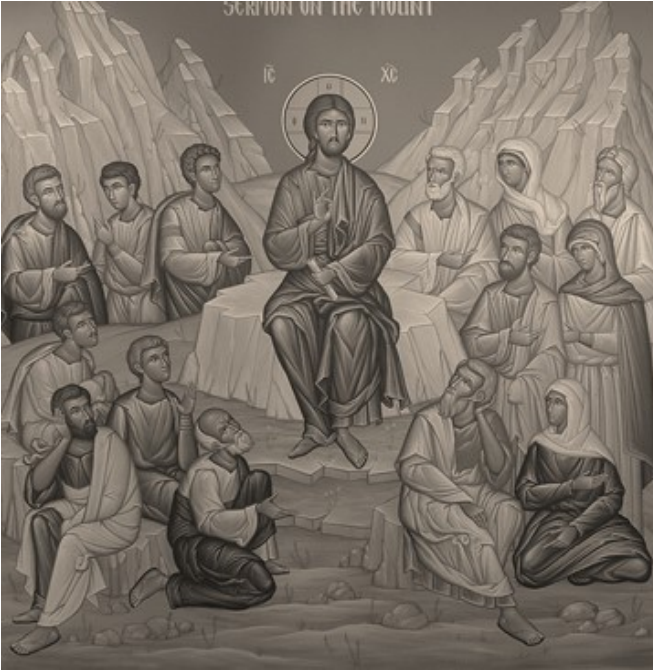


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Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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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 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., Sept. 27 - Bible class & Sunday School, 9 AM
- Divine Service 10:15 AM (Trinity 16)

Daily Lectionary for the Week of Trinity 15:

	MORNING	EVENING
Mon	Titus 3:8-15	2 Kings 20:1-21
Tue	Philemon 1:25	2 Kings 21:1-26
Wed	Heb. 1:1-14	2 Chron. 34:1-33
Thu	Heb. 2:5-3:6	2 Chron. 35:20-36:10
Fri	Heb. 4:14-5:14	Jer. 22:1-30
Sat	Heb. 6:1-20	Jer. 25:1-14

HYMNS

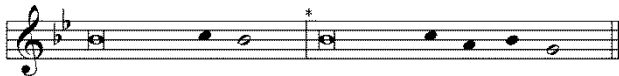
- OPENING HYMN** TLH #437 - *Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode*
HYMN (after the Creed) TLH #366 - *One Thing's Needful Lord This Treasure*
HYMN (after General Prayer) TLH #535 - *Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*
DISTRIBUTION HYMN TLH #306 - *Lord Jesus Christ Thou Hast Prepared*

Epistle: Galatians 5:25 - 6:10 **Gospel:** Matthew 6:24-34

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

THE INTROIT (after general Absolution) Ps. 86:1a,2b,3; Psalm 86:4

- P** (Antiphon) Bow down Your ear, O LORD, | hear me; *
 You are my God; Save Your servant | who trusts in You!
 Be merciful to me, | O Lord, *
 For I cry to | You all day long.



- C** Rejoice the soul of Your | servant, *
 For to You, O Lord, I | lift up my soul.

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. 118:8-9; Ps. 108:1

- P** It is better to trust in | the LORD *
 Than to put con- | fidence in man.
C It is better to trust in | the LORD *
 Than to put confi- | dence in princes.
P Alle- | lu-ia. *
 Al- | — le-lu-ia.
C O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and | give praise, *
 even with my glory. | Al-le-lu-ia.

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

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

For the coming of God's kingdom to us happens in two ways: (a) here in time through the Word and faith; and (b) in eternity forever through revelation. Now we pray for both these things. We pray that the kingdom may come to those who are not yet in it, and, by daily growth that it may come to us who have received it, both now and hereafter in eternal life. All this is nothing other than saying, "Dear Father, we pray, give us first Your Word, so that the Gospel may be preached properly throughout the world. Second, may the Gospel be received in faith and work and live in us, so that through the Word and the Holy Spirit's power, Your kingdom may triumph among us. And we pray that the devil's kingdom be put down so that he may have no right or power over us, until at last his power may be utterly destroyed. So sin, death, and hell shall be exterminated. Then we may live forever in perfect righteousness and blessedness".

From this you see that we do not pray here for a crust of bread or a temporal, perishable good. Instead, we pray for an eternal inestimable treasure and everything that God Himself possesses. This is far too great for any human heart to think about desiring, if God had not Himself commanded us to pray for the same. But because He is God, He also claims the honor of giving much more and more abundantly than anyone can understand. He is like an eternal, unfailing fountain. The more it pours forth and overflows, the more it continues to give. God desires nothing more seriously from us than that we ask Him for much and great things. In fact, He is angry if we do not ask and pray confidently.

It's like a time when the richest and most mighty emperor would tell a poor beggar to ask whatever he might desire. The emperor was ready to give great royal presents. But the fool would only beg for a dish of gruel. That man would rightly be considered a rogue and a scoundrel, who treated the command of his Imperial Majesty like a joke and a game and was not worthy of coming into his presence. In the same way, it is a great shame and dishonor to God if we—to whom He offers and pledges so many inexpressible treasures—despise the treasures or do not have the confidence to receive them, but hardly dare to pray for a piece of bread.

All this is the fault of shameful unbelief that does not even look to God for enough decent food to satisfy the stomach. How much less does such unbelief expect to receive eternal treasures from God without doubt? Therefore, we must strengthen ourselves against such doubt and let this be our first prayer. Then, indeed, we shall have everything else in abundance, as Christ teaches, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you". For how could He allow us to suffer lack and to be desperate for temporal things when He promises to give us what is eternal and never perishes?