

Service Folder



The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Rorate Coeli – “Rain down, O heavens, from above!”
December 19, 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 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.

Note: The *Gloria in Excelsis* is omitted during the Advent season.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- TODAY - ***Stay and decorate for Christmas!***
Wed., Dec. 22 - Supper 5:45 PM; Advent Vespers 6:30 PM
Fri., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Vespers, 6:30 PM
Sat., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Divine Service, 10 AM
Sun., Dec. 26 - ***No Bible class or Sunday School***
- Divine Service, 10:15 AM (St. Stephen)

Daily Lectionary for the Week of Advent 4:

	Morning	Evening
Mon	Matt. 1:18-25	Is. 40:1-11
Tue	Luke 1:39-45	Mal. 3:1-7
Wed	Luke 1:46-56	Mal. 4:1-6
Thu	Luke 1:57-66	Is. 28:14-19
Fri	Luke 1:67-80	Is. 7:1-17
Sat	Matt. 1:1-17	Micah 5:1-5

HYMNS

- OPENING HYMN** TLH #68 - *The Advent of Our King*
HYMN *(after the Creed)* TLH #61 - *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*
HYMN *(after General Prayer)* *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding (back page)*
DISTRIBUTION HYMN TLH #316 - *O Living Bread from Heaven*

Epistle: *Philippians 4:4-7*

Gospel: *John 1:19-28*

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

INTROIT

Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 19:1, 4-6

After the Refrain is introduced one time (1x) by the organ/guitar, all join to sing it three times (3x). The Psalm verses and Gloria Patri are spoken while the music plays softly in the background. Then the Refrain is sung by all twice (2x) more.

Refrain

James J. Chepponis



Come, come Em - man - u - el. Come, Em - man - u - el.

- C** *(Sing Refrain 3x while the Pastor sings the first line of the Psalm: Rain down, O heav'ns, from above!)*
- P** Rain down, you heavens, from above, *
- C** **And let the skies pour down righteousness;**
- P** Let the earth open her womb, *
- C** **And bring forth salvation.**
- P** The heavens declare the glory of God; *
- C** **And the firmament shows His handiwork.**
- P** Their line is gone out into all the earth, *
- C** **And their words to the end of the world.**
- P** In the heavens He has set a tabernacle for the sun, *
- C** **Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber.**
- P** Its rising is from one end of the heaven, *
- C** **And its circuit to the other end.**
- C** **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.**
- C** *(Sing Refrain 2x)*

The service continues with The Kyrie on p.17, followed by the Salutation & Collect.

After the Epistle follows the Gradual & Hallelujah.

