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Sunday after the Ascension

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“Hear, O LORD, when I cry!”

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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 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., May 31 - Divine Service 10:15 AM (Pentecost)

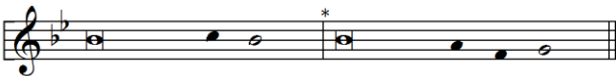
HYMNS

OPENING HYMN	TLH #223 - <i>We Thank Thee Jesus Dearest Friend</i>
HYMN (after the Creed)	TLH #267 - <i>If God Had Not Been on Our Side</i>
HYMN (after General Prayer)	TLH #264 - <i>Preserve Thy Word</i>
DISTRIBUTION HYMN	TLH #315 - <i>I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table</i>

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:7-11**Gospel:** John 15:26 – 16:4*The service begins on page 15 of The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH).***THE INTROIT** (after the general Absolution)

Psalm 27:7-9; Psalm 27:1

- P** (Antiphon) Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Alle- | luia! *
 When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face,
 LORD, | I will seek."
 Do not hide Your face | from me. *
 Alleluia! Al- | leluia!



- C** The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation; *
 Whom | shall I fear?

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 Gloria.***THE GREATER HALLELUJAH** (after the Epistle)

Psalm 47:8; John 14:18, 16:22

- P** Alle- | luia! *
 Al- | leluia!
- C** **God reigns over the | nations; *
 God sits on His | holy throne.
 I will not leave you orphans; I will come | to you, *
 and your heart shall rejoice. Al- | leluia!**

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

from *The Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration, Art. XI*

Furthermore, this doctrine [of Predestination] provides glorious consolation under the cross and amid temptations. In other words, God in His counsel, before the time of the world, determined and decreed that He would assist us in all distresses. He determined to grant patience, give consolation, nourish and encourage hope, and produce an outcome for us that would contribute to our salvation. 49 Also, Paul teaches this in a very consoling way. He explains that God in His purpose has ordained before the time of the world by what crosses and sufferings He would conform every one of His elect to the image of His Son. His cross shall and must work together for good for everyone, because they are called according to God's purpose. Therefore, Paul has concluded that it is certain and beyond doubt that neither "tribulation, or distress," neither "death nor life," or other such things "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (See Romans 8:28, 29, 35, 38, 39.)

This article provides a glorious testimony that God's Church will exist and abide in opposition to all the gates of hell. Likewise, it teaches what God's true Church is, so that we may not be offended by the great authority of the false church (Romans 9:24-25).

from *The Apology of the Augsburg Confession: Article V (III)*

Human nature is far too weak to resist the devil by its own powers. He holds as captive everyone who has not been freed through faith. There is need for Christ's power against the devil. For we know that for Christ's sake we are heard and have the promise. We may pray for the governance and defense of the Holy Spirit, that we may neither be deceived and err, nor be pushed to do anything against God's will. Psalm 68:18 teaches this very thing: "You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in Your train and receiving gifts among men." Christ has overcome the devil, and has given to us the promise and the Holy Spirit, in order that – by divine aid – we ourselves may also overcome. So 1 John 3:8 says, "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil." Again, we teach not only how the Law can be kept, but also how God is pleased if anything is done. This is not because we satisfy the Law, but because we are in Christ.