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Communion Hymn: “Amazing Grace” — LBW #448

*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: “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” — LBW #221**

*Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: Karen Salz

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan Greeter: Julie Engle

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

Thanks for worshipping 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! God’s Power is made perfect in Weakness! **Visit us at:** www.emmanuelofrochester.org



**Worship—Eve of
Pentecost VI
July 3, 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: “Battle Hymn of the Republic” — LBW #332**

*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, you call us as you did the disciples of old to go forth and bear witness to your life-giving Gospel. Send us forth from this assembly by the power of your Holy Spirit to be the healing presence of Christ in the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123:1-4 (Responsively by half verse) SEE INSERT

Second Lesson: II Corinthians 12:1-10

*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 6:1-13

Children's Message: "Weak or Strong?" (Posted on Facebook)

Sermon: "I am Weak; Thou art Strong!" Rev. David Steffenson

*Song of the Day: "Jesus Loves Me" — ReClaim #258

*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.)

Communion Song: “Amazing Grace” — LBW #448

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Song: “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” — LBW #221

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended,
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us,
To work for your kingdom and answer your call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face;
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving,
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Song: “Battle Hymn of the Republic ” — LBW #332

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage
Where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
his truth is marching on.
Refrain:
Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.
2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men, before his judgment seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. **Refrain:**
3. In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on. **Refrain:**

Ezekiel 2:1-5 — I AM...Sending You!

1 [The Lord God] said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” 2 And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. 3 And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ 5 And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123:1-4 — Read responsively

L: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

C: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

L: As the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,
C: So our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.

L: Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,

C: For we have had more than enough of contempt.

L: Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

II Corinthians 12:1-10 — A Thorn in the Flesh

1 I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. 3 And I know that this man was caught up into paradise — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — 4 and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. 5 On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses — 6 though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. 7 So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. 8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark the 6th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 [Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, & his

disciples followed him. 2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. 4 And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching. 7 And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff — no bread, no bag, no money in their belts — 9 but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. 10 And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. 11 And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” 12 So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. 13 And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Song: “Jesus Loves Me!” - ReClaim #258

1. Jesus Loves me, this I know, For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belongs, They are weak but He is strong

**REFRAIN: Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.**

2. Jesus loves me, He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in. **REFRAIN:**

3. Jesus loves me! He will stay, Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee. **REFRAIN:**

The Emmanuel Weekly

July 3, 2021

Eve of Pentecost VI - 6 pm

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

Happy Birthday U.S.A.

May God grant you & yours a safe, joyful, and reverent Fourth of July!

“O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea!”

Cross with Eternal Circle

Thanks is offered to LeRoy & Margaret Quam for their generous donation of an aluminum cross for the church land. LeRoy has spent countless hours on this project. We are hopeful that the new cross will soon mark the church land as a sign of God’s redemptive work & eternal saving presence (John 3:16).

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 July Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotional for June-August.



CALENDAR ITEMS

- Saturday, July 3 - Eve of Pentecost 6 Worship with H.C. at 6pm
- Sunday, July 4 - Blessed "Independence Day" to you and yours!
- Tuesday, July 6—Men’s email Bible Study (8:30am)
- Wed, July 7 - Men’s in-person Bible Study at Oasis Church (11am)
- Thursday, July 8 - Council Mtg. at 1pm
- Saturday, July 10 - Eve of Pentecost 7 Worship at 6pm

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

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 and take-home resources are being provided via 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, July 7 & 14 at 11am.** Location: Oasis Church Worship Space; or weather permitting, we’ll meet outdoors.

Emmanuel Lutheran Mini-VBS: Emmanuel is hosting a MINI-VBS on Sunday, Aug. 8 from 2-4pm on the Church Land, weather permitting. One Day! Two Hours! For children ages 4 through fourth grade, AND their friends! “Story Telling” with Pastor Dave. Music & crafts, recreation, snacks & a surprise gift! Interested in helping out or attending? Contact Pastor Dave!

GOSPEL Summer Concert Series! Trinity Lutheran in St. Charles invites you to their Gospel Summer Concert Series: Wednesdays at 6:30pm on the green space behind the St. Charles City Hall. **Matt & Brenda Stier** will perform on July 21st. **The Ravens Fire Band** will perform on August 18th. A freewill offering will be received at each concert.

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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Closing Prayers!

L: Let us pray to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

L: Father, thank you for your prophets, even when their words are hard. Thank you for your all-sufficient grace, even when it doesn't remove suffering. Thank you for making us your emissaries and missionaries, even when the world holds you in contempt. Thank you – and deal patiently with us! Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You commissioned Ezekiel to speak to your people; and your Son chose the Twelve Disciples to spread the Gospel. Bestow your Spirit upon the Church, so it may speak words of warning & grace to all people. Grant that many are brought to repentance, faith, and redemption in Christ Jesus. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: You have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Save us from violence, discord, confusion, and every evil course of action. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will; but above all things, give us faith in you, that our nation may glorify your name and be a blessing to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Keep our military personnel and first responders in your care. Equip them to secure and further the blessings of peace, justice, and liberty. Help us to support and encourage their families until they are reunited. Heal all whose lives have been shattered by the violence of war. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: St. Paul prayed that his thorn in the flesh might be removed. We pray for all who suffer, especially: [**NAMES**]. Heal them according to your will. Give them confidence in your grace, which is sufficient for their needs. Keep all for whom we pray in close communion with those who love them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Most holy Father, we praise you for your never-failing mercy. We entrust to that mercy all our departed loved ones. Wipe away the tears of all who grieve. Keep us close to your heart throughout our lives. Support us with your grace, and heal us with your forgiving love. Lead us by your Spirit into the Kingdom won for us by your Son, Christ Jesus 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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