

# Service Folder



## Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

September 26, 2021

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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.

**Our Catechism Focus** this week is the [Creed: First Article](#).

## EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Wed., Sept. 29 - Vespers, 6:30 PM (St. Michael)
- Sun., Oct. 3
  - Sunday School & Bible Class, 9 AM
  - Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Trinity 18)
  - Potluck, after the service

## Daily Lectionary for the Week of Trinity 17:

	MORNING	EVENING
<b>Mon</b>	Heb. 11:17-40	Dan. 3:1-30
<b>Tue</b>	Heb. 12:1-17	Dan. 4:1-37
<b>Wed</b>	Heb. 13:1-25	Dan. 5:1-30
<b>Thu</b>	James 1:1-15	Dan. 5:31-6:28
<b>Fri</b>	James 2:1-13	Ezra 1:1-11
<b>Sat</b>	James 2:14-26	Ezra 3:1-13

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**HYMNS**

**OPENING HYMN**

*TLH #319 - In Thee Alone O Christ My Lord*

**HYMN** (after the Creed)

*TLH #524 - In Thee Lord Have I Put My Trust*

**HYMN** (after General Prayer)

*TLH #473 - The Church's One Foundation*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*TLH #324 - Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*  
*TLH #321 - O Faithful God Thanks Be to Thee*

**Epistle:** *Ephesians 4:1-6*

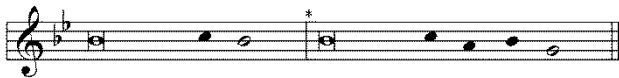
**Gospel:** *Luke 14:1-11*

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

**THE INTROIT** (after general Absolution)

*Psalm 119:137, 124a; Psalm 119:1*

P (Antiphon) **RIGHTEOUS** are You, | O Lord, \*  
 And upright | are Your judgments.  
 Deal with Your | servant \*  
 According | to Your mercy.



C **Blessèd** are the undefiled in | the way, \*  
**Who walk in the | Law of the Lord!**

**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 33:12, 6; 118:16*

P **Blessèd** is the nation whose God is | the Lord, \*  
 The people He has chosen as His own | inheritance.

C **By the word of the Lord the heavens | were made, \***  
**And all the host of them by the | breath of His mouth.**

P Alle- | luia. \*  
 Al- | — le-lu-ia.

C **The right hand of the Lord is ex- | alted; \***  
**The right hand of the Lord does valiantly. | Alleluia!**

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

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## WE BELIEVE, TEACH AND CONFESS...

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### **from the *Large Catechism: The Conclusion of the Ten Commandments***

Now we have the Ten Commandments, a summary of divine teaching about what we are to do in order that our whole life may be pleasing to God. Everything that is to be a good work must arise and flow from and in this true fountain and channel. So apart from the Ten Commandments no work or thing can be good or pleasing to God, no matter how great or precious it is in the world's eyes...

I am of the opinion, indeed, that here one will find his hands full to keep these commandments: meekness, patience, love towards enemies, chastity, kindness, and other such virtues and their implications. But such works are not of value and make no display in the world's eyes, for they are not peculiar and proud works, nor are they restricted to particular times, places, rites, and customs. They are common, everyday, household works that one neighbor can do for another. Therefore, they are not highly regarded.

But the other works cause people to open their eyes and ears wide. Men aid this effect by the great display, expense, and magnificent buildings with which they adorn such works, so that everything shines and glitters... For when a priest stands there in a surplice garment embroidered with gold thread, or a layman continues all day upon his knees in Church, that is regarded as a most precious work, which no one can praise enough. But when a poor girl tends a little child and faithfully does what she is told, that is considered nothing. For what else should monks and nuns seek in their cloisters?

Look, is not this a cursed overconfidence of those desperate saints who dare to invent a higher and better life and estate than the Ten Commandments teach? To pretend (as we have said) that this is an ordinary life for the common man, but theirs is for saints and perfect ones? The miserable blind people do not see that no person can go far enough to keep one of the Ten Commandments as it should be kept. Both the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer must come to our aid (as we shall hear). By them (power and strength to keep the commandments) is sought and prayed for and received continually...

All this I say and teach so that people might get rid of the sad misuse that has taken such deep root and still clings to everybody. In all estates upon earth they must get used to looking at these commandments only and to be concerned about these matters. For it will be a long time before they will produce a teaching or estate equal to the Ten Commandments, because they are so high that no one can reach them by human power. Whoever does reach them is a heavenly, angelic person, far above all holiness of the world. Just occupy yourself with them. Try your best. Apply all power and ability. You will find so much to do that you will neither seek nor value any other work or holiness.