. Charles invites you to their Gospel Summer Concert Series; Wednesdays at 6:30pm on the green space behind the St. Charles City Hall. **Pastor Greg Behrend** (Moravian Church in Altura) will perform on June 23rd. **Matt & Brenda Stier** will perform on July 21st. **The Ravens Fire Band** will perform on August 18th. A freewill offering will be received at each concert, which will benefit the holy work of God in the local community.

Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Charles, MN! Calling all kids! Save the date: "Operation Overboard". This is a one day mini VBS event on Sunday, July 25 from 2:00-4:30pm at the St. Charles Community Center. Enjoy an afternoon of fun, games, & learning that "Jesus is our lifesaver through the stories of Jonah and the Whale and Jesus Calming the Storm!" This event is open to children ages 4 through 4th Grade. Register by July 2nd at www.vbsmate.com/tlcstcharles.

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word 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! Sharing the forever love of Jesus!
Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org.



**Worship—Eve of
Eve of Pentecost 4
June 19, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

“Holden Evening Prayer”

** indicates stand as you are able*

Gathering Music—“How Great Thou Art” - LBW #532

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!*

2. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain:*

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer of the Day: Let us pray. For those who love you, O God, you have chosen and prepared what no eye has seen nor ear heard. Pour into our hearts a loving affection for you, that we may choose you in and above all things. For only then shall we have what you promise, which far exceeds all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Service of Light

***Evening Hymn: “Joyous Light”** (Leader sings introduction; and the congregation sings verses 1-3).

*Evening Thanksgiving

Psalmody: Psalm 141 (Sing as a Round)

Silence for Meditation and Prayer

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

1 The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: 2 “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. 4 Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. 5 Who determined its measurements — surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? 6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, 7 when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? 8 Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, 9 when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, 11 and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 4th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

35 On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to [the disciples], “Let us go across to the other side.” 36 And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. 37 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. 38 But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?””

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message: “Keeping Score?” (Posted on Facebook); based on Psalm 130.

Song of the Day: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” — LBW #370

1. Blest be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love;
The unity of heart and mind, Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father’s throne, We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts & our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows, The sympathizing tear.
4. From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign, Through all eternity.

Sermon: “We ARE Family!” Rev. David Steffenson;
based on Mark 3:20-35.

*Annunciation (Duet) and Magnificat (Congregation)

*Gloria Patri (*Tune of Evening Hymn: Joyous Light*)

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.)

Litany & Closing Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version*

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Music - “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult” - LBW #494

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult, Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day his clear voice sounding,
Saying, "Christian, follow me."
2. In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."
3. Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, make us hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love you best of all.

Listening for the Promise: Weekly Devotional Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 20, 2021 “Peace! Be still!” (Mark 4:39).

The 4th chapter of Mark begins with Jesus preaching a string of parables. We read of the sower crazily scattering seed with some landing on rocky soil, lit lamps hiding under baskets, sowers not knowing how the harvest grows, and a mustard seed growing wildly out of control. After all this preaching, teaching, and explaining, Jesus became tired & wanted some alone time. He takes a boat trip with his disciples to “the other side.” During the journey, exhausted Jesus falls asleep on a cushion in the stern of the boat. A great wind comes up, tossing the occupants about and causing them to be afraid. Waves were breaking over and spilling into the little boat threatening to sink it. All the while, Jesus is asleep, seemingly unaware of the dire situation. And that’s when the trouble begins. We hear the cry of the disciples: “Don’t you care that we are drowning?” The disciples’ cry is more honest than even they know. They are human beings and are perishing. Maybe not in this storm, but perhaps in another. Jesus awakens and rebukes the wind and the sea. It’s worth noting that Jesus doesn’t criticize or rebuke the disciples because of their fear. Jesus quiets the wind & waves with a two-fold command: “Peace! Be still!” Simply by speaking, Jesus produces a “great calm.” All is well once again, that is, except for one more thing that is required. Jesus teaches them by asking a two-fold question, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” Jesus is explaining, “Open your eyes! The world is under the power of the coming kingdom of God.” Once again, Jesus is teaching in parables. But this parable isn’t a sermon, it’s a storm. The disciples ask themselves, “Who then is this?” With “great fear” they wonder about that question. It’s easy to understand why they are afraid in the storm, but why are they afraid when Jesus teaches them? Do they fear because they’ve just witnessed Jesus perform another miracle? Are they afraid because they realize that it’s a risky thing to go sailing with Jesus? “Even the wind and the sea obey him” is an amazing thing to say about Jesus. We were warned at the opening statement. Jesus is more than just a person, a teacher, a preacher; he is none other than the Son of God.

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The Emmanuel Weekly

June 19, 2021
Eve of Pentecost 4 - 6 pm

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

Happy Father’s Day!

Being a Father is more than just biology. Being a Father is a holy calling from God. Parenting is hard work. This weekend we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for placing earthly dads in our lives. May God bless those who protect us, guide and guard us, teach us the ways of Jesus, and serve as loving fathers in our lives. We are grateful!

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.

Men’s Bible Study — IN-PERSON

Join us on Wednesday, June 30 at 11am for a study of the appointed Bible Readings for the week ahead. We’ll meet at the Oasis Church. Bring your Bible & a hunger for God’s Word.

The June Emmanuel Prayer Calendar & Epistle Newsletter are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of the current “Our Daily Bread” (June-August Devotional).



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, June 19 - Eve of Pentecost 4 Worship at 6pm
- Sunday, June 20 - Happy Father’s Day!
- Tuesday, June 22 Men’s email Bible Study (8:30am)
- Wed, June 23 - Gospel Summer Concert Series in St. Charles: 6:30pm (green space behind the St. Charles City Hall). Pastor Greg Behrend
- Friday, June 25 - Clergy Faithfulness Mtg. at 12:00 Noon @ Oasis
- Saturday, June 26 - Eve of Pentecost 5 Worship at 6pm

4:31 — Prayer Time!