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## Psalm 26 —responsively

L: Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity,

**C: And I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.**

L: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and my mind.

**C: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness.**

L: I do not sit with men of falsehood, nor do I consort with hypocrites.

**C: I hate the assembly of evildoers, and I will not sit with the wicked.**

L: I wash my hands in innocence & go around your altar, O Lord,

**C: Proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

L: O Lord, I love the habitation of your house

**C: And the place where your glory dwells.**

L: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners, nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

**C: In whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

L: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;

**C: Redeem me, and be gracious to me.**

L: My foot stands on level ground;

**C: In the great assembly I will bless the Lord.**

**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 Services will be on Wednesdays, September 6 & 20 at 1:00 pm. Contact Lee Pearce if you would like to participate in this wonderful ministry.

**Thanks** for worshipping 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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**Worship  
Pentecost XIII  
September 2, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

## With One Voice– Bread of Life Liturgy

*\* indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: Holy God, strengthen us to follow your commands in humble obedience along life’s journey. Show us the way of sacrificial love for the sake of your world as we lose our old lives and find true life in Christ; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

**Psalm 26**

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Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

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\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Children’s Message: “Jesus Rules!”

Blessing of Backpacks - *See Insert*

# The Emmanuel Weekly

**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.

**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 866-870 of the NIV Once A Day Bible (DAY 248 — September 5) in preparation for this week's study (i.e. Song of Songs 1:1-4:16; II Cor. 8:1-15 & Proverbs 21:27-22:6).

**Women's Afternoon Bible Study Group:** Women of Emmanuel will be studying the Book of Acts this year. The Book of Acts is Volume 2 of Saint Luke's proclamation of Jesus and His Church. 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 a missionary, ignited by the mighty rushing wind of God. Our first session is Thursday, Sept. 7 at 1pm in the Oasis Fellowship Hall.

**Women's Evening Bible Study Group:** This year "Lady Light" will be looking at "Holy Christian Marriage & Family" through the lens of Scripture and the lives of Martin Luther and his wife Katie. Women will meet at the home of Katie Siebenaler once a month for 60 minutes, beginning on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30pm.

## **"Secrets for Lifelong Romance" Conference**

Cost: \$79.00 per couple if registered by October 13.

Location: Autumn Ridge Church Sanctuary (Rochester, MN).

Dates: Friday, October 27 (6:00-8:30pm) & Saturday, October 28 (7:30am-12:00 Noon).

Join Dr. Greg and Erin Smalley for proven, biblically-based strategies to navigate relationship roadblocks, improve communication & build a romance that lasts a lifetime. Pastor Dave has scholarships of \$50.00 each for the first five couples who sign up for this Marriage Enrichment opportunity. Invest in your marriage, and it will pay holy dividends in return.

## **Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017 Eve of Pentecost XIII—6pm**

***"Praising, Proclaiming & Practicing  
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily  
life!"***

### **Blessing of Backpacks**

A new school year begins. Tonight, we bless our schools and those who teach and learn. Jesus Rules!

### **Rally Day Saturday School & G.I.F.T.**

Join us next Saturday (Sept. 9) at 5:10pm as we kick off another year of Christian Education. Our theme this year is "Run Toward the Goal"; based on Phil. 3:14. We will kick off our year in the Fellowship Hall with a number of "Minute-to-Win-It" style games. Root Beer Floats will be served following Worship.

### **Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church**

This Weekend we remember our sisters and brothers at Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church as they celebrate 150 years of ministry!

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



## **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- Saturday, September 2  
Pentecost XIII Worship at 6pm; Blessing of Backpacks & Students
- Sunday, September 3  
Pastor Dave preaching at Rushford Lutheran
- Monday, September 4  
Blessed Labor Day to all
- Tuesday, September 5  
Men's Bible Study (8am); Text Study (10:30am)
- Wed, Sept. 6—Madonna Towers Worship (1pm); Council Mtg. at 3pm
- Thurs, Sept. 7—Women's Bible Study (1pm)
- Saturday, Sept. 9—Rally Day at 5:10pm; Worship (Pentecost XIV) at 6pm

## Jeremiah 15:15-21 — Jeremiah's Complaint

15 O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. 17 I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? 19 Therefore thus says the Lord: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. 20 And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you & deliver you, declares the Lord. 21 I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Romans 12:9-21 — Marks of the True Christian

9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th Chapter.

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

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, & on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, & then he will repay each person according to what he has done. 28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight**

*Pianist: Karen Salz*

*Scripture Reader, Prayers, & Communion Server: Jean Wanek*

*Ushers: Rich Sunde & LeRoy Quam*

*Acolyte: Emma Matzke*

*Coffee: Peg Holtan/Julie Steffenson*

*Treats: Judy Pearce*

*Sound: Don Holtan/Lee Pearce*

*Set-up: Julie Steffenson .....*

*Take-down: Janet Sunde & friends*

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## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER OF BLESSING - BACKPACKS

P: O Holy God, a new school year is about to begin. As these your children begin their studies, we ask a blessing on their backpacks in which they carry the books, markers, pens and pencils, and school supplies they will use to learn. O Lord of Life and Love,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Bless, O God, all who will teach our children in the coming days and weeks. Give them the wisdom to find inspiration for each child. Give them the energy and creativity and love that will make their work a blessing to our children. O Lord of Life and Love,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Bless, O God, all school Staff - principals, secretaries, custodians, cafeteria workers, and librarians that they may be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to their care. Fill them with a spirit of grace and compassion for students and coworkers. Grant them godly labor. O Lord of Life and Love,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Bless, O God, each one gathered here that we will seek every opportunity to grow in our knowledge and love of you and your Word - in all our church classes for youth and adult learners. Grant that we may follow you faithfully. O Lord of Life and Love,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Bless, O God, these our cherished children, those whom we have promised to love and nurture at their baptism. Keep them safe, keep them excited, keep them ever seeking to learn more and to develop their gifts. Grant that in their learning, they may grow in love and faith and service. O Lord of Life and Love,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Bless, O God, these backpacks and the children who carry them. You are forever their Ruler in Life. May they always measure up to the standards you set for them. O Lord of Life and Love,

**C: Amen.**

## EARTH & ALL STARS - by Rev. Herb Brokering (1964)

1. Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! **LBW #558**  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!

**Refrain: He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!**

2. Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

3. Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

4. Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

5. Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

6. Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

7. Children of God, Dying and rising,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting,  
Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

## Prayers

L: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

L: For honest and faithful labor, that God would continue to provide His children with work that is fulfilling and beneficial to their neighbors. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: For laborers for the harvest, that God would continue to set apart faithful men and women to serve as pastors; that He would continue to supply our schools and churches with faithful teachers; and that He would grant His servants joy in their vocations. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: For those who labor in the government, that through their service, God would provide our country with safety and stability, that He would protect them in carrying out their duties and enable them to serve with wisdom and honor. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: For those dealing with infirmities of body, mind or spirit, [especially NAMES,] that God would remember them and visit them, that He would strengthen their faith as they await from Him all things good and needful, and that He would keep them ever mindful of His promise of eternal life. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: For all who approach the Lord's table this day, that God would create in them a right spirit for reception of Christ's true body and blood, that each time they receive His good gift of forgiveness they would be strengthened to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Him. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: For the faithful departed, let us give our thanks and praise, asking that we might at last join them in the feast of joy in the light of the Kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**