

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan

Greeter: Julie Engle

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

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 gift! Interested in helping out or attending? Contact Pastor Dave Steffenson!

Gift of Grace - In our Prayers! Our sister congregation, Gift of Grace Lutheran, served by Pastor Tim Duesenberg in Holmen, WI, is celebrating its 10+1 year anniversary on Sunday, June 6 with an outdoor reception at 2:30pm. Worship will be at 1pm, but seating is very limited. Emmanuel sent a card & a gift of \$100 for the “Gift of Grace” Building Fund.

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!” This event is open to children ages 4-4th Grade. Register by July 2nd at www.vbsmate.com/tlcstcharles.

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.

Thanks for worshipping 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 2
June 5, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

“Holden Evening Prayer”

** indicates stand as you are able*

Gathering Music—“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” — LBW #320

1. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, & our defense is sure.
3. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream, Dies at the op'ning day.
4. O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our eternal home.

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer of the Day: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, you have freed us from the threat of sin and death. Give us such faith that we may always receive your free & gracious gifts of forgiveness & eternal life; through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, forever one God.

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; men as the echo)

Silence for Meditation and Prayer

First Reading: Psalm 130 (Read Responsively)

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

C: O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

L: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

L: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his Word I hope;

C: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

L: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

C: And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

*Gospel Reading: Mark 3:20-35

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 3rd. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

20 [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that [Jesus and the apostles] could not even eat. 21 And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," & "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." 23 And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. 27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. 28 Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — 30 for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit." 31 And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. 32 And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." 33 And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother & my brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother & sister & mother."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message: "Keeping Score?" (Posted on Facebook)

Song of the Day: "Blessed 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

*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 - "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" LBW #294

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

2. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before the throne! **Refrain**

The Emmanuel Weekly

June 5, 2021

Eve of Pentecost 2 - 6 pm

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

Welcome Home SEMAC!

Thanks for letting your light shine for the glory of God & for serving others in the name of Jesus!

Church LAND THANK YOU!

Many hands make for light work. Thanks is offered to everyone who made our Work Day on the church land (June 5) a huge success! Much was accomplished and God gets all the glory! The food & fellowship were added bonuses.

Men's Bible Study — IN-PERSON

Join us on Wednesdays, June 16, & 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.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

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 5—Work Day on the Church Land (9am-3pm); Eve of Pentecost 2 Worship at 6pm (HEP Liturgy)
- Sunday, June 6: Gift of Grace 10+1 Anniversary
- Monday, June 7 - Church Council Mtg. (1pm)
- Tuesday, June 8—Men's email Bible Study (8:30am)
- Thurs, June 10 - Pastors' Mtg. in Rushford—10am
- Saturday, June 12 - Eve of Pentecost 3 Worship at 6pm with Communion
- Sunday, June 13 - Implementation Team Mtg. at 5pm (Oasis)

Second Sunday after Pentecost: The reality of sin is something that we simply cannot escape. Evil is present in the world, and it has a terrible impact. St. Paul called sin the "old Adam," & Luther understood it as a struggle that only ends at the grave. Behind all sin is the deep need to be in control of our own lives, choices, and actions. We recognize and appreciate God's power over us when we fear, love, and trust God above all else. There is forgiveness with the LORD (Psalm 130). There is one unforgiveable sin: Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which is unbelief and hardness of heart. Saving Faith in the NAME of Jesus gives us a new and everlasting family! Jesus reminds us that "whoever does the will of God, is His brother & sister & mother."

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.

Martin Luther: "The devil gives heaven before sins have been committed and despair afterwards; Christ does the opposite and gives heaven after the sins."

Children's Ministry: Worship Bags are available for kids each week. We hope children enjoy these resources during worship. Youth are asked to take the bags home with them. We hope to resume Saturday School with our little ones on RALLY DAY—September 11. Weekly Children's Messages and take-home resources are being provided via our Emmanuel Church Website & Facebook Page.

Church Land update! Generosity (new dollars & donated labor) is coming our way & it looks like we may be able to build a combined shelter & storage area (72 x 24), AND still be under our \$90,000 approved church vote. Praise God! The goal is to have 1/2 of the larger shelter open and 1/2 of the shelter enclosed providing indoor meeting space, storage and security. This will allow us to use the larger building SO MUCH MORE! 3 new gifts totaling \$6,075.00 have already been received for this purpose. Those hoping to have a portion of the shelter enclosed are invited to help fund this dream with their dollars and their prayers.

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