

# Service Folder



## The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany February 3, 2019

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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.

## EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Sun., Feb. 10 - Bible Class/Sunday School, 9AM
- Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Transfiguration)

## Small Catechism: Baptism: Second

*What benefit does Baptism give?*

It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation, to all who believe this, as the word and promise of God declare.

*Which word and promise of God are these?*

Our Lord Christ says in the last chapter of Mark: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned."

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## HYMNS

### OPENING HYMN

TLH #353 - Lord Jesus Christ My Savior Blest

### HYMN (after the Creed)

TLH #518 – If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

### HYMN (after General Prayer)

TLH #521 - What God Ordains Is Always Good

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

TLH #651 – Be Still, My Soul

TLH #307 - Draw Nigh and Take

**Epistle:** Romans 13:8-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 8:23-27

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

## THE INTROIT (after the general Absolution)

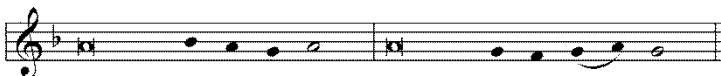
Psalm 97:7; Psalm 97:1

**P** (Antiphon) WORSHIP Him, all | you His angels.\*

Zion | hears and is — glad.

And the Daughters of | Judah rejoice \*

Because of your | judgments, O — Lord.



**C** The Lord reigns; let | the earth rejoice; \*

Let the multitude | of isles be — glad!

**GLORIA PATRI** (p.16): 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.

**P** (Antiphon)

*The service continues with the Kyrie and the Gloria in Excelsis, TLH p.17.*

## THE GRADUAL & HALLELUJAH (after the Epistle)

Ps. 102:1516; Ps. 97:1

**P** The nations shall fear the | name of the Lord, \*

And all the kings of the | earth Your glo- -ry.

**C** For the Lord shall | build up Zion; \*

He shall appear | in His glo- -ry.

**P** Al- | — lelulia. \*

Al- | — lelu- -ia.

**C** The Lord reigns; let | the earth rejoice, \*

Let the multitude of isles be glad! | Allelu- -ia!

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

### **from the *Large Catechism*, Lord's Prayer: Third Petition**

If we would be Christians, therefore, we must surely expect and count on having the devil with all his angels and the world as our enemies. They will bring every possible misfortune and grief upon us. For where God's Word is preached, accepted, or believed and produces fruit, there the holy cross cannot be missing. And let no one think that he shall have peace. He must risk whatever he has upon earth — possessions, honor, house and estate, wife and children, body and life. Now, this hurts our flesh and the old Adam. The test is to be steadfast and to suffer with patience in whatever way we are assaulted, and to let go whatever is taken from us.

So there is just as great a need, as in all the other petitions, that we pray without ceasing, "Dear Father, Your will be done, not the devil's will or our enemies' or anything that would persecute and suppress Your holy Word or hinder Your kingdom. Grant that we may bear with patience and overcome whatever is to be endured because of Your Word and kingdom, so that our poor flesh may not yield or fall away because of weakness or sluggishness."

Look, we have in these three petitions, in the simplest way, the needs that relate to God Himself. Yet they are all for our sakes. Whatever we pray concerns us alone. As we have said before, we pray that what must be done without us anyway may also be done in us. As His name must be hallowed and His kingdom come whether we pray or not, so also His will must be done and succeed. This is true even though the devil with all his followers raise a great riot, are angry and rage against it, and try to exterminate the Gospel completely. But for our own sakes we must pray that, even against their fury, His will be done without hindrance among us also. We pray so that they may not be able to accomplish anything and that we may remain firm against all violence and persecution and submit to God's will.

Such prayer, then, is to be our protection and defense now. It is to repel and put down all that the devil, pope, bishops, tyrants, and heretics can do against our Gospel. Let them all rage and attempt their utmost and deliberate and resolve how they may suppress and exterminate us, so that their will and counsel may prevail. Over and against this one or two Christians with this petition alone shall be our wall, against which they shall run and dash themselves to pieces. We have this comfort and confidence: the devil's will and purpose and all our enemies shall and must fail and come to nothing, no matter how proud, secure, and powerful they know themselves to be. For if their will were not broken and hindered, God's kingdom could not remain on earth nor His name be hallowed.