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**Communion Hymn: “What a Friend We Have” — LBW #439**

\*Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Pentecost

\*Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version*

*Invitation & Distribution: 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, & believe that Jesus Christ, crucified & risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life & salvation.” With repentant hearts, we receive the body & blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins. Gluten-free wafers & consecrated grape juice are available. When instructed, please receive the body and blood of Jesus in the pre-filled and consecrated containers.*

\*Table Blessing

\*Closing Prayers & Benediction

\***Closing Song: “Lead On O King Eternal” — LBW #495**

\*Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:**

*Pianist: Mary Ann Groven*

*Sound/Recording:*

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

*Greeters: Arne & Samia Nelson*

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

**Thanks** for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship 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! To God be the Glory!

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**Worship—Eve of  
Pentecost 14  
Aug. 28, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

## **Service of the Word & Communion**

\* indicates stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements: “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!”

\***Entrance Song: “Onward Christian Soldiers” — LBW #509**

\*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: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

P: In the Word was life,

**C: And the life was the light of all people.**

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. (John 1)**

\***Song: “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” — WOV #716**

**“Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending: touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

**Word eternal, throned on high, Word that brought to life creation, Word that came from heaven to die, crucified for our salvation; saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.”**

\*Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

**Psalm 119:129-136** (*Responsively by half verse*) **SEE INSERT**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

\***Gospel Verse: "Alleluia" — WOV page 31**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

\*Holy Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

Children's Message: "Armor ALL!" (Posted on Facebook)

**Blessing of the Backpacks & Lunch Boxes**

Sermon: "Stand Up for JESUS!" Rev. David Steffenson

\***Song of the Day: "Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus" — LBW #389**

\*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, & was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, & 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, & 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.*)

4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, The next the victor's song:  
To him that overcometh, A crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

**Communion Song: “What a Friend” — LBW #439**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry, everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--take it to the Lord in prayer! Do  
your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

**Closing Song: “Lead On O King Eternal” — LBW #495**

1. Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest, your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation, your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper, the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords' loud clashing, or roll of stirring drums  
with deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning, where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

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**INSERT—Songs and Scriptures**

**SONG: “Onward Christian Soldiers” — LBW #509**

1. Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle, See, his banner go!  
***Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.***
2. Like a mighty army, Moves the Church of God;  
Let us boldly follow, Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided; All one body we:  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. ***Refrain***
3. Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus, Constant will remain;  
Gates of hell can never, 'Gainst the Church prevail.  
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. ***Refrain***

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 — Listen & Do Them!**

1 [Moses said,] “Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, & go in & take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. ... 6 Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? 9 Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children ...”.

L: The Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Psalm 119:129-136 — Read responsively***

L: Your testimonies are wonderful;

**C: Therefore my soul keeps them.**

L: The unfolding of your words gives light;

**C: It imparts understanding to the simple.**

L: I open my mouth and pant,

**C: Because I long for your commandments.**

L: Turn to me and be gracious to me,

**C: As is your way with those who love your name.**

L: Keep steady my steps according to your promise,

**C: And let no iniquity get dominion over me.**

L: Redeem me from man's oppression,

**C: That I may keep your precepts.**

L: Make your face shine upon your servant,

**C: And teach me your statutes.**

L: My eyes shed streams of tears,

**C: Because people do not keep your law.**

**Ephesians 6:10-20 — The Whole Armor of God**

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 & as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading: Mark 7:14-23**

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 7th. Chapter.

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

14 [Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: 15 There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” 17 And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. 18 And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, 19 since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) 20 And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Song: “Stand Up, Stand Up, for Jesus”—LBW #389**

1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross;  
Lift high his royal banner, It must not suffer loss:  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army he shall lead,  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict, In this his glorious day:  
Ye that are men, now serve him, Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in his strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own:  
Put on the gospel armor, Each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

# The Emmanuel Weekly

August 28, 2021

Eve of Pentecost 14 - 6 pm

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



**Martin Luther:** I must place the Word of God above everything. I must hazard life and limb, the world's favor, my property, honor, and all my welfare that I may keep it and cling to Christ as to my most precious Treasure in heaven and on earth. - Explanation of Matthew 5:43-46 (1532).

**14th Sunday after Pentecost:** There are three main things that keep us from following Jesus in our lives: the world and its forces, the flesh, and the devil. Dwelling in God's holy Word builds a shield around us. It fortifies our hearts against the powers and principalities that seek to destroy us, or at the very least keep us from a loving relationship with Christ. When we put on the armor of God, the Lord protects us from attacks.

**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 plan on resuming Saturday School with our little ones on RALLY DAY—September 11. Weekly Children's Messages & take-home resources are posted on our Emmanuel Church Website & Facebook Page.

**Men's Bible Study (Email & In-Person):** Men of Emmanuel Lutheran are currently meeting on Tuesday mornings at 8:30am via email & studying the Scripture Lessons for the upcoming weekend. Let Pastor Dave know if you would like the study notes. We will have In-Person studies on: **Wednesdays, Sept. 1, 15 & 29 at 11am.**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Once a month, members of Emmanuel are hosting & serving refreshments following worship. Julie & Gary Engle will be hosting on September 18. Contact Pastor Dave if you would like to host a coffee hour during the months of October or November. Judy Pearce has already volunteered for December.

## 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 & Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer. 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.”

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## Blessing of Backpacks & Lunchboxes

A new school year is soon beginning. Tonight (Aug. 28) we are blessing our schools and those who teach and learn. Bring your backpacks and lunch boxes up to the altar when instructed to do so, and we will bless them and you! We are pencils in the hands of God, staying sharp for the glory of Jesus! We have a special gift for our youth!

## 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.

## September 25—Bible Saturday!

We will celebrate the gift of Scripture on Sept. 25. Bring your Bible with you to worship. A Gideon presentation & offering will also be received on September 25.

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

## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, Aug. 28 - Eve of Pentecost 14 Worship with H.C. at 6pm.
- Wednesday, Sept. 1 Men's Bible Study at Oasis Church (11am)
- Saturday, September 4 Eve of Pentecost 15 Worship at 6pm
- Thursday, Sept. 9 - Zoom Council Mtg. @1pm
- Saturday, September 11 Iowa Mission District Mtg. in Emmons, MN; Rally Day & Worship
- Saturday, Sept. 18 Coffee Fellowship
- October 6—Women's Bible Study Begins!

**4:31 – Prayer Time!**  
**Thanks for joining us.**

## **Closing Prayers!**

L: Trusting, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the goodness of our heavenly Father, let us pray in Jesus' name for the Church, the world, and one another.

*A brief silence*

L: Father, thank you for your commandments and ordinances, given to protect us from sin and limit its evil effect. Thank you for their goodness and wisdom. Help us to keep them out of love for you and for our neighbor. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: In this broken and fallen world, you array your Church in the armor of light and call it to words and deeds of valor. Make it a faithful, true, and bold doer of your strong Word. Form it into your strong fortress and safe haven for all who cry to you for help. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Grant healing, hope, and strength to all who are afflicted by sin and suffering. We lift before you the needs of: [NAMES]. Surround them with your holy angels. Give refreshment, cheerfulness, and confidence to all who care for them. Restore them to the joy of fellowship with all of us. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Most gracious Father, thank you for the lives of all the faithful departed who were doers of your Word. Grant that we honorably wear the armor of light which you bestow upon us. Help us rightly wield the weapons of the Spirit, fight the good fight, and lay hold of the life, joy, and crown won for us by your Son, Jesus Christ, our Captain and our Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Hear and graciously answer our prayers, dear Lord, as it is best for us and most glorifies your holy name.

**C: Amen.**

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## **Blessing Prayer—Backpacks and Lunch Boxes**

*(Adapted from a prayer written by Wendy Claire Barrie, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in New York City.)*

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms, and for the administrators, support staff, teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for the beginning of a new school year; for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled, taken home and returned to the classroom. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again.

Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. Today we give you thanks for these your children & families. Bless them with curiosity, respect, & understanding. May their backpacks & lunch boxes be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school & in church. May they be guided by your love & presence.

We pray for the teachers, support staff and administrators in our schools. May they be sustained by your blessing.

Surround them with love and care. Bless the homes and families, the parents and children, of this congregation and the communities we live in. Grant us grace to learn and teach well, to the praise of your glory. In your love and mercy, surround our children and our schools with your protection that they may be safe places for all who enter. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the Temple showed his longing to learn, and as an adult taught by story, and His death on the cross, your saving love for us.

**Amen.**

