

# Service Folder



## The Festival of St. Luke, Evangelist

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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 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., Oct. 25 - Sunday School & Bible Class, 9 AM
  - Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Reformation Day, observed)
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**HYMNS**

- OPENING HYMN** TLH #494 - *Awake Thou Spirit Who Didst Fire*  
**HYMN** (after the Creed) TLH #192 - *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*  
**HYMN** (after General Prayer) TLH #599 - *My Course is Run*  
**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** TLH #315 - *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 4:5-15

**Gospel:** Luke 10:1-9

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

**THE INTROIT** (after the general Absolution) Jer. 30:2 paraphrased; Psalm 72:17-19

- P** (Antiphon) THE LORD God said | to me, \*  
 "Write all the words that I have spoken unto You into a book for a | memorial."



- G** His name will endure for- | ever; \*  
 His name will be continued as long | as the sun.

**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. 45:2a, 1a; Eph. 4:11,12

- P** You are fairer than the sons | of men; \*  
 Grace is poured up- | on Your lips.
- G** My heart is overflowing with a | good theme \*  
 I recite my composition concern- | ing the King.
- P** Alle- | luia! \*  
 A- | lelulia!
- G** The Lord Jesus gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evan- | gelists, \*  
 For the edifying of the body of Christ. Al- | lelulia!

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

St. Luke, “the beloved physician” (Col. 4:14), is the author of the third Gospel. The Gospel according to St. Luke is known for its orderly presentation (1:1), for the details it provides surrounding the birth of Christ (Luke 1-2), for its special emphasis on Jesus as the One who came to save the lost (Luke 15, 19:10), and for uniquely relating several of Jesus’ encounters with non-Jews—further evidence that Luke himself was likely a Gentile Christian. His Gospel is addressed to Theophilus, tying it directly to the book of Acts, also addressed to Theophilus, and thus identifying Luke as the author also of that book. The “we” sections in Acts indicate that the author accompanied St. Paul in many stages of his missionary journeys, beginning in Troas (Acts 16:8-10). St. Luke was there with St. Paul during his first imprisonment in Rome, where the book of Acts ends, and was the only faithful disciple to stay with the Apostle Paul during his second Roman imprisonment (2 Tim. 4:11). Thus both the Gospel of Luke and Acts were written under direct apostolic supervision, for which reason their authenticity has never been seriously questioned.