

Service Folder



Oculi – Third Sunday in Lent

“My eyes are ever toward the Lord”

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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.

Service notes: All Hallelujah's are omitted from the service from Septuagesima until the Vigil of Easter. The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted throughout the Lenten season.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Wed., Mar. 10 - Supper, 5:30 PM; Vespers, 6:15 PM
 - Sat., Mar. 13 - ***Daylight Saving Time begins. Spring your clocks forward!***
 - Sun., Mar. 14 - Bible class & Sunday School 9 AM
 - Divine Service 10:15 AM (Laetare - Lent 4)
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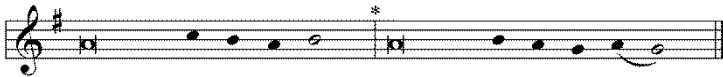
HYMNS

- OPENING HYMN** *TLH #263 - O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe*
HYMN *(after the Creed) Let Me Now with Gladness Say It (next page)*
HYMN *(after General Prayer) TLH #446 – Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*
DISTRIBUTION HYMN *TLH #315 - I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9 Gospel: Luke 11:14-28

THE INTROIT *(after the general Absolution)* *Psalm 25:15-16; Psalm 25:1*

- P** *(Antiphon)* MY EYES are ev- | er toward the Lord, *
 For He shall pluck my feet | out of the net.
 Turn Yourself to me, and have | mercy on me, *
 For I am desolate | and afflicted.



- G** To You, O Lord, I | lift up my soul. *
 O my God, I trust in You; let me | not be ashamed;

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 Epistle)* *Ps. 9:19, 3; 123:1, 3a*

- P** Arise, O Lord, do not | let man prevail; *
 Let the nations be | judged in Your sight.
G When my en- | emies turn back, *
 They shall fall and perish | at Your presence.
P Unto You I | lift up my eyes, *
 O You who dwell | in the heavens.
G Have mercy | on us, O Lord, *
 have | mercy on us!

The service continues on p. 21 with the reading of the Gospel.

Let Me Now with Gladness Say It

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Erdmann Neumeister, d. 1756

Tr: Paul A. Rydecki, 2020

Baptized Christian

1 Let me now with glad-ness say it: I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!
2 Now no sin shall make me fear-ful. I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!
3 Sa - tan, hear, I now de - cry you! I'm a bap-tized Chris-tian!

And though sight may not con-vey it, I'm one of God's chil-dren.
Now my heart is ev-er cheer-ful, Safe in this con-vic-tion:
With this truth I can de-fy you, Greet you with de-ri-sion.

How could all earth's rich-es cheer me When I have this treasure near me
I, from guilt and shame un-end-ing, by Bap-ti-sm's ho-ly cleansing,
Now that I've come to Bap-ti-sm, Vain is all your cri-ti-ci-sm.

Which has brought me bless-ings free, And saves me e-ter-nal-ly?
Can for-e'er de-li-vered be, For Christ's blood has sprin-kled me.
God's own co-ve-nant makes me Free from your dread ty-ran-ny.

4 When I'm dying I'll declare it:
I'm a baptized Christian!
For I know I'll soon inherit
All the joys of heaven.
Though my flesh in dust is waiting,
I'm in faith anticipating
That Baptism's pow'r divine,
Shall restore this flesh of mine.

5 Such a blessing must provide me
Comfort while I'm living.
And when death is right beside me,
Hope to me it's giving.
Though my heart and eyes are waning,
Still my soul shall be proclaiming:
I'm baptized! With Christ I'm dressed!
I am now forever blessed!