

L: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
C: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

C: You are my God; I will extol you.

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: His steadfast love endures forever!

L: Go in peace. Serve the LORD.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Going Forth Song: "Let All Things Now Living"—LBW #557**

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

2. His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a Song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

Going Forth Music:

Worship Servants Today: Thanks!

Pianist: Jane Cabaya

Assisting Minister, Scripture Reader & Prayers: Julie Steffenson

Sound/Video Recording: Don Holtan

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Worship
Thanksgiving Eve
Nov. 24, 2021
2:00 p.m.

Service of Thanksgiving

** Indicates stand as you are able*

Gathering Music:

Welcome/Announcements/Invocation

***SONG: "Come, You Thankful People, Come" — LBW #407**

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide, for our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2. Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

*Call to Worship: (Psalm 100)

L: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!

C: Worship the Lord with gladness,

L: Come before Him, singing with joy.

C: Acknowledge that the Lord is God!

L: He made us, and we are His.

C: We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving;

C: Go into His courts with praise.

L: Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

**C: For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever,
and His faithfulness continues to each generation.**

*Prayer of the Day: Heavenly Father, our lives are filled with the abundance of your grace & mercy. We thank you for the good things of your creation that fill our lives. We praise you for the gift of Jesus. May our gratitude be so abundant that it flows into radical generosity that reflects your boundless love for all; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord!
C: Amen.

Children's Moment: Thanksgiving Bible Story For Kids | Psalm 107 - YouTube (ShareFaith.com)

Scripture Readings: Philippians 4:4-7; 19-20 and Luke 17:11-19

***SONG**: "My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" —Keith and Kristyn Getty

1. My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me in His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart.
2. My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly;
Whose ev'ry promise is enough
For ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace.
3. My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
Whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
Is given by the King;
So I will give my life, my all,
To love and follow Him.

Sermon: "I Will Give Thanks!" - Ps. 9:1-2 Pastor Steffenson

***SONG**: "Now Thank We All Our God —LBW #534

1. Now thank we all our God, With hearts & hands & voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

2. Oh, may this bounteous God, Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm, In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God, The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns, With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

***Confession of Faith**: "I believe that God has created me and all that exists. He has given and still preserves my body and soul with all their powers. He provides me with food and clothing, home and family, daily work, and all I need from day to day. God also protects me in times of danger and guards me from every evil. All this He does out of Fatherly and Divine goodness and mercy, though I do not deserve it. Therefore, I surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true." (*Martin Luther, Small Catechism, 1529*)

***The Prayers**: (L: Lord in your mercy ... **C: Hear our prayer**)
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. ***Our offering today is in support of the Pastor's Discretionary fund.***)

***Lord's Prayer**: Traditional Version

***Sending and Benediction**: *Portions of Psalm 118*

L: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: For his steadfast love endures forever!

L: Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

C: Let the house of Aaron say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

L: Let those who fear the Lord say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

C: The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

L: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Announcements:

Emmanuel Huddle: December 4 at 7pm! Join us following worship on December 4 for conversation regarding our shared ministry. We'll have a first look at our mission plan budget for 2022, an update on our Building project, and also conversation regarding Ten Goals for our Ten Year Church Anniversary!

Nominating Committee: Members of Emmanuel are to prayerfully consider ways they can serve Christ and put their discipleship into practice during the year 2022. Members of the Nominating Committee will be contacting you soon.

2022 Discipleship Membership Covenants. Is God calling you live out the gospel as a member of Emmanuel in 2022? Don't forget to sign your Discipleship Covenant. Covenants may be placed in the offering basket or given to Pastor Dave Steffenson. Membership at Emmanuel is an annual renewal. 24 Discipleship Covenants have already been signed and submitted. Thanks!

Men's Bible Study (In-Person): Men of Emmanuel Lutheran meet on Tuesday mornings at 8:30am via email & study the Bible Readings for the upcoming weekend. Let Pastor Dave know if you would like the study notes emailed to you. In-person studies will be offered on the following **Wednesdays: December 1, 8 & 22 at 11am.** Location: Oasis Church. Bring a Bible, & a friend.

Women's Bible Study! A Bible Study on "Women of the Bible" continues on Wednesdays at 1pm at the home of Judy Pearce with Leitha Bothun as the study leader. Upcoming Study Dates will be: December 1 & 15. December 15 will be a potluck Christmas Lunch. Contact Judy or Leitha with questions.

Snow Removal: Emmanuel is responsible for removal of snow on the Oasis sidewalks, one day each week during the winter months. In the past, Mondays have been our day of choice. Volunteers are needed to assist with snow removal.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

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.

The Emmanuel Weekly

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021
Thanksgiving Eve — 2pm

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



Blessed Thanksgiving to you & yours!

Thanks for joining us today for worship, as we give thanks & sing praises to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Following Worship, refreshments are being served in the Oasis Fellowship Hall. Please join us! Thank you to everyone who donated a store-bought pies.

Holiday Cookies

Plates of store-bought holiday cookies are being shared with area Hospitality Houses during the Season of Advent! Contact Judy Pearce if you would like to help with this ministry.

ADVENT GIFT for You!

This year, each family at Emmanuel will receive a book entitled "**The Littlest Watchman,**" by Scott James. Pick up your free copy on Saturday, Nov. 27 at worship. Pastor will be sharing Advent devotions in his 4:31 each day during the month of December. Wait/Watch for it!

The November Emmanuel Epistle Newsletter and Prayer Calendar are available in print! Pick up your copy today. Also, the Our Daily Bread Devotionals are available.

CALENDAR ITEMS

- Wednesday, Nov. 24
Worship at Madonna Towers (11am); 2pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social.
- Thursday, November 25
Blessed Thanksgiving to you and yours!
- Saturday, Nov. 27—Eve of Advent I Worship at 6pm; Happy New Year!
- Saturday, December 4
Emmanuel Huddle at 7pm following evening worship! Please join us!
- Pick up your gift of this year's Emmanuel Christmas Ornament. Our Theme is "The Miracle of Christmas!"

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

Prayers — Thanksgiving Eve: November 24, 2021

L: Father in heaven, you are the Creator & Source of all things. To you alone do we owe thanks and praise. We give you thanks that we can call you “Father” because of your Son, Jesus Christ whose death on the cross provided payment for our sin, and whose resurrection gives us hope and new life through Spirit-worked faith in Him. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Father, We confess that we have often been less than thankful for all your care and gifts. We often think that somehow we are “entitled” to your generosity, or that we have somehow “earned” all we have by our own hard work and effort. Forgive us and instruct our hearts, by the power of your Holy Spirit, toward true humility and gratitude. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, our National Day of Thanksgiving was established in 1863 during the Civil War, in the midst of chaos and conflict. Today we live in the context of a world where wars continue to rage, fear is epidemic, and death seems to demand victory. We thank you for being sovereign over all of our affairs as you rule in power and grace. May “your kingdom come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Father, we thank you for giving us each day our daily bread. You provide all that we need to sustain us. Direct & help us to be instruments of daily bread in the lives of others less fortunate than us. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Holy Spirit, direct the hearts of our nation’s leaders and her people to call upon you for wisdom; and may we truly be thankful. May we become a nation of grateful and generous people. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord, we beseech you to come speedily to the rescue of all who cry out for healing of body, mind, heart or spirit: [NAMES].

Deliver them from their afflictions, and restore them to the fellowship of all who care for them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Father, hear our prayer, and graciously grant all that glorifies you and benefits our poor broken world, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Philippians 4:4-7; 19-20

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer & 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. ... 19 And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 17:11-19

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance 13 and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” 14 When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? 18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” 19 And Jesus said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has saved you.”

Psalms 9:1-2

1 I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. 2 I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.