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WOV- With One Voice  
CH- Celebration Hymnal  
LBW- Lutheran Book of Worship

**Pastor: Solveig A.H. Zamzow**

Lay Reader: Val Bork

Organist: Marena Henkle

Acolyte: Kaelee Hicken

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

May 13, 2018

Prelude

Processional Hymn: *Rise Up, O Saints of God* ..... LBW # 383

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW p. 56

Greeting & Kyrie ..... LBW p. 57

Hymn of Praise: *This is the Feast* ..... LBW p. 60

Prayer of the Day: **God, our creator and redeemer, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Choir Anthems: "Rise Up, O Men of God" & "Poor Man Lazarus"

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13

Verse: *Alleluia...* and Gospel Acclamation ..... LBW p. 62

Gospel Lesson: John 17:6-19

Hymn: *We were Baptized in Christ Jesus* ..... WOV # 698

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: *Gracious Spirit, Heed our Pleading* ..... WOV # 687

*The Rite of Affirmation of Baptism*

Presentation of Confirmands

Address to the Confirmands

Confession of Faith by the Confirmands

The Prayers

The Laying on of Hands

The Sharing of the Peace

The Collection of the Offering

Offering Response: *Let the Vineyards*..... LBW p. 66

Offertory Prayer: *Merciful Father*..... LBW p. 67

The Great Thanksgiving ..... LBW p. 68

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) ..... LBW p. 69

The Words of Institution ..... LBW p. 69

The Lord's Prayer ..... LBW p. 71

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) ..... LBW p. 72

*We will commune via Intinction. Please form a single line in the middle aisle, receive the host from the Pastor and dip the wafer into the cup of wine on that side by which you will return to your seat.*

*Note to our guests: As your church's tradition and your conscience may allow, we welcome all who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who believe in the real presence of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.*

The Distribution: *(The congregation is invited to join in singing)*

*Thy Holy Wings* ..... WOV # 741

*Bind Us Together* ..... WOV # 748

*Let Us Break Bread Together* ..... LBW # 212

*Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus* ..... LBW # 219

The Post-Communion Canticle: *Thank the Lord...* ..... LBW p. 72

The Post-Communion Prayer ..... LBW p. 74

The Benediction and Amen ..... LBW p. 74

Closing Hymn: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*..... WOV # 721

Chimes and Postlude

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**Members, friends and visitors: welcome to our worship today.** We are glad you are here and your presence is important to all of us. If you are able, join us in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and conversation.

**Congratulations and rich blessings to Zachary Badker, Ryan Hackbart and Emma Hicken** as they affirm their baptismal vows and profess their faith today. These three young persons have been excellent examples of faithful learning and active participation in the household of God and we look forward to the gifts they bring to the world in the years to come. May God strengthen and protect them. The Confirmands chose today's hymns and invite you to take a look at their Faith Projects in the narthex. They used their imagination to express their faith in our Triune God.

**Congratulations and Happy Mother's Day** to all mothers and those who have showed motherly love and care to the world around them. May your day be special!

**The roses are given in honor of my beloved mother,** Bonnie Deal. I thank God that he blessed me with a wonderful mother like her! Happy Mother's Day, Mom! All my love -*Sheila*

**Congratulations to Kyle and Ashley Hulshizer** who were married in Albert Lea yesterday. We pray God's richest blessings upon their union and their families.

**Our Condolences to the family of Brian Nack.** His funeral service will be held tomorrow, Monday, May 14th, at 10:30 am at Emmanuel Lutheran. Visitation is this afternoon at Champion-Bucheit Funeral Home in Osage.

**Thank you for all of the prayers,** cards, kind words, concern, and encouragement following my surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Z for her visits, phone calls, and text messages. It was all appreciated and we feel very fortunate to belong to such a caring congregation. -*Gary Schotanus*

**Next Sunday will be the last day of Sunday School.** Parents and special guests, please join your Sunday Schoolers for an Amazing Race to learn stories of Jesus. Please meet us in the church library following church service on May 20th to find your teammates and start the race!

**Please join us as we honor our graduate, Gabe Walk,** on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 7pm at the Grafton Community Center.

**Thanks to everyone who helped** in our outreach to the needy by assembling quilts, layettes, personal care, activity kits and by packing boxes, loading and unloading Dean & Mardine Meyer's trailer. The boxes were transported to Mpls/St. Paul to be distributed throughout the world by Lutheran World Relief. We are so grateful for all of your assistance! -*Women of Emmanuel*



Will we have enough pastors?

Will our pastors be well-grounded in God's Word and the Lutheran Confessions?

Will they be able to teach and equip disciples at all ages and stages of life?

The NALS will continue to answer "YES" to these questions with your help during North American Lutheran Seminary Month.

**The North American Lutheran Seminary** needs both your prayers and generous financial support to continue our mission of preparing competent, evangelical and confessional pastors who will faithfully and eagerly serve in the decades to come. Here are some startling facts illustrating the urgent need for growing the Seminary of the North American Lutheran Church:

- Approximately 9 of 10 NALC pastors are over the age of 40.
- 75% of pastors are over the age of 60.
- Since 2010, the NALC has grown to more than 420 congregations and is still growing.

As a result, the Seminary's student body, faculty and staff are already growing and preparing to grow even more at our residential campus in Ambridge, at extension sites and through relationships with undergraduate institutions across North America.

**Join us this May** to observe North American Lutheran Seminary Month. With your prayers and generous donation, you are supporting the NALS and providing for the future of the North American Lutheran Church.

Gifts for this year's North American Lutheran Seminary Month may be remitted to:

**North American Lutheran Church**  
PO Box 860565  
Minneapolis, MN 55486-0565

Checks should be payable to North American Lutheran Church or NALS. Use the memo line to indicate North American Lutheran Seminary or NALS.

This Week at Emmanuel May 14-20		
Tuesday, May 15	9:00 am	TWC Meeting
Wednesday, May 16	7:00 pm	Choir
Thursday, May 17	9:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, May 20	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Fellowship
	10:40 am	Last Day of Sunday School

Offering for May 6, 2018	Attendance: 101
Current- \$3,325	Food Bank: \$50
Gifts & Memorials- \$500	Building- \$110



***Congratulations to the Members of the  
2018 Confirmation Class of Emmanuel Lutheran Church***



***Zachary Jon Badker***

Zach is the son of Jon and Kimberly Badker

He was born on September 19th, 2003 and baptized on November 2nd, 2003 at Rock Creek Lutheran Church

His sponsors are Mike and Jodi Juhl and Lon Badker

***Zach's Confirmation Verse: Ephesians 2:8***

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God.*

***Zach's Faith Reflection:*** *I believe in Jesus Christ because I need someone to follow to help me make good choices and to help me get the things I need to survive. To help me remain faithful I keep going to church and read the Bible. My mom keeps me grounded because if she didn't make to go to worship or remind me to pray, I might not be as faithful. If it were not for my family I would not believe in Jesus or go to church but they help me keep the faith. God has given me everything I need and more: a good home, family and friends. If I could ask God one question, it would be this: why did you not just kill all of humankind and then re-create us instead of having us live as sinning people. God is a forgiving God so I know that when I do something bad, He will forgive me.*

***Ryan Lee Hackbart***

Ryan is the son of Jason and Jody Hackbart

He was born on February 7th, 2005 and baptized on January 23rd, 2011 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

His sponsors are Russ and Amy Johnson

***Ryan's Confirmation Verse: 1 Corinthians 1:8***

*For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

***Ryan's Faith Reflection:*** *I believe in God! I believe in God because I want to live forever in eternal life with God and my family. I am putting my life, decisions, actions and eternity under His control because He is the Lord of my life. I keep on believing this because of my family and my pastor. They have taught me new things about God and what Jesus has done for me. I have been grounded in this belief and want to continue to learn. Some questions I think about are: when will Jesus return to save us all? Also: why me? After I am confirmed, my plans are to continue to pray every night for many things and to keep going to worship with my family and being involved with Logos Legos.*

***Emma Tillie Hicken***

Emma is the daughter of Cory and Kim Hicken

She was born on October 24th, 2003 and baptized on January 18th, 2004 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Her sponsors are Karen Shurtz, Amy Durgin, Joe Walk and Konni Johnson

***Emma's Confirmation Verse: John 8:31 & 32***

*Jesus says: If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*

***Emma's Faith Reflection:*** *My faith is something special that I know is true. Many things have influenced my faith and made me a strong believer in God. I am rooted in my faith because in faith we now believe what we do not see so one day we will see what we believe. How do I know that God will always be there? I keep trusting in my heavenly Father that He will guide me in the right direction, so one day I will see what I believe. I want to follow the words and example of Jesus Christ, my Lord.*