

# Service Folder



## The Second Sunday in Advent *Populus Sion – “Daughter of Zion, behold!”* December 6, 2020

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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.

**Note: The *Gloria in Excelsis* is omitted during the Advent season.**

### EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Wed., Dec 9 - Advent Vespers 6 PM
  - Sun., Dec. 13 - Bible class & Sunday School, 9 AM
  - Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Advent 3)
  
  - Wed., Dec. 16 - Advent Vespers 6 PM
  - Wed., Dec. 23 - Advent Vespers 6 PM
  - Thur., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Vespers, 6:30 PM
  - Fri., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Divine Service, 10 AM
  - Sat., Dec. 26 - Matins for St. Stephen, 10 AM
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## THE GRADUAL & HALLELUJAH *(after the Epistle) Ps. 50:2-3,5; Lk. 21:26c-27*



- P** Out of Zion, the perfec- | tion of beauty,  
God will shine forth: | Our God shall come. —  
Gather My saints toge- | ther unto Me,  
Those who have made a covenant with Me | by sacrifice. —
- C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. The powers of heaven | will be shaken.**  
**Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with**  
**power and great glory. | Alleluia. —**

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

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WE BELIEVE, TEACH AND CONFESS...

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### *from* the Apology to the Augsburg Confession: Art. XV

We cheerfully maintain the old traditions made in the Church for the sake of usefulness and peace. We interpret them in a more moderate way and reject the opinion that holds they justify...Among us many use the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day...In our churches all the sermons are filled with such topics as these: repentance; the fear of God; faith in Christ, the righteousness of faith, the comfort of consciences by faith; the exercises of faith; prayer, what its nature should be, and that we should be fully confident that it is powerful, that it is heard; the cross; the authority of officials and all civil ordinances; the distinction between the kingdom of Christ, or the spiritual kingdom, and political affairs; marriage; the education and instruction of children; chastity; all the offices of love. From this condition of the churches it may be determined that we earnestly keep Church discipline, godly ceremonies, and good Church customs.

We teach this about the putting to death of the flesh and discipline of the body: a true and not a false putting to death happens through the cross and troubles, by which God exercises us. In them we must obey God's will, as Paul says, "Present your bodies as a living sacrifice" (Rom. 12:1). They are the spiritual exercises of fear and faith. In addition to this putting to death, which happens through the cross, there is also a necessary, voluntary exercise. Christ says, "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation" (Luke 21:34). And Paul says, "I discipline my body and keep it under control" (1 Cor. 9:27), and so on. These exercises are to be accepted not because they are services that justify, but because they are assumed to control the flesh, should overindulgence overpower us, and make us secure and unconcerned. This results in people indulging and obeying the tendencies of the flesh. This effort should be constant because it has God's permanent command.