

Service Folder



The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Rorate Coeli – “Rain down, O heavens, from above!”
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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.

There will be no Sunday School or Bible class for the next two Sundays.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Mon., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Vespers, 6 PM
 - Tues., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Divine Service, 10:15 AM
 - Sun., Dec. 30 - ***No Sunday School or Bible Class***
 - Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Sunday after Christmas)
 - Tues., Jan. 1 - Matins for the Circumcision of Our Lord, 10:15 AM
 - Sun., Jan. 6 - ***No Sunday School, Bible Class, or Service***
 - Tues., Jan. 8 - Divine Service, 6 PM (Epiphany, observed)
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HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

TLH #95 - Savior of the Nations, Come

HYMN (after the Creed)

TLH #61 - Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

HYMN (after General Prayer)

TLH #60 - Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

TLH #74 - Once He Came in Blessing

TLH #314 - Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Epistle: *Philippians 4:4-7*

Gospel: *John 1:19-28*

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

INTROIT

Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 19:1, 4-6

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.

Refrain

James J. Chepponis



Come, come Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

- C** *(Sing Refrain 3x while the Pastor sings the first line of the Psalm: Rain down, O heav'ns, from above!)*
- P** Rain down, you heavens, from above, *
- C** **And let the skies pour down righteousness;**
- P** Let the earth open her womb, *
- C** **And bring forth salvation.**
- P** The heavens declare the glory of God; *
- C** **And the firmament shows His handiwork.**
- P** Their line is gone out into all the earth, *
- C** **And their words to the end of the world.**
- P** In the heavens He has set a tabernacle for the sun, *
- C** **Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber.**
- P** Its rising is from one end of the heaven, *
- C** **And its circuit to the other end.**
- 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. 145:18, 21; 40:17



- P** The Lord is near to all who | call upon Him,
To all who call up- | on Him in truth. __
My mouth shall speak the | praise of the Lord,
And all flesh shall bless | His holy name. __
- C** Alleluia. Alleluia. You are my help and my | deliverer;
Do not delay, O my God. | Alleluia. __

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

GOD'S WORD AT HOME

Bible Reading: Matthew 12-25

Small Catechism: Lord's Prayer, Fourth Petition, Part 2

What is meant by daily bread?

Everything that pertains to the needs and necessities of this life, such as food, drink, clothes, shoes, house, yard, land, cattle, money, property, a dutiful spouse, dutiful children, dutiful servants, dutiful and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, trustworthy neighbors, and the like.

Bible Passages:

Colossians 2:11-14 In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.