



**14th Sunday of Pentecost
Rally Day- September 10, 2017**

Call to Worship

P: In a land corn and soybeans, of pines and maple trees, sun and water, wind and rain, we gather to worship our God.

C: We are God's people, splashed with great promise in Baptism!

P: The promise of our Creator, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, takes us through all the seasons of the year and surprises us with grace hidden among the colors of every time under the heavens and the beauty of every race and nation.

C: God orders the chaos surrounding our lives and gives us light to see His hidden presence which always offers us new life.

P: So we begin this day in the name of our God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

C: With a splash of water and a word of promise we are called to freedom.

Thy Word

Refrain	Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Verse 1	When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me. Nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.
Refrain	
Verse 2	I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You to the end.
Refrain	

Dying to Sin

P & C: Cover us with your mercy, O God. We forget so easily and quickly. Forgive us for failing to witness to the power of our love with those with whom we live and work. Forgive us for not seeing your grace hidden deeply within creation. Uncover our busy-ness as an excuse and cover our sin with mercy. Our gentle, loving caring hands have already turned into fists of anger way too often. Restore us, Lord, to your new creation and help us to start all over again.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and ways?

C: We do!

P: Do you reject the old, the dead, the life apart from God?

C: We do!

P&C: We are called to live free as God's people.

P: Will you live in your baptismal covenant, a life of service to the Lord, a life of giving and forgiving?

C: We will!

P: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and by my Call as an ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins and encourage you to the new life you have found in your Lord and Savior. Amen

Rising to New Life

P: If we become one with him in dying as he did, in the same way we shall be one with him by being raised to life as he was.

C: Our old being has been put to death with Christ on his cross, in order that the power of the sinful self might be destroyed, so that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

P: We know that Christ has been raised from death and will never die again -- death has no more power over him.

C: The death he died was death to sin, once and for all; the life he now lives is life to God.

P: We are God's creation! We are called to freedom.

C: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Amen!

P&C: The mountains echo your majesty, Creator God. The hills roll with amusement. The oceans clap with praise, and the wind whistles for joy through the leaves on the trees. How wonderfully gracious you are. Enable us to see your redemptive power even in creation. Free us to celebrate life in your image, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson: Genesis 1:26-31

Psalm 148

P: Hallelujah! Praise God from the heavens; praise God from the heights! Praise God, all you angels; Praise God, all you multitudes in heaven!

C: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars! Praise God, you highest heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

P: Let them praise the name of the most high, for God commanded and they were created. God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

C: Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

P: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

C: Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, Royalty and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

P: Let them praise the name of God, For God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.

C: God has raised up a horn for God's people, Praise for all the faithful, For the people of Israel who are close to God. Hallelujah!

A Reading from Romans 13:8-14

Presentation of Bible

My Lighthouse

VERSE 1 (Band)

In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea.
Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

VERSE 2 (Congregation and Band)

In the silence You won't let go. In the questions Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea.
Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

CHORUS (Congregation and Band)

My lighthouse, my lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise:
You will carry me Safe to shore. Safe to shore. Safe to shore. Safe to shore.

VERSE 3 (Congregation and Band)

I won't fear what tomorrow brings. With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through. You are the peace in my troubled sea.
Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

CHORUS (Congregation and Band)

My lighthouse, my lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise:
You will carry me Safe to shore. Safe to shore. Safe to shore. Safe to shore.

Bridge (Band twice)

Fire before us, You're the brightest, You will lead us through the storms.

HEY!

Bridge (Band twice)

CHORUS (Congregation and Band)

My lighthouse, my lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise:
You will carry me Safe to shore. Safe to shore. Safe to shore. Safe to shore.

The Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

The Sermon: Community for good, for bad, for ugly

Confessional Hallelujah

Verse 1 Oh, I believe in one true God, Creator of the heav'n and world, of all the things both seen and unseen to ya. He's given me and still preserves my soul and body and their powers though I do not deserve it. Hallelujah!

Chorus *Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

Verse 2 And I believe in Christ his Son; true God, true man, the only one who came to earth to give a ransom for ya. He suffered on a cross and died, went down to hell so he could rise on Easter morn to save us. Hallelujah!

Chorus

Verse 3 And I believe I cannot by my every effort, though I try, believe in you Lord or confess to ya. But yet each day I feel the wind, the tongue of fire that burns within. The Holy Spirit calls me. Hallelujah!

Chorus (Twice)

Collection of the Offering

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Response of Faith

P: People of God: remember we are God's creation! We are called to freedom.

C: For God works miracles in common clay pots, changing caterpillars to butterflies, changing seeds to oak trees and night to day, changing winter to springtime, changing lives from ordinary to abundant.

P: We as God's celebrants dance through this world together:

C: Listening to God's music, responding to God's Word, praising God with clapping hands and moving feet, praising God with justice and mercy and humbleness, praising God with changed lives.

P: Let us celebrate the church of Jesus Christ where the wonderful grace of God breaks through the cloud of darkness and gloom and fills us with a holy spirit that overflows and we see rainbows, many-splendored colors, light in pitch darkness -- and every day is a festival of faith!

C: O God our Father, send us forth now, sure of forgiveness for our sins, sure of freedom to be ourselves, sure of joy and peace through life in Christ. Send us out of this place -- united to one another in faith, united to one another in love, united to one another in service to all, united to one another in and through your Son.

P: Go now into the world that God, the Creator has made for you. Go now and tell the story of the God of God, Light of Light, who for our sake sent Jesus, the Christ, that we might be reconciled to the one true God. Go, believing only in God, the Lord and Giver of Life. Amen

JESUS LOVES ME

(Congregation and Band Together)

VERSE 1 Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

CHORUS Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me, The Bible tells me so.

VERSE 2 Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, Saying, "Let them come to Me."

CHORUS

VERSE 3 Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me on my way.
He's prepared a home for me, and someday His face I'll see.

CHORUS

Welcome to worship at Emmanuel! We praise God for this day and the opportunity to hear His word. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments- and then let us walk into the world, living as disciples of the Lord.

We are looking for one or two volunteers to assist clients at the Share Shoppe in Northwood on September 28th from 1-4pm. If you can help please contact Nicole Cole.

We are looking for two delegates to the Iowa Mission District Convocation on Saturday, September 16th at Waterville, IA. If you can consider serving in that capacity, please see Pastor for details.

Our wooden front door will be refurbished by Wunderlich Woodworking of Mason City. The door will be removed the week of September 25th and the opening will be covered appropriately. Please use only the glass door entry or one of the side doors during that time. It should take about two weeks for the door to be returned. If you have questions, please speak to a member of the Property Committee. Thank you!

Bethel's Fall Chicken Noodle Supper will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 4:30-7:00pm. Featuring Bethel's famous chicken & noodles, sides, salads, pie and drinks. Cost: \$8 for Adults, \$4 for Kind. - 4th Grade, Free for Preschool.

Lutheran Retirement Home Auxiliary 32nd Annual Fall Festival Fair will be Saturday, Sept. 23rd from 9-11am in the LRH Chapel- 701 9th St. North, Northwood. There will be baked goods, produce, crafts and drawings for a quilt and other prizes. Tickets for the drawings are available from Auxiliary members and LRH Activities Staff.

Trinity United Methodist Women of Bolan Bazaar & Luncheon will be on Saturday, Sept. 23rd, 2017 in the lower level of the Bolan Schoolhouse. Bazaar from 8:30am - 1:00pm and Luncheon from 11:00am-1:00pm. \$6 for adults, \$3 for K-12 and preschool free.

Annual Bolan Fall Event will be on September 23 from 8:30am to 1pm. There will be a pancake breakfast, Bazaar and vendors, music, sign and sidewalk dedication ceremony, UMW lunch and a bicycle ride. Join us for food, music and fun!

Be sure to keep October 29th open on your calendar! At 4 pm in the afternoon we will gather for a pan-Lutheran commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The event will take place here at Emmanuel with a total of seven area congregations participating. There will be several vocal and instrumental music opportunities for interested volunteers during the Service of Word and Music. The worship service will be followed by a dinner in our Fellowship Hall. Please keep your eyes open for detailed information and to find out how you can help and/or participate in this incredible event. In preparation, be sure to read and re-read your monthly newsletters as Pastor Z has dedicated her articles to various aspects and people of the Reformation. This will be something you can share with your grandkids decades from now – don't miss it!!!

This Week at Emmanuel September 11-17		
Tuesday, September 12	10:00am	Pastor has service in Manly
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 13	4:15pm	Confirmation
	6:00pm	Bible Workshop – 2 nd grade
Thursday, September 14	9:30am	Bible Study
Saturday, September 16	6:30pm	Outdoor Movie- Big Hero 6
Sunday, September 17	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Fellowship

Sunday Offering for September 3, 2017		Attendance: 70
Current- \$ 3,911	Benevolence- \$ 325	Building- \$ 180
Sunday School- \$20	Food Bank- \$ 30	

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN

PRESENTS

SATURDAY,
September
16

S'MORES AND POPCORN @ 6:30 PM

MOVIE STARTS @ DUSK

POPCORN! Come join us for some
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FIRE

Movie will take place in outdoor courtyard
at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton.
Please bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets.

"In the event of inclement weather the activities will take place indoors."

The Church Council of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Grafton, IA
invites you to join in the celebration of the
25th Ordination Anniversary of our Pastor,

The Rev. Solveig A. H. Zamzow

on Sunday, September 24th, 2017 at our 9:30 am Worship Service

A light lunch and opportunity for conversation will follow

Pastor Zamzow was ordained on September 27th, 1992 at St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Donatus, IA after a year as Supply Pastor at Calamus Lutheran Parish, Calamus, IA. She has served the people of God at St. John's Lutheran Church, Bellevue, IA; Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI; St. John's Lutheran Church, Little Suamico, WI and our congregation since September 1st, 2012.

If you are unable to attend this special day, please keep Pastor Zamzow and her future ministry in your prayers.

Dear Members of Emmanuel: When the question of how to observe her 25th Ordination Anniversary was brought to our attention, Pastor Z was very adamant that this milestone ought not be a celebration of her person but an opportunity to worship and praise God for the gift of our Savior, Jesus. In respect and honor of Pastor Zamzow's commitment to worship as the center of all that we do, the Council encourages each and every one of us to make a very special effort to worship on September 24th. Let us fill the pews with joyful worshippers! Invite others to come! We pray that our gathering on that day will be an expression of gratitude for the Word of God that has been shared in our midst for well over a century and an opportunity to give thanks to God that Pastor Z is in our midst to share our faith journey.

-The Church Council

P.S. We will serve a lunch following worship and provide grilled turkey sandwiches. Please bring along a dish to share with each other and Pastor's invited guests. For questions on the lunch, please see Linda Koschmeder.

