

Service Folder



The Festival of the Ascension of Our Lord

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Emmanuel is a liturgical, traditional, historical, evangelical, catholic, orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation, in fellowship 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.

The Paschal Candle. After the reading of the Gospel, the Paschal Candle, which has been lit continuously at every service for forty days since the Vigil of Easter, will be extinguished. The lit Paschal Candle has been a visual reminder of the forty days the risen Christ walked visibly among His disciples before His Ascension. The Paschal Candle will continue to stand next to the baptismal font and will be lit again whenever there is a baptism or a funeral as a visual reminder that baptism unites us to the death and resurrection of Christ.

HYMNS

- OPENING HYMN** TLH #212 - *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* (st. 1-5)
HYMN (after the Creed) TLH #387 - *Dear Christians, One & All* (st. 1-5)
HYMN (after General Prayer) TLH #387 – *Dear Christians, One & All* (st. 6-10)
DISTRIBUTION HYMNS TLH #301 – *He that Believes and Is Baptized*
 TLH #215 – *Draw Us to Thee*
CLOSING HYMN TLH #212 - *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* (st. 7)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Acts 1:1-11

Gospel: Mark 16:14-20

After the Confession and Absolution on TLH pp.15-16 follows:

THE INTROIT

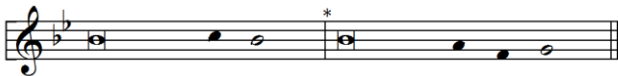
Acts 1:11; Psalm 47:1

P (Antiphon) Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into | heaven? *

Al- | lelulia!

This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into | heaven. *

Alleluia! Al- | lelulia!



C Oh, clap your hands, all you | peoples! *
 Shout to God with the voice | of triumph!

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 and The Gloria, p. 17.

THE GREATER HALLELUJAH (after the Epistle)

Psalm 47:5; 68:18

P Alle- | lulia! *

Al- | lelulia!

C God has gone up with | a shout, *
 The LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Al- | lelulia!
 You have ascended | on high, *
 You have led captivity captive. Al- | lelulia!

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

from the Augsburg Confession: Art. III: The Son of God

¹ Our churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God, assumed the human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. ² So there are two natures – the divine and the human – inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. ³ He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind.

⁴ He also descended into hell, and truly rose again on the third day. Afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures. ⁵ He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin.

⁶ The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth, according to the Apostles' Creed.

from the Large Catechism: The Creed, Second Article

After that He rose again from the dead, swallowed up and devoured death, and finally ascended into heaven and assumed the government at the Father's right hand. He did these things so that the devil and all powers must be subject to Him and lie at His feet until finally, at the Last Day, He will completely divide and separate us from the wicked world, the devil, death, sin, and such.

from the Treatise on the Power & Primacy of the Pope

Wherever the Church is, there is the authority to administer the Gospel. Therefore, it is necessary for the Church to retain the authority to call, elect, and ordain ministers. This authority is a gift that in reality is given to the Church. No human power can take this gift away from the Church. As Paul testifies to the Ephesians, when "He ascended ... He gave gifts to men" (Ephesians). He lists among the gifts specifically belonging to the Church "pastors and teachers", and adds that they are given for the ministry, "for building up the body of Christ". So wherever there is a True Church, the right to elect and ordain ministers necessarily exists.