

## Reformation Sunday Prayer Event (October 25)

Emmanuel has a tradition of hosting a prayer walk and potluck each year on Reformation Sunday. Each year, Emmanuel walks around our Oasis neighborhood, offering prayers for our city and her people. The prayer time concludes with a church potluck. This year will be our **8<sup>th</sup> year of walking and praying**. This year will be a little different. Instead of walking the sidewalks of our neighborhood and enjoying a potluck meal, we will gather on our church land at 4:31pm for prayer on October 25. Pastor Dave is inviting members and friends of Emmanuel to submit prayers to him. The prayers can be one word, one sentence, or several sentences in length. Pastor Dave will assemble the prayers and send the collated prayers your way. Whether we sit in a chair on the church land, physically distancing, or in our vehicles, or remain at home, we can all join our voices in prayer for our churches, families, communities, country and world on October 25. Feel free to pack a snack or even a simple picnic supper if you wish to enjoy some food as you pray. Stay for a few minutes or as long as you wish.

**Implementation Team:** After prayerful deliberation, the Church Council has appointed the following people to serve on a Committee charged with implementing the next steps of our Emmanuel Building Project: Larry Vomhof, Don Holtan, Judy Pearce, & Don Wanek. Pastor Dave serves as an ex-officio member of this Team. Their appointment is a one-year commitment beginning on November 1, & includes the following responsibilities: seeking God's will for His Church, His Land and His People; developing a church site master plan; soliciting input and feedback from church members, identifying, prioritizing, and implementing necessary tasks in a timely manner; and presenting all proposals to the Council and Congregation for approval.

**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 and practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Shining Bright for Jesus!

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**Worship—Eve of  
Pentecost 20  
October 17, 2020  
6:00 p.m.**

## “Holden Evening Prayer”

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

**Gathering Music—Song: “Seek Ye First” — WOV #783**

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia!
3. We do not live by bread alone, But by every Word,  
That proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, Alleluia!

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, your reign extends across time and space. You have created us in your own image and redeemed us by your grace through your Son. Grant that we may return to you what is yours, our entire selves given to your mission in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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: Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 2 “I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. 4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, 6 that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, & there is no other. 7 I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 22nd. Chapter.

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

15 The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his words. 16 And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true & teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20 And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness & inscription is this?” 21 They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” 22 When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message: “I Pledge Allegiance” (Posted on Facebook)

**Song of the Day: “Take My Life, that I May Be” — LBW #406**

1. Take my life, that I may be, Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments & my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, & use, Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
3. Take my love; my Lord, I pour, At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, & I will be, Ever, only, all for thee.

Sermon: “Image Is Everything!”

\*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: “Our Father who Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Final Blessing and Dismissal

**Sending Song: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” — LBW #543**

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life & breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen, sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:** “Though King Cyrus of Persia did not know the LORD God of Israel, God still used him to bring His people back into a covenant relationship. God can and will use foreign rulers & imperfect people to accomplish His will in the world. It does not matter that the person knows nothing of the LORD. All power and authority belong to the One who created light and darkness and He will care for His chosen ones by any means necessary.”

**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.

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson*

*Ushers: Pending*

*Sound: Don Holtan*

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

**Thanksgiving Eve Celebration:** Emmanuel Lutheran will host a Thanksgiving Worship Service at Oasis Church on Wednesday, Nov. 25. at 6pm. We won't have our traditional pie social, but we will be serving pie. Store-bought pie will be purchased & packaged in single serving containers. Worshippers will be invited to take home a piece of pie after worship, and a second piece that they can share with a friend. The distribution of the pie will be done in a safe manner. We are also purchasing Thanksgiving Greeting Cards and encouraging members of Emmanuel to pick up a card or two. Members will write a note and send a card to a neighbor, a friend, a co-worker, etc. We will collectively spread the Good News of Jesus & the Spirit of Thanksgiving to others. Greeting Cards will be available by November 1. Our Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be a simple Service with the Lord's Supper. We hope you can join us!

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**October 17, 2020**

**Pentecost 20 - 6 pm**

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

### **Children's Worship Bags**

Worship Bags are available for kids each week. We hope children enjoy these resources during worship. Please take the bags home with you.

### **Men's Bible Study IN-PERSON**

Join us on Wed, October 28 from 11am-12:00 Noon for a study of the Bible Readings appointed for worship for the week ahead. We'll meet inside the Oasis Building, & practice physical distancing. Bring a Bible!

### **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

If you have Thrivent Products don't forget to designate your Choice Dollars. Go online ([www.thrivent.org](http://www.thrivent.org)) or call #1-800-847-4836 to designate your dollars. Emmanuel has received over \$1600.00 in Choice Dollars thus far in 2020.

**The October Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available in print! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotionals for September-November.**



### **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Saturday, October 17 Pentecost 20 “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- Tuesday, October 20 Men's email Bible Study at 8:30am
- Saturday, October 24 Reformation “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- Wednesday, Oct. 28 Men's In-Person Bible Study at 11am
- Thursday, Oct. 29—New Life Gala Event
- Saturday, Oct. 31 — All Saints Eve Worship with H.C. (6pm)

**Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!**