

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

The Lord's Prayer:

Final Blessing and Dismissal

Sending Music—Song: “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult” - #494

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; Day by day His sweet voice sounding, saying “Christian, follow me.”
2. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, Still He calls, in cares and pleasures, “Christian, love me more than these.”
3. Jesus calls us! In your mercy, Savior, make us hear your call, Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Word 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! Shining Bright for Jesus!

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Little Lending Library Neighborhood Ministry

This summer, the Steffenson family installed a Little Lending Library on their property. Daily, children & families in the neighborhood walk and bike by the church-shaped library, stopping to select, return, or place a book inside. If you have books, new or gently used, religious & secular that you would like to donate to this ministry, please give Julie a call (507-206-3048). Thanks for sharing the love of reading & the love of Jesus with our neighborhood children.



Worship—Eve of Pentecost XIV
Sept. 5, 2020
6:00 p.m.

“Holden Evening Prayer”

** indicates stand as you are able*

Gathering Music—Song: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”
.....(To tune of #481— “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”)

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord & precious, Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, And our confidence alone.
2. Praise & honor to the Father, Praise & honor to the Son,
Praise & honor to the Spirit, Ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, While unending ages run.!

Welcome/Announcements

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, always lead & follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever.

C: Amen.

*Service of Light

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

*Evening Thanksgiving

Psalmody: Psalm 141 (Sing as a Round)

Silence for Meditation and Prayer

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

7 “So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give

them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, & you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, & he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:1-20

P: The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 18th. Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. 7 Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! 8 And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. 10 See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains & go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. 15 If your brother sins against you, go & tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he does not listen, take one or two

others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Message: “You are a Watchman” (Posted—Facebook)

Song of the Day: “What Wondrous Love Is This” LBW #385

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing Hi love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on!

Sermon: “What’s Your Position?”

*Annunciation (duet) and Magnificat (Congregation)

*Gloria Patri (*Tune of Evening Hymn: Joyous Light*)

The Emmanuel Weekly

September 5, 2020
Pentecost XIV - 6 pm

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

Matching Gift—Building Fund

A Supporter of Emmanuel pledged a matching gift of \$25,000 (dollar-for-dollar) to our Building Fund. Members & friends of Emmanuel have met the challenge and have contributed in excess of \$28,000. Thank you!

Saturday School for Kids

Rally Day is on hold. We are exploring some options for distance learning for our little ones. Pastor Dave is offering an online class for grades 1-6 during the months of September and October.

Men’s Bible Study — IN-PERSON

Join us on Wednesdays, Sept. 9 & 23 from 11am-12:00 Noon for an outdoor conversation about the Bible Readings appointed for worship for the week ahead. We’ll meet outside the Oasis Building. Bring a lawn chair, & a Bible.

The September Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter & Prayer Calendar are available! Also, pick up your copy of Our Daily Bread Devotionals for September-November.



CALENDAR ITEMS



- Sat., Sept. 5—Pentecost 14 “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm.
- Monday, September 7 Blessed Labor Day!
- Wed, Sept. 9—Men’s In-Person Bible Study at 11am (Oasis Church)
- Friday, Sept. 11—Council Meeting at 1pm
- Sat, Sept. 12—Pentecost 15 “In-Person” and Virtual Worship at 6pm.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Jesus warned his followers that anyone who caused a child (or one who is childlike in faith) to stumble in the faith would have a worse fate than having a millstone hung around their neck & thrown into the sea. Followers of Christ are called to be humble and to receive the childlike with grace and mercy, even as we are called to be like children who are in awe of the kingdom of heaven.

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.

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight:

Pianist: MarJean Damerval

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Ushers: Sound: Don Holtan

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

IN-PERSON WORSHIP: Emmanuel is hosting worship at a 50% seating capacity. Foot traffic is one-directional. Masks are required, but may be removed at appropriate times. An usher is present to give directions. The Worship Service and Hymns are projected on the Overhead Screen. RSVP’s are no longer needed.

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 and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. 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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