

Service Folder



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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.

Service note: The *Gloria in Excelsis* and all Hallelujah's are omitted from the service from Septuagesima until the Vigil of Easter.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Sun., Feb. 23 - Bible Class/Sunday School, 9AM
 - Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Quinquagesima)
 - Wed., Feb. 26 - Divine Service for First Day of Lent, 6:30PM
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HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

TLH #16 – Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

HYMN *(after the Creed)*

TLH #500 – May God Bestow on Us His Grace

HYMN *(after General Prayer)*

TLH #296 – Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

TLH #306 - Lord Jesus Christ Thou Hast Prepared

Epistle: *2 Corinthians 11:19 - 12:9* **Gospel:** *Luke 8:4-15*

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

THE INTROIT *(after the general Absolution)*

Ps. 44:23-24a, 25a, 26a; Ps. 44:1a, 2

P *(Antiphon)* **AWAKE!** Why do | You sleep, O — Lord? *

Arise! Do not cast us | off — for- -ever.

Why do | You hide Your — face, *

And forget | our — af- -fliction?

For our soul is bowed |down to the — dust; *

Arise for our help | and — re- -deem us.



G **We have heard with | our ears, O — God, ***

Our fathers have told us, the deeds You | did — in — their days.

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), followed immediately by the Collect.

THE GRADUAL & TRACT *(after the Epistle)*

Psalm 83:18, 13; Psalm 60:2, 5

P Let the nations know that Your | Name is the — Lord, *

You alone are the Most High o- | ver — all — the earth.

G **O my God, make | them like a — wheel, ***

Like the chaff | be- -fore — the wind!

P You have made the earth tremble; You | have broken — it; *

Heal its breaches, for | it — is — shaking.

G **That Your beloved may | be deliv- -ered, ***

Save | with — Your — right hand.

from the *Formula of Concord: SD: XI*

The Holy Ghost wishes certainly to be present with the Word preached, heard, considered, and to be efficacious and operate through it...Moreover, even as God has ordained in His [eternal] counsel that the Holy Ghost should call, enlighten, and convert the elect through the Word, and that He will justify and save all those who by true faith receive Christ, so He also determined in His counsel that He will harden, reprobate, and condemn those who are called through the Word, if they reject the Word and resist the Holy Ghost, who wishes to be efficacious and to work in them through the Word and persevere therein. And in this manner many are called, but few are chosen.

For few receive the Word and follow it; the greatest number despise the Word, and will not come to the wedding, Matt. 22, 3ff. The cause for this contempt for the Word is not God's foreknowledge [or predestination], but the perverse will of man, which rejects or perverts the means and instrument of the Holy Ghost, which God offers him through the call, and resists the Holy Ghost, who wishes to be efficacious, and works through the Word, as Christ says: How often would I have gathered you together, and ye would not! Matt. 23, 37.

Thus many receive the Word with joy, but afterwards fall away again, Luke 8, 13. But the cause is not as though God were unwilling to grant grace for perseverance to those in whom He has begun the good work, for that is contrary to St. Paul, Phil. 1, 6; but the cause is that they willfully turn away again from the holy commandment [of God], grieve and embitter the Holy Ghost, implicate themselves again in the filth of the world, and garnish again the habitation of the heart for the devil. With them the last state is worse than the first, 2 Pet. 2, 10, 20; Eph. 4, 30; Heb. 10, 26; Luke 11, 25.

Thus far is the mystery of predestination revealed to us in God's Word, and if we abide thereby and cleave thereto, it is a very useful, salutary, comforting doctrine; for it establishes very effectually the article that we are justified and saved without all works and merits of ours, purely out of grace alone, for Christ's sake. For before the time of the world, before we existed, yea, before the foundation of the world was laid, when, of course, we could do nothing good, we were according to God's purpose chosen by grace in Christ to salvation, Rom. 9, 11; 2 Tim. 1, 9. Moreover, all opinions and erroneous doctrines concerning the powers of our natural will are thereby overthrown, because God in His counsel, before the time of the world, decided and ordained that He Himself, by the power of His Holy Ghost, would produce and work in us, through the Word, everything that pertains to our conversion.