Service Folder

Oh, give thanks

to the LORD,
for He is good,
for His mercy endures
forever.

Thanksgiving Eve

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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.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

Sun., Nov. 28 - Bible Class/Sunday School, 9 AM

Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Advent 1)

HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

TLH #36 - Now Thank We All Our God

HYMN (after the Creed)

TLH #458 – Our Father, Thou in Heaven (st. 1,5,9)

HYMN (after General Prayer)

TLH #39 - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(no distribution hymn)

First Lesson: Isaiah 26:1-12 Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

The Order of Holy Communion begins on p. 15 of The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH).

THE INTROIT (after the general Absolution)

Ps. 150:6,2; Ps. 150:1

(Antiphon) Let everything that has breath praise | the LORD.
Praise | — — the LORD!

Praise Him for His might- | y acts;

Praise Him according to His excep- | tional greatness!



- Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctu- | ary;
 Praise Him in the ex- | panse of His strength!

 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 in Excelsis, TLH p.17.

GRADUAL & HALLELUJAH (after the First Lesson) Ps. 145:15-16; Ps. 103:1-2

- P The eyes of all wait | for you, and you give them their food | in due season.
- You open | your hand and satisfy the desire of ev- | ery living thing.
- Alleluia! Alleluia! Bless the LORD, O | my soul! All that is within me, bless | his holy name!
- Bless the LORD, 0 | my soul, and forget not all his benefits! | Allelu--ia.

The service continues with The Triple Hallelujah and Gospel, TLH p.20.

THE FOURTH PETITION

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean?

God surely also gives daily bread to all evil people without our petition; but we ask in this prayer that He would allow us to recognize this, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Everything that pertains to the needs and necessities of this life, such as food, drink, clothes, shoes, house, yard, land, animals, money, property, a godly spouse, godly children, godly servants, godly and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, trustworthy neighbors, and the like.

from the Large Catechism

To sum things up, this petition includes everything that belongs to our entire life in the world, for we need daily bread because of life alone. It is not only necessary for our life that our body have food and clothes and other necessaries. It is also necessary that we spend our days in peace and quiet among the people with whom we live and have dealings in daily business and conversation and all sorts of doings. In short, this petition applies both to the household and also to the neighborly or civil relationship and government. Where these two things are hindered so that they do not prosper as they should, the necessaries of life also are hindered. Ultimately, life cannot be maintained. There is, indeed, the greatest need to pray for earthly authority and government. By them, most of all, God preserves for us our daily bread and all the comforts of this life. Though we have received from God all good things in abundance, we are not able to keep any of them or use them in security and happiness if He did not give us a permanent and peaceful government. For where there are dissension, strife, and war, there the daily bread is already taken away or is at least hindered.