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The Third Sunday in Advent

*Gaudete – “Rejoice!”*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome!** Emmanuel is a liturgical, traditional, historical, evangelical, catholic, orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation, in communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA). We believe that the Bible is the very Word of God, inspired and without any errors. We confess the truth of Scripture according to the Lutheran Book of Concord of 1580, without exception or reservation. We observe the calendar of the traditional Church Year and follow the Historic Lectionary. We celebrate the Divine Service (also known as the Mass) every Sunday and on other festivals, and we welcome visitors to hear God’s Word with us.

 With regard to Holy Communion, we ask our visitors to respect our practice of *closed Communion*, which means that only communicant members of our congregation or of other congregations in communion with us are invited to commune at the Lord’s Table here, after they have been examined and absolved. Classes are offered throughout the year by the pastor so that those who are interested in joining our Communion fellowship have the opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and our confession of it.

**The Order of Service** is *The Order of Holy Communion* (page 15) from *The Lutheran Hymnal* (TLH). The Scriptures are read from the New King James Version (NKJV). The Propers (the parts that change from week to week) are noted on the following page of this Service Folder.

**Note: The *Gloria in Excelsis* is omitted during the Advent season.**

**EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE…**

TODAY - Begin decorating church for Christmas, after the service

Wed., Dec. 20 - Supper, 5:45 PM; Advent Vespers, 6:30 PM

 - Caroling at 1 or 2 houses after Vespers

Sun., Dec. 24 - Sunday School & Bible Class, 9 AM

 - Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Advent 4)

 - Christmas Eve Vespers, 6:30 PM

Mon., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Divine Service, 10 AM

Sun., Dec. 31 - ***No Sunday School or Bible Class***

 - Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Sunday after Christmas)

Sat., Jan. 6 - Matins, 10 AM (The Epiphany of Our Lord)

Sun., Jan. 7 - ***No Sunday School.*** (Bible Class TBD)

 - Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Epiphany 1)

**PROPERS Advent 3**

**HYMNS**

**OPENING HYMN** *TLH #62 - Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel*

**HYMN** *(after the Creed)**TLH #393 - From God Shall Naught Divide Me*

**HYMN** *(after General Prayer) TLH #65 - When Sinners See Their Lost Condition*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** *TLH #75 - Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken*

*TLH #66 - Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*

 **Epistle:** *1 Corinthians 4:1-5* **Gospel:** *Matthew 11:2-10*

*The Order of Holy Communion begins on p. 15 of The Lutheran Hymnal.*

**INTROIT** *Phil. 4:4-5; Ps. 85:1,2,6,8*

*After the Refrain is introduced one time (1x) by the organ/guitar, all join to sing it three times (3x). The Psalm verses and Gloria Patri are spoken while the music plays softly in the background. Then the Refrain is sung by all twice (2x) more.*



C ***(Sing Refrain 3x*** *while the Pastor sings the first line of the Psalm:**Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord!)*

P Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

C **Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.**

P Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,

C **let your requests be made known to God;**

P LORD, You have been favorable to Your land;

C **You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.**

P You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;

C **You have covered all their sin.**

P Will You not revive us again,

C **that Your people may rejoice in You?**

P I will hear what God the Lord will speak,

C **for He will speak peace to His people.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

 **as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

C ***(Sing Refrain 2x)***

*The service continues with The Kyrie on p.17, followed by the Salutation & Collect.*

*After the Epistle follows the Gradual & Hallelujah (next page).*

**THE GRADUAL & HALLELUJAH** *(after the Epistle)**Ps. 80:1b, 2b, 1a; 80:2b*

P You who dwell between the cher- | ubim, shine forth!

Stir up | Your strength and come! \_\_

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

You who lead Jo- | seph like a flock. \_\_

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. | Stir up Your strength,**

**and come and save us! | Alleluia. \_\_**

*The service continues with The Triple Hallelujah and The Gospel, p. 20-21.*

God’s Word at Home

**Bible Reading**: 1 Samuel 2-14

**Small Catechism**: Creed, Third Article, Part 2

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers, and on the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

**Bible Passages**:

Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.