

3. Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
Until our very hearts o'erflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word,  
Your love to tell, your praise to show.

Sermon: “Keep Your Tongue from Evil!” Rev. David Steffenson

\*Annunciation (Duet) and Magnificat (Congregation), *pages 9-10*

\*Gloria Patri (*Tune of Evening Hymn: Joyous Light*), *page 10*

**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, *pages 11-12*

The Lord’s Prayer: *Traditional Version*

Final Blessing and Dismissal, *page 12*

**Song - “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” — ReClaim #217**

1. Breathe on me, breath of God; Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love all that you love, And do what you would do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God, Until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I will one will, To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God; So shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life, Of your eternity.

### ***WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:***

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Assisting Ministers: Jenna Serr & Scarlett*

*Scripture Reader: Nora Serr*

*Greeters: Tom & Sheri Vomhof*

*Sound/Recording: Don Holtan*

*Flutist: Julie Peterson*

*Set-up and Take-down: Julie Steffenson*

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**Worship—Eve of  
Pentecost 16  
Sept. 11, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

## **“Holden Evening Prayer”**

### **RALLY DAY**

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

**Gathering Music—“O for a Thousand Tongues” — LBW #559**

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread thro' all the earth abroad, the honors of your name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
Sings music in the sinner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.
4. He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean; his blood avails for me.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love, be now and ever given  
By saints below & saints above, the Church in earth & heaven.

### **Welcome/Announcements**

Prayer of the Day: Heavenly Father, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **C: Amen.**

*\*Service of Light, page 2*

*\*Evening Hymn: “Joyous Light” (Leader sings introduction; and the congregation sings verses 1-3), pages 2-3*

*\*Evening Thanksgiving, page 4*

Psalmody: Psalm 141 (Sing as a Round), *pages 4-8*

## Silence for Meditation and Prayer

### Epistle Reading: James 3:1-12

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 4 Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading: Mark 9:14-29

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 9th. Chapter.

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

14 When [Jesus, Peter, James and John] came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it

throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, & they were not able.” 19 And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground & rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire & into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23 And Jesus said to him, “‘If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.” 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” 29 And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Children's Message: “An Unruly Tongue” (On Facebook)

#### **Song: “Lord Speak to Us, that We May Speak” — LBW #403**

1. Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  
In living echoes of your tone;  
As you have sought, so let us seek  
Your straying children, lost and lone.
2. Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach  
The precious truths which you impart,  
And wing our words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.

*Verse 3 on next page*

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**September 11, 2021**  
**Eve of Pentecost 16 - 6 pm**

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

**Welcome to Rally Day!**

We'll meet in the fellowship hall after worship and discuss this year's Christian Education opportunities for youth. This Fall (September-December), Stories on the **MIRACLES in the Bible** will be packaged in monthly sessions for youth ages 4-grade 3. Youth in grades 4-8 are invited to join Pastor Dave in a reading of C.S. Lewis' “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”. Pastor Dave will host a monthly Zoom Meeting for participating youth & their parents. Weekly instruction videos will be posted on Facebook.

**Iowa Mission District Convocation**

Today, Sept. 11 from 8am-3:30pm at Emmons Lutheran Church. The Keynote Speaker was NALC Bishop Dan Selbo.

**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.

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



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, Sept. 11 - Eve of Pentecost 16 Worship at 6pm — Rally Day
- Wednesday, Sept. 15 Men's Bible Study at Oasis Church (11am)
- Saturday, September 18 Eve of Pentecost 17 Worship with Holy Communion at 6pm; Coffee Fellowship—7pm
- Wednesday, October 6 Women's Bible Study Begins (1pm)
- Bible Saturday—Sept. 25 Gideon Presentation with an offering in support of the Gideons

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

**Men's Bible Study:** Men of Emmanuel Lutheran are meeting on Tuesday mornings at 8:30am via email and 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. 15 & 29 at 11am at Oasis!

**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 Oct. and Nov. Judy Pearce has already volunteered for December.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** Got Thrivent Products? Don't forget to designate your Choice Dollars. Call #1-800-847-4836 or go online at [www.thrivent.org](http://www.thrivent.org). We've received \$1,418 in 2021.

**Emmanuel Nominating Committee.** Contact Lee Pearce, Julie Steffenson, Heather Mikesh, or Leitha Bothun if you are looking for ways to serve Christ and His Church. There are many ways to use your gifts for the glory of God. **On the Ballot in January of 2022:** Council Member: 2-year term, 2 positions; Nominating Committee: 4 needed; 1 year term; Audit Committee Members: 2 needed; one—3 year term, & one 2 year term; & Lay Voting Members for NALC Convocations.

**September 25—Bible Saturday!** We will celebrate the gift of Scripture on Sept. 25. Bring your Bible with you to worship. A Gideon presentation & an offering (Gideons) will be received.

**Women's Study.** On Wednesday, October 6 at 1pm a Bible Study on Women of the Bible will begin! Contact Judy Pearce or Leitha Bothun if you would like to attend or need more info.

**Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!** Each day at 4:31pm, Members & Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer. Send prayer requests to Pastor Steffenson. 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 worshipping with us this evening. *Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service 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!*  
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