

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:** “You prepare a table before me,” the psalmist sang so long ago (psalm 23). God, our Good Shepherd, still goes before us to prepare the way. We need not fear that we are alone, instead we can be confident that because of God’s love for us, we are invited to the great wedding banquet of Christ. The One who rescues us from the power of death, calls us to come and eat with him. Will we accept the invitation or turn away?

**A Boar in the Vineyard — The Life of Martin Luther:** We are celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation this year on October 31. Even though many Christians go by the name Lutheran, most know very little about Luther and the Reformation. Jim Kluth, an instructor at Schaeffer Academy, has written a play on the life of Luther. Pastor Dave and Julie are attending this production on Friday evening, November 3 at 7pm. Pastor Dave is encouraging members of Emmanuel to join him and his wife. Preferred seating is \$9.00 per person. The performance is a full-length three-act play with a run time of 2+ hours. The performance will debut on stage in the gymnasium/auditorium of Schaeffer Academy (2700 Schaeffer Lane NE, Rochester, MN). Tickets go on sale on Monday, October 16. Let Pastor Dave know how many tickets you would like to purchase.

**Reformation Sunday Prayer Walk (3pm) and Potluck (5pm):** Save the Date: Sunday, October 29. We’ll begin our prayer walk at Oasis Church (3pm) and enjoy a potluck supper (5pm) at the residence of Dick and Nancy Stanley (The Homestead of Rochester). Members of Emmanuel are invited to bring a dish to share with their church family. This year is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

**Women’s Evening Bible Study Group:** This year “Lady Light” will be looking at “Holy Christian Marriage & Family” through the lens of Scripture & the lives of Martin Luther & his wife Katie. Women will meet at the home of Katie Siebenaler once a month for 60 minutes, beginning at 6:30pm. **Session Two: October 18.**

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# The Emmanuel Weekly

**Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017**  
**Pentecost 19 — 6 pm**

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

## Worship Next Week!

Don & Peg Holtan will be our guest worship musicians next Saturday, October 21. Join us for some great Gospel Music and a Worship Service of Word and Sacrament. Invite a friend!

## New Life Gala Event “Courageous Love”

Thursday, October 26, 2017  
Mayo Civic Center  
6:00 p.m. Silent Auction  
7:00 p.m. Dinner & Program  
Keynote Speaker: David Bereit

*Don’t forget to offer your gifts as  
“worship and hospitality servants”,  
weekly for Worship! Contact Julie  
Steffenson or visit the signup sheet in  
the Gathering Space. Thanks!*

**The October 2017 Emmanuel Prayer  
Calendar and Epistle Newsletter are  
available in print! Also, pick up your  
copy of the current issue of the “Our  
Daily Bread” Devotional.**



## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Sat, Oct. 14 — G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Pentecost 19 Worship at 6pm
- Monday, October 16  
Tickets for “The Luther Play” go on sale!
- Tues, Oct. 17 — Men’s Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Wed, Oct. 18 - Madonna Towers Worship at 1pm; Lady Light at 6:30pm
- Thurs, Oct. 19 La Crosse Pastor’s Mtg. (10am)
- Friday, Oct. 20 - Clergy Faithfulness Mtg. (Noon)
- Sat, Oct. 21 — G.I.F.T. & Saturday School at 5:10pm; Pentecost 20 Worship at 6pm

*Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word and Sacrament 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!*

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**Communication Cards - Offering Envelopes:** The offering envelope in your bulletin is also being used as a visitor and communication card. If you are visiting with us, please know that your presence is your gift to us. We have a generous congregation & ask only that you share your contact information with us. Members & visitors may use the communication envelopes to indicate a desire for a pastoral visit, a prayer concern, or changes in contact information. Envelopes may be placed in the offering basket. Thanks.

**Saturday School & G.I.F.T.** — Education for all ages is offered each Saturday night before worship at 5:10pm. Youth ages 3-grade 2 are meeting with Julie (Bible Stories) in the basement; Youth grades 3-8ff are meeting with Pastor Dave (Chronicles of Narnia) in the basement; Adults are meeting in the Fellowship Hall (Portraits from the Life of Luther). The Gathering Space is available for conversation, the Worship Space for meditation, & the Nursery for child care.

**Men's Bible Study Breakfast:** Each week, Emmanuel Men meet on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. at Oasis Church for Bible Study & Coffee. We are currently reading & discussing the Bible (Genesis-Revelation). Read pages 1024-1027 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 290 — October 17) in preparation for this week's study (Jeremiah 29:24-31:14; I Timothy 2:1-15; & Psalm 119:49-56).

**Women's Afternoon Bible Study Group:** Women of Emmanuel are studying the Book of Acts this year. Scholars refer to the Book of Acts as the "Acts of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church". What does it mean to be the Church, the Body of Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit for witnessing in God's World? The Book of Acts teaches us what it means to be missionaries, ignited by the mighty rushing wind of God. Next session: Thursday, November 2 at 1pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Read Acts 10-12 (Pentecost to the Gentiles)

**Worship at Madonna Towers:** Twice a month on Wednesdays, Emmanuel members are invited to participate in a ministry to area seniors. Our next Madonna Towers Worship Service will be on Wednesday October 18 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.



**Worship  
Eve of  
Pentecost 19  
Oct. 14, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

### **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight: THANKS!**

Pianist: Rev. P.J. Stohlmann  
Scripture Reader: Julie Engle  
Communion Server: Katie Siebenaler  
Sound: Don Holtan  
Acolyte: Ava Siebenaler  
Worship Leader & Set up: Julie Steffenson  
Coffee: Peg Holtan                      Treats: Katie Siebenaler  
Ushers: Darald & Leitha Bothun  
Take-down: Janet Sunde and friends

### **WORSHIP NOTES:**

Liturgy: Holden Evening Prayer, revised edition  
(Please return the Service Bulletin)

Song of the Day: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"  
ReClaim #150, verses 1-2 & 7-8

Children's Sermon: "RSVP"

Sermon: "Many are Called. Few are Chosen"  
Rev. David Steffenson

Communion Song: "Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness"  
ReClaim #81, verses 1 & 4

**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 and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation." We practice Intinction at Emmanuel Lutheran. Receive a wafer (the body of Christ) and dip it into the cup of wine (the blood of Christ). With repentant hearts, we receive the forgiveness of sins.

### Isaiah 25:6-9 — A Feast of Rich Food

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. 7 And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Philippians 4:4-13 — Rejoice in the Lord!

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. 10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

1 Again Jesus spoke to [the chief priests and the Pharisees] in parables, saying, 2 “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, 3 and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ 5 But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. 7 The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main roads & invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ 10 And those servants went out into the roads & gathered all whom they found, both bad & good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. 12 And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand & foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping & gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Sovereign Lord, 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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. **Amen.**

**2017 Emmanuel Picture Directory:** Every 2 years Emmanuel updates its picture directory. This year’s directory will have the added feature of an historical narrative of our five year anniversary as a mission congregation. Julie Steffenson & Leitha Bothun, & Deb Vomhof are spear-heading this project. Members of Emmanuel can send a picture to these gals. Pictures will also be taken at Church.