

Service Folder



Twentieth 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 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.

Our Catechism Focus this week is the [Creed: Third Article, Part 1](#).

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Wed., Oct. 20 - Vespers, 6:30 PM (St. Luke)
- Sun., Oct. 24 - Sunday School & Bible Class, 9 AM
- Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Trinity 21)

Daily Lectionary for the Week of Trinity 20:

	MORNING	EVENING
Mon	Mark 4:1-41	Is. 43:1-13
Tue	Luke 13:18-35	Is. 41:1-20
Wed	Matt. 13:31-58	Hab. 2:1-4
Thu	Matt. 16:13-20	Is. 63:7-19
Fri	2 Cor. 3:10-4:18	Is. 64:1-12
Sat	2 Cor. 5:1-21	Is. 5:1-7

HYMNS**OPENING HYMN**TLH #343 – *How Lovely Shines* (st. 1-3)**HYMN** (after the Creed)TLH #343 – *How Lovely Shines* (st. 4-7)**HYMN** (after General Prayer) TLH #371 – *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness***DISTRIBUTION HYMN** TLH #306 - *Lord Jesus Christ Thou Hast Prepared***Epistle:** *Ephesians 5:15-21***Gospel:** *Matthew 22:1-14**The Order of Holy Communion begins on p. 15 of The Lutheran Hymnal.***THE INTROIT** (after general Absolution)*Prayer of Azariah 1:4,7,20,19; Ps. 48:1***P** (Antiphon) THE LORD, our God, is righteous in all His works | toward us, *

For we have not obeyed | His commandments.

Glorify Your Name, | O Lord: *

And deal with us according to | Your great mercy.

**G** Great is the Lord, and greatly to | be praised *

In the city of our God, in His | holy mountain.

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) *Ps. 145:15-16; Ps. 130:1-2a***P** The eyes of all look expectantly to You, | O Lord, *
And You give them their food | in due season.**G** You open | Your hand, *

And satisfy the desire of ev' - | ry living thing.

P Alle- | luia.

Al- | -- leluia. *

G Out of the depths I have cried to You, | O Lord;

Lord, hear my voice! | Alleluia.

The service continues with The Triple Hallelujah and Gospel, p.21-22 in the hymnal.

from the *Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration, art. XI*

If we want to think or speak correctly and usefully about eternal election, or the predestination or preordination of God's children to eternal life, we should make it our custom to avoid speculating about God's bare, secret, concealed, mysterious foreknowledge. Instead, we should think or speak about how God's counsel, purpose, and ordination in Christ Jesus—who is the true Book of Life—is revealed to us through the Word. In other words, the entire teaching about God's purpose, counsel, will, and ordination belongs to our redemption, call, justification, and salvation. They should be treated together the way Paul treats them and has explained this article (Rom. 8:29–30; Eph. 1:4–10) and as Christ treated it in the parable of Matt. 22:1–14; namely, that God in His purpose and counsel ordained the following:

1. That the human race should be truly redeemed and reconciled with God through Christ, who, by His faultless obedience, suffering, and death, has merited for us the righteousness that helps us before God and also merits eternal life.

2. That such merit and benefits of Christ should be presented, offered, and distributed to us through His Word and Sacraments.

3. That by His Holy Spirit, through the Word, when it is preached, heard, and pondered, Christ will be effective and active in us, will convert hearts to true repentance and preserve them in the true faith.

4. That the Spirit will justify all those who in true repentance receive Christ by a true faith. He will receive them into grace, the adoption of sons, and the inheritance of eternal life.

5. That He will also sanctify in love those who are justified, as St. Paul says (Eph. 1:4).

6. That He also will protect them in their great weakness against the devil, the world, and the flesh. He will rule and lead them in His ways, raise them again when they stumble, comfort them under the cross and in temptation, and preserve them for life eternal.

7. That He will also strengthen, increase, and support to the end the good work that He has begun in them, if they cling to God's Word, pray diligently, abide in God's goodness, and faithfully use the gifts they received.

8. Finally, that He will eternally save and glorify in life eternal those whom He has elected, called, and justified.

All this, according to the Scriptures, is included in the teaching about God's eternal election to adoption and eternal salvation, and is to be understood by it. It must never be excluded or omitted when we speak about God's purpose, predestination, election, and ordination to salvation.