

# Service Folder



## Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

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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 the Word of God 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., Sep. 8 - Sunday School & Bible class 9 AM
- Divine Service 10:15 AM (Trinity 12)

## Daily Lectionary for the Week of Trinity 11:

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Mon</b>	Eph. 6:18-24	1 Kings 16:29-17:24
<b>Tue</b>	Phil. 1:12-2:4	1 Kings 18:1-46
<b>Wed</b>	Phil. 2:19-30	1 Kings 19:1-21
<b>Thu</b>	Phil. 3:1-11	1 Kings 21:1-29
<b>Fri</b>	Phil. 4:1-3	1 Ki. 22:51-2 Ki. 1:17
<b>Sat</b>	Phil. 4:8-23	2 Kings 2:1-25



**HYMNS**

<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	<i>TLH #318 - Before Thee God Who Knowest All</i>
<b>HYMN (after the Creed)</b>	<i>TLH #369 - All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall</i>
<b>HYMN (after General Prayer)</b>	<i>TLH #375 - If Thy Beloved Son, O God</i>
<b>DISTRIBUTION HYMN</b>	<i>TLH #305 - Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness</i>

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-10    **Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14

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

**THE INTROIT** (after general Absolution) *Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b; Ps. 68:1*

**P** (Antiphon) God is in His holy habi- | tation. \*  
 God sets the solitary in | families.  
 The God of Israel is He who | gives strength \*  
 And power to | His people.



**C** Let God arise, Let His enemies be | scattered; \*  
 Let those also who hate Him flee | before Him.

**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, p. 17.*

**THE GRADUAL & HALLELUJAH** (after the Epistle) *Ps. 28:7b, 1b, 2a; Ps. 90:1*

**P** My heart trusted in God, and I | am helped; \*  
 Therefore my heart greatly rejoices; And with my song I | will praise Him.

**C** To You I will cry, O Lord, | my Rock; \*  
 Do not be silent to me, hear the voice of my sup- | plications.

**P** Alle- | luia! \*  
 Al- | leluia!

**C** Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all gener- | ations. \*  
 Al- | leluia!

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

**from the *Apology of the Augsburg Confession: Art. V (III)***

Scripture also often teaches the same. “Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You” (Psalm 143:2). This passage denies absolutely—even to all saints and servants of God—the glory of righteousness, if God does not forgive, but judges and convicts their hearts. For when David boasts in other places about his righteousness, he speaks about his own cause against the persecutors of God’s Word. He does not speak of his personal purity. He asks that God’s cause and glory be defended, “Judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me” (Psalm 7:8) Likewise, in Psalm 130:3, he says that no one can endure God’s judgment, if God were to mark our sins: “If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?”

“All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it” (Isaiah 40:6-7).

Namely, flesh and righteousness of the flesh cannot endure God’s judgment. Jonah 2:8 also says, “Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love,” that is, all confidence is empty, except confidence in mercy. Mercy delivers us; our own merits, our own efforts, do not. So Daniel also prays: “For we do not present our pleas before You because of our righteousness, but because of Your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for Your own sake, O my God, because Your city and Your people are called by Your name” (Daniel 9:18-19).

So Daniel teaches us in praying to seize mercy, that is, to trust in God’s mercy and not to trust in our own merits before God. We also wonder what our adversaries do in prayer, if the ungodly people ever ask anything of God. If they declare that they are worthy because they have love and good works and ask for grace as a debt, they pray precisely like the Pharisee who says, “I am not like other men” (Luke 18:11). He who prays for grace in this way does not rely upon God’s mercy and treats Christ with disrespect. After all, He is our High Priest, who intercedes for us. So prayer relies upon God’s mercy, when we believe that we are heard for Christ’s sake. He is our High Priest, as He Himself says, “Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it” (John 14:13-14). Without this High Priest we cannot approach the Father.