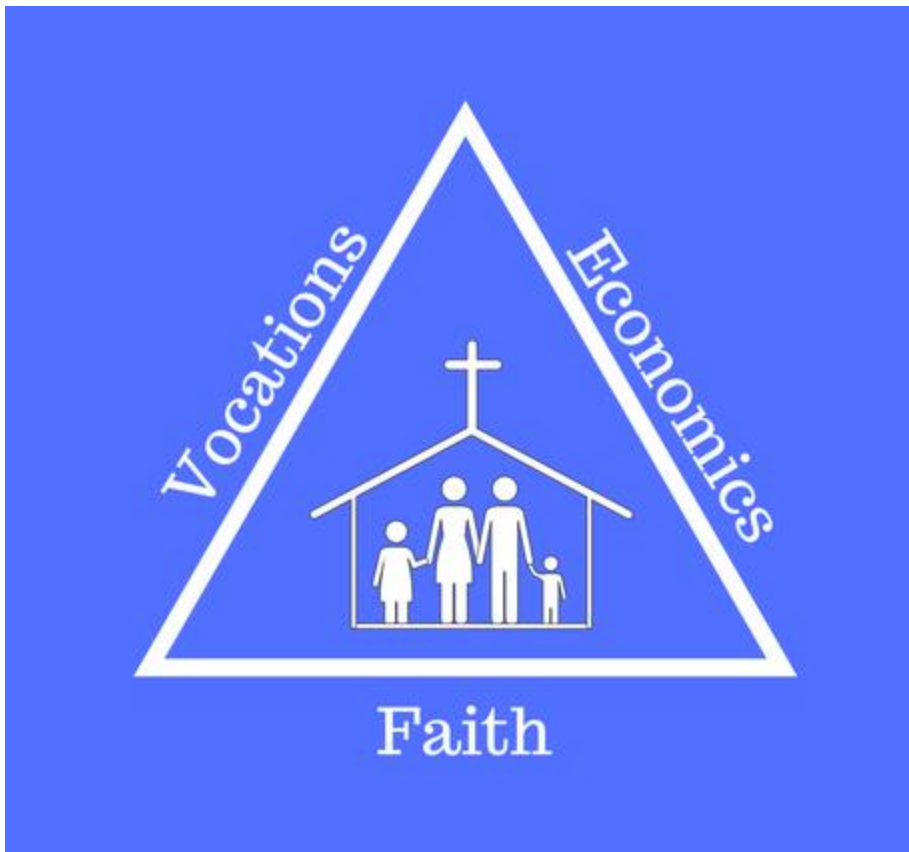


# Emmanuel Lutheran Church



Sunday, January 28, 2018

Stewardship Focus

Week 1



*Sunday, January 28, 2018*  
*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*Holy Communion*

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**January 28, 2018 • 7:45, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Service**

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**WELCOME TO EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**INTRODUCTION**

*Today we begin a three part reflection on the “Faith, Vocations, and Economics” at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Our church, birthed 60 years ago on March 16, 1958, has spent nearly 6 decades walking in the light of Christ. Challenges and change provide a seedbed of new opportunities in our quest to be faithful to the gospel. This congregation continues to make a difference in countless lives. With grateful hearts, this is a season to remember the cloud of witnesses that have gone before us, and continue to unfold a promising future by sharing gifts in the present! As we follow Christ the kingdom of God continues to come near!*

**PRELUDE**

***All Creatures of Our God and King***

**arr. Denisen**

**Doug Denisen, baritone; Ken Carper, trumpet; Sharon Denisen, piano**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly stands.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations,  
who gives breath to us all.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly may kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Loving God,  
**we confess that we have turned from your way  
to follow our own ways.**  
**Forgive us for the times  
we have spoken or acted too quickly;  
we have not spoken or acted at all;  
we have hurt those closest to us;  
we have hurt those we have yet to know;  
we have thought more about ourselves than others;  
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**  
**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,  
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.  
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.  
God's love never runs out.  
God never tires of calling us beloved children.  
Hear God say to you now:  
Your sins are forgiven,  
for the sake of ✠ Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG:**

***We Walk by Faith***

**ELW 635**

**GREETING**

The grace of Jesus Christ,  
the mercy of the Holy One,  
and the Spirit of the living God  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 29: 10-14

(Please turn to page 813 in the Old Testament of your pew Bible).

*We are reminded in this passage to look forward with hope, a future in which we are held within the fullness of God's steadfast love and promise to be with us always. The mission of our congregation is rooted in a "future with hope."*

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

(Please turn to page 161 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

*Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.*

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature consists of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into five lines of music, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. The final line of music ends with a double bar line.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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## GOSPEL: Matthew 7: 7-11

(Please turn to page 7 in the New Testament of your pew Bible).

*As we walk by faith, we do so prayerfully in communion with Christ, seeking the coming of God's kingdom among us. We live knowing that God blesses us with much more than we can even imagine. Trust in God!*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the seventh chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

***Faith, Vocations, and Economics***

**Pastor Steven Wigdahl**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Seek Ye First**

**Karen Rafferty**



1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2. Man shall not live by bread a - lone  
3. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you,

5 and His right - eous - ness, and all these  
but by ev - 'ry word that pro -  
seek and ye shall find, knock and the

10 things shall be add - ed un - to you -  
-ceeds from the mouth of God -  
door shall be o - pened un - to you -

13 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

CCLI Song, #1352

## APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. Let us pray, **Have mercy O God.**

### *Congregational refrain: "Hear Our Prayer"*

Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

We bring to you, Christ, members and friends of Emmanuel who need your healing touch.

*(Names from our congregation...)*

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Congregational refrain: "Hear Our Prayer"**

**PEACE**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

**OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.*

**OFFERTORY**

**(7:45)**

***Whispering Hope***

**arr. Lanier  
Sharon Denisen, flutist**

**(9:30)**

***Walk Worthy***

**Gilbert Martin  
Becky Wright, flutist**

*Walk worthy of the Lord; come give your heart to Christ. Live always bearing fruit for Him, live strengthened by His might. Walk worthy of the Lord, all power to His name. Give Him glory, give Him honor, walk worthy of the Lord. Blessed is the one, the one who trusts in God, for he is like a tree planted by a stream. Walk worthy of the Lord; come give your heart to Christ. Live always bearing fruit for Him, live strengthened by His might. Walk worthy of the Lord, all power to His name. Give Him glory, give Him honor, walk worthy of the Lord.*

*CCLI Song # 2360465*

**(11:00)**

***We've Come this Far by Faith***

**ELW 633**

*The assembly stands.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring,

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,

shining with the light of your justice and mercy;

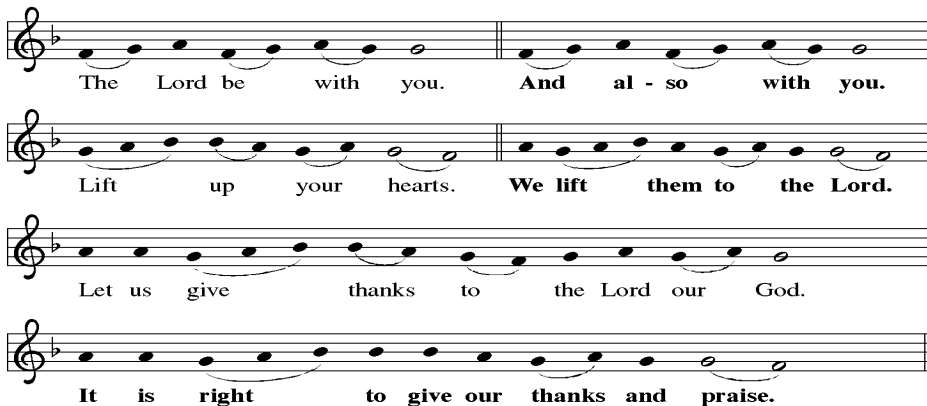
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

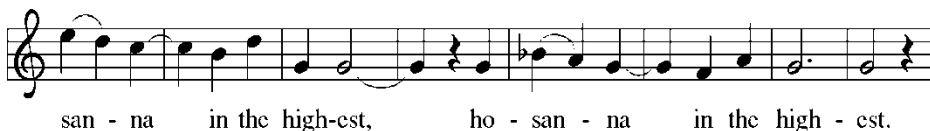
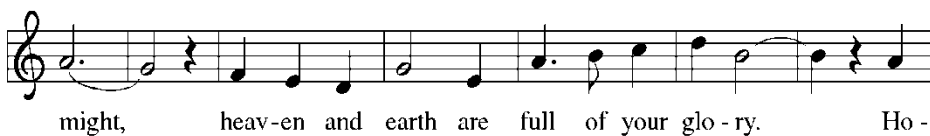
### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.  
**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering; within this meal;  
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.  
**Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;



and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one bread.  
Come. Be filled with light and life.

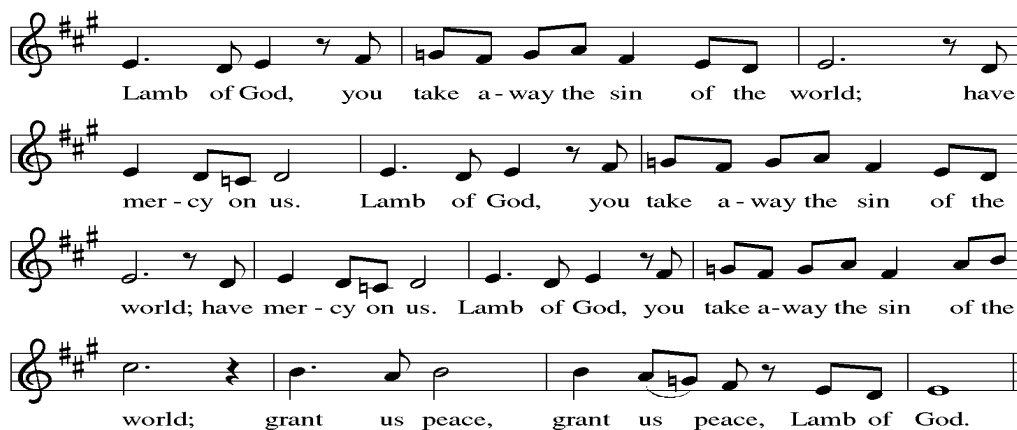
### COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup,  
the communion ministers say  
The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
and each person may respond  
Amen.

*Invited to the Lord's Table are all baptized Christians who celebrate with us the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament. The Communion is administered by "intinction," that is, the bread is handed to the communicant and the communicant dips the bread into the wine. **If you are not able to take the wine, simply take the bread.***

*Children are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire Communion, but are not able to come forward, please let an usher know. We'll bring it to you. If you do not wish to partake of the Sacrament, simply remain seated when your row is directed to come forward. **GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE.** If you need a gluten-free wafer, simply ask a pastor or the person distributing Communion.*

### COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

(9:30)

*Whispering Hope*

Lanier

Becky Wright & Sharon Denisen, flutists

**ASSEMBLY HYMNS:**

*Blessed Assurance*  
*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
*For by Grace You Have Been Saved*

ELW 638  
ELW 759  
ELW 598

*The assembly stands.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—

today, tomorrow, every day—

that we tell the story of your never-ending love

and sing your praise both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The God of glory dwell in you richly,

name you beloved,

and shine brightly on your path;

and the blessing of almighty God,

the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING HYMN:**

*Build Us Up, Lord*

ELW 670

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Toccata in Seven*

Rutter

### **7:45 Service**

*Greeters: George & Jean Dumouchel*

*Assisting Minister: Jim Klinke*

*Lector: Jill Weber*

*Acolyte: Ray Schrader*

*Ushers: Barry & Arlene Borman, Melissa Schrader, Kathryn Frampton*

*Altar Guild: Jean Dumouchel*

*Hospitality: Pat Goodyear and Norine Petruzelli*



*Worship  
Assistants*

### **9:30 Service**

*Greeters: Dave & Kerstin Beitzel*

*Assisting Minister: Theresa Shaw*

*Lector: Vivian Shea*

*Acolyte: Sally Johnson*

*Ushers: Hal Williams, Jerry Kimble, Mike Conrad, Janet Haughn*

*Altar Guild: Bruce & Cheryl Carlson*

*Hospitality: Pat Goodyear and Norine Petruzelli*

### **11:00 Service**

*Greeters: Gussie Paulson, Carol Hartman*

*Assisting Minister: Rick Boe*

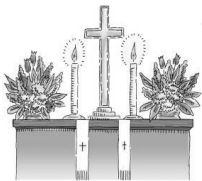
*Lector: Kathy Worley*

*Acolyte: Maridee Boe*

*Ushers: Bud & Nancy Umbach; Linda Goldberg, Laurie Wren*

*Altar Guild: Diedre Milligan*

*Hospitality: Pat Goodyear and Norine Petruzelli*



*Altar Flowers*

*The flowers that beautify our altar today are given  
by Diedre Milligan in loving memory of Jay & Lois Stoehr.  
And, by Joyce O'Neil in loving memory of Jewel Caldeira.*



Due to your continued support of our quilt ministry, our quilts have gone to many places. You may have noticed that we have fewer quilts displayed. Before Christmas we gave 37 quilts to Dee Schleutker for distribution to children (mostly in Immokalee) who had their homes devastated by Irma. In February of 2017 we shipped 47 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. The remainder of our quilts were given to St. Matthew's House, Habitat families, baptisms (28) and lap quilts to Heritage House.

We wish to thank you for your generous monetary donations. Each quilt costs approximately \$5 to produce and an additional \$2.25 to ship. We use your donations to buy batting, embroidery floss, thread and fabric, as needed. However, we are always in need of cotton fabric, and especially fabric appropriate for young people. If you would like to make a contribution, donation envelopes are attached to each quilt.

Emmanuel's quilt ministry is known as the Tuesday Stitchers. We meet every Tuesday in the Community Room from 9:30 – 1:30 (November through April). We design, stitch and tie quilts. No sewing experience is necessary as most of the process involves being able to tie a knot. If you are not able to join us on Tuesdays, we can provide fabric for you to design and stitch quilt tops at home. For more information, call Jane Hauck at 605-366-4338.

Tuesday Stitchers who participated in this past year are:

Cheryl Anderson  
 Joyce Bork  
 Diane Diemer  
 Becca Eddy  
 Karen Emmel  
 Beverly Fuss  
 Joyce Gustafson  
 Jane Hauck  
 June Jahrling  
 Arly Jeppson\*  
 Marilyn Martin  
 Susan Meier  
 Karen Minaji  
 Carlene Petersen  
 Lucy Ramsay  
 Mary Semsel  
 Linda Stephens  
 Carole Suhr



\*We lost another of our longtime members this past year – Arly Jeppson

## **Tuesdays with Emmanuel - Family Life Center - 4:30-6:00 p.m.**

**January 30**

### ***“ECHO - Fighting World Hunger Through Biblical Principles”***

Speaker: Jo Dee Hanssen,  
Development Officer ECHO - Educational Concern for Hunger Organization



ECHO is a global Christian organization honoring God by empowering the undernourished with sustainable hunger solutions. For over 36 years, ECHO has been helping thousands of missionaries, development workers and organizations around the world to better access vital information and other resources needed to improve food production for small-scaled farmers and gardeners. During the past year, ECHO conducted training in 25 countries for approximately 3,000 missionaries, development workers and small-scaled farmers. The ECHO International Headquarters is located at a campus in North Fort Myers, Florida.

**February 6**

### ***“Let My Heart Be Broken”***

Speaker: Marilee Pierce Dunker,  
Ambassador and Daughter of Founder of World Vision



World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice, and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God. The work of World Vision is to “pull up the roots of poverty and plant the seeds of change.” During 2016, World Vision helped over 15.4 million disaster survivors and refugees; transformed the lives of 4 million sponsored kids; impacted 1.7 million jobs; and brought clean water to 4.6 million people.

Marilee Pierce Dunker is a traveling ambassador for World Vision and the author of four books including “The Audacity of Faith”, which focuses on the many partnerships her father, the founder of World Vision, had with missionaries and churches around the world, laying the foundation for the World Vision we know today.

### **Tickets:**

\$10 for individual lecture

**Family Life Center 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**



Portraits for our new directory will be taken this week. See the Star for details. Call the church office at 239-261-0894 to schedule your appointment.



Here is one of the latest photographs of the progress of Emmanuel Park (Oil Well Road).