

Service Folder



Twelfth 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 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...

- Wed., Aug. 25 - Vespers, 6:30 PM
- Sun., Aug. 29 - Bible class, 9 AM
- Divine Service 10:15 AM (Beheading of St. John the Baptist)

Daily Lectionary for the Week of Trinity 12:

	MORNING	EVENING
Mon	Col. 2:1-23	2 Kings 4:1-44
Tue	Col. 3:18-4:18	2 Kings 5:1-27
Wed	1 Thess. 1:1-10	2 Kings 6:1-23
Thu	1 Thess. 2:1-20	2 Kings 6:24-7:20
Fri	1 Thess. 3:1-13	2 Kings 8:1-15
Sat	1 Thess. 4:8-12	2 Kings 9:1-37

HYMNS**OPENING HYMN***TLH #5 – Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear***HYMN** *(after the Creed)**TLH #34 - My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker***HYMN** *(after General Prayer)**TLH #16 - Blessed Jesus at Thy Word***DISTRIBUTION HYMNS***TLH #304 - An Awe-full Mystery Is Here**TLH #310 - Thy Table I Approach***Epistle:** *2 Corinthians 3:4-11* **Gospel:** *Mark 7:31-37**The Order of Holy Communion begins on p. 15 of The Lutheran Hymnal.***THE INTROIT** *(after general Absolution)**Psalm 70:1-2a; Ps. 70:2b*

- P** *(Antiphon)* MAKE HASTE, O God, to deliv- | er me! *
 Make haste to help | me, O Lord!
 Let them be ashamed and con- | founded *
 Who | seek my life.



- C** Let them be turned back and | confused *
 Who de- | sire my hurt.

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)**Psalm 34:1-2; Ps. 81:1*

- P** I will bless the Lord at | all times; *
 His praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
- C** **My soul shall make its boast in | the Lord; ***
The humble shall hear of it | and be glad.
- P** Alle- | luia! *
 Al- | leluia!
- C** **Sing aloud to God, | our Strength; ***
Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob. Al- | leluia!

The service continues with The Gospel, p.21 in the hymnal.

from the *Large Catechism: Third Commandment*

Second, and most especially, on this day of rest (since we can get no other chance), we have the freedom and time to attend divine service. We come together to hear and use God's Word, and then to praise God, to sing and to pray.

However, this keeping of the Sabbath, I point out, is not restricted to a certain time, as with the Jewish people. It does not have to be just on this or that day. For in itself no one day is better than another. Instead, this should be done daily. However, since the masses of people cannot attend every day, there must be at least one day in the week set apart. From ancient times Sunday <the Lord's Day> has been appointed for this purpose. So we also should continue to do the same, in order that everything may be done in an orderly way and no one may create disorder by starting unnecessary practices.

This is the simple meaning of the commandment: People must have holidays. Therefore, such observances should be devoted to hearing God's Word so that the special function of this day of rest should be the ministry of the Word for the young and the mass of poor people. Yet the resting should not be strictly understood to forbid any work that comes up, which cannot be avoided.

So much depends upon God's Word. Without it, no holy day can be sanctified. Therefore, we must know that God insists upon a strict observance of this commandment and will punish all who despise His Word and are not willing to hear and learn it, especially at the time appointed for the purpose.

It is not only the people who greatly misuse and desecrate the holy day who sin against this commandment (those who neglect to hear God's Word because of their greed or frivolity or lie in taverns and are dead drunk like swine). But even that other crowd sins. They listen to God's Word like it was any other trifle and only come to preaching because of custom. They go away again, and at the end of the year they know as little of God's Word as at the beginning. Up to this point the opinion prevailed that you had properly hallowed Sunday when you had heard a Mass or the Gospel read. But no one cared for God's Word, and no one taught it. Now that we have God's Word, we fail to correct the abuse. We allow ourselves to be preached to and admonished, but we do not listen seriously and carefully.

Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining God's Word in memory. Do not think that this is optional for you or of no great importance. Think that it is God's commandment, who will require an account from you about how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word.