

Emmanuel Lutheran Church



June 17, 2018
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of the Word and Sacrament
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Roger Vomhof, Vacancy Pastor • Linda Noack, Organist

To Our Visitors

- If you are member of another church body other than the WELS or ELS, please speak to the Pastor before attending Holy Communion.
- The restrooms are in the fellowship hall. Turn to your left when exiting the church.
- We are happy to have children in our worship. Cloth bags with age appropriate books and activities are available. Please ask an usher.

Calendar for This Week

Tuesday

Board of Outreach at 5:00 pm
Board of Elders at 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Chapel Service at Red Cedar Canyon at 1:30 pm
Church Council at 6:30 pm

Thursday

July newsletter and calendar items due

HYMN

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid CW 188

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²² “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the forest will know that I the Lord bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.”

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 92, CW page 101

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed

instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34



*The Parable
of the Sower*

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the

largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening CW 283

SERMON

Sermon text: Mark 4:26-29

Theme: Consider the growth of the Kingdom of God.

- I. It grows secretly.
- II. It grows naturally.
- III. It grows to maturity.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Salvation Unto Us Has Come CW 390

Guest Speaker Next Sunday

Martin Wegner, a member of our congregation and a former WELS pastor, will conduct our worship service next Sunday. Pastor and Mrs. Vomhof plan to leave Thursday morning to visit relatives in Milwaukee and next Sunday attend the 60th Anniversary Service in the Ministry of pastor's brother at St. John's Lutheran Church in Baraboo, WI. Pastor's brother continues to serve as the Visitation

Pastor at St. John's, visiting between 30-40 shut-ins every month.

Booster Days Parade

Our church is looking for donations of candy. We will also need volunteers to:

- To hand out candy, water and pamphlets
- Drive the float (see Mark Carlson)
- Take pictures (see Linda Carlson)

The parade will be held on Saturday, June 30 at 11 am. Please arrive at church by 9 am for setup.

Vacation Bible School coming in July



This year our theme is "Team Jesus".

How to register: Call 715-386-9851 or register online (emmanuelhudson.org)

When: Tuesday, July 31 - Thursday, August 2 from 9:30 am to 12 noon

Who: 3 year olds through those entering 5th grade

Cost: Free! All are welcome!

What: The children will enjoy lots of crafts, snacks, games, and Bible story lessons that will connect them with God's Word.

News from the Minnesota District Convention

The 51st Biennial Convention of the Minnesota District was held at Martin Luther College at New Ulm, MN last week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The theme of the convention was "Grace Abounds - 100 Years of Grace." The morning and afternoon devotions and the closing service centered around this theme.

In attendance were 164 pastors, 103 male teachers, 5 staff ministers, 1 vicar, and 92 laymen for a total of 365 delegates. The delegates elected Pastor Dennis Klatt (formerly the 1st vice president) of New Hope, MN as our new district president, Pastor Jon Bitter (formerly the 2nd vice president) of Rochester, MN as our new 1st vice president, Pastor Jon Brohn of Stillwater, MN as 2nd vice president, and re-elected Pastor Michael Hatzung of St. Paul, MN as secretary for two-year terms.

WELS President Mark Schroeder reported we have so many blessings for which we should be thankful for and so many opportunities are before us to bring God's Word to more people. The Vietnam government officials have told our synod leaders that we may build a theological training facility in Hanoi "because we teach what the Bible says." More than 250 men are eager to receive theological training, so they can tell more than 100,000 people in Vietnam about Jesus and the Gospel message. He reported we have 40 to 50 mission fields in the U.S. where we are could be doing mission work. We have well-trained, evangelical and committed students in our ministerial schools who are committed to the Scriptures and are eager

to proclaim God's Word to people. Many congregations in our synod are struggling, but he encouraged each of us to continue to preach and teach God's Word faithfully. He concluded his report with these words: "Stand firmly on that Word. Defend that Word when it is attacked. Share and proclaim that Word.

Pastor Larry Schlomer, Administrator of our WELS World Missions, reported there are 7.6 billion people living in the world today. Our synod is actively proclaiming God's Word in 40 countries out of the 200 countries in the world. We have 45 missionaries serving in our world mission fields. Seven new countries in Africa are asking us to bring God's Word to their people and train them in the truths of Scripture. God has led us to share the Gospel online in Spanish. Over one million people now receive a daily update in their Facebook feed that highlights a Gospel gem. This connects them to a website (Academia Cristo) where over 2 million individuals have downloaded our Spanish language resources. These connections have led us to partner with leaders in several new countries - Argentina, Venezuela, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Paraguay where national leaders are now at work sharing the truth of God's Word with people starved for true grace.

Church and School Cleaning Team for June

Leader: Chris Hinz
Ehlers and Heth families

Other Items of Interest

Attendance last Sunday: 61

Fellowship refreshments next Sunday: open

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