

\*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.)

### **Celebration of Holy Communion—Eucharistic Prayer**

Litany & Closing Prayers, pages 11-12

The Lord's Prayer: *Traditional Version*

\*Final Blessing and Dismissal, page 12

\***Sending Music: "Children of the Heavenly Father"—LBW #474**

1. Children of the heav'nly Father,  
Safely in his bosom gather.  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven,  
such a refuge e'er was given.
2. Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh.  
His the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them safe and holy.

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

*Pianist: MarJean Damerval*

*Assisting Ministers: Jenna Serr & Scarlett*

*Scripture Reader: Nora Serr*

*Greeters & Hospitality: Gary & Julie Engle*

*Sound/Recording: Jeff Patzke*

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

**Thanks** for worshiping 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!  
**Visit us at:** [www.emmanuelofrochester.org](http://www.emmanuelofrochester.org).



**Worship—Eve of  
Pentecost 17  
Sept. 18, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

### **"Holden Evening Prayer"**

\* indicates stand as you are able

**Gathering Music: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," — LBW #479**

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine:  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day, be wholly thine.
2. May thy rich grace impart, strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.

### **Welcome/Announcements**

Prayer of the Day: Heavenly Father, you draw all humanity to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to divest ourselves of worldly ambition and teach us to serve and welcome all, especially the least and most vulnerable among us; through Jesus Christ, 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 3:13-4:10

13 Who is wise & understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. 14 But if you

have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast & be false to the truth. 15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy & good fruits, impartial and sincere. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. 4:1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet & cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

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

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

30 [Jesus and his disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, 31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” 32 But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. 33 And they

came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” 34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. 35 And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” 36 And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, 37 “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message: “A Slice of Humble Pie” (On Facebook)

Song: “**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**” — LBW #198

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.
2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.
3. Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way;  
As the Light of light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish,  
As the darkness clears away.

Sermon: “Wisdom: Devilish or Divine?” Rev. Steffenson

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

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**September 18, 2021**  
**Eve of Pentecost 17 - 6 pm**

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

## **Coffee Fellowship!**

Join us for treats following worship tonight. Thanks to Julie & Gary Engle for hosting our Fellowship Time.

## **Saturday School this year!**

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 is hosting a monthly Zoom Meeting for participating youth & their parents. Weekly instruction videos will be posted on Facebook.

## **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. 18 - Eve of Pentecost 17 Worship at 6pm — with Holy Communion. Coffee Fellowship at 7pm
- Tuesday, September 21 Email Men’s Bible Study at 8:30am)
- Saturday, September 25 Eve of Pentecost 18 Worship - Bible Saturday (Gideon presentation & freewill offering)
- Tuesday Oct. 5—Council Meeting at 2pm
- Wednesday, October 6 Women’s Bible Study Begins (1pm)

**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. 29 & Oct. 13 & 27 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. & 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 Mikesch, 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.”

**Save the Dates:** Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Wed, Nov. 24 at 2pm); Christmas Eve Worship (Friday, Dec. 24 at 2pm).

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