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First Day of Lent

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Emmanuel is a liturgical, traditional, historical, evangelical, catholic, orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation, in fellowship 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. 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.

An explanation of Lent

The season of Lent, also known as Quadragesima (40th), originated in the earliest days of the Christian church as a forty-day fast from the Wednesday after Quinquagesima through Holy Saturday, recalling Jesus' own forty-day fast in the wilderness as He faced and defeated the devil's temptations for us. Lent is a time for us to reflect on the importance of living in daily repentance and of avoiding mortal sin, that is, living in open rebellion against God and refusing to repent. It's also a time to focus on the great lengths our Savior went to in order to redeem us from sin, death, and the devil.

During the first millennium of the Church's history, ashes would sometimes be imposed by the Church on those who had fallen into such mortal sin, as a public testimony that the sinner had indeed repented and had been received back into fellowship with the Church. The practice eventually changed so that all Christians would receive ashes on their foreheads on "Ash" Wednesday. The Lutheran Reformers did not see any benefit in retaining that relatively new custom. For this reason, we do not practice the imposition of ashes, and, therefore, we prefer to refer to this day as the First Day of Lent.

The Divine Service with Confessional Service

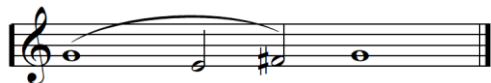
The Lutheran Hymnal, p.46

Hymn

TLH #318 - Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All

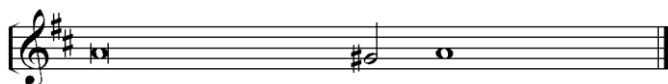
The Order of the Confessional Service

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



A - - - - men.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

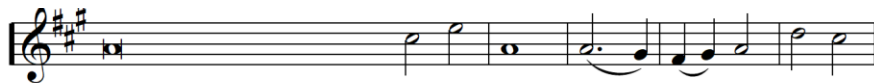


R Make haste to help me, O Lord.

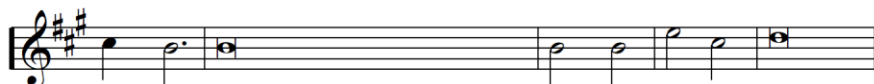
P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.



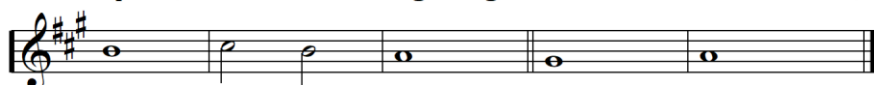
R A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not de - spise.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly



Spir - it; as it was in the beginning, is now and ev - er shall be,



for - ev - er - more. A - - men.

The Psalm

Psalms 51

Lesson

Jonah 3:1-10

The Exhortation

P Dearly beloved: Since we intend to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, we do well to examine ourselves carefully, as St. Paul urges us. For this holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But if we examine ourselves in this way, we will find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we can in no way set ourselves free. Therefore,

our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken upon Himself our nature, that He might fulfill for us the whole will and Law of God and, for us and for our deliverance, suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved.

And to the end that we should the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in a cheerful obedience to His holy will, He has instituted the holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood.

Therefore, whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

We should do this also in remembrance of Him, proclaiming His death, that He was delivered for our trespasses and raised again for our justification, and giving Him sincere thanks for all this, we should take up our cross and follow Him, and, according to His commandment, love one another even as He has loved us. For we are all one bread and one body, even as we are all partakers of this one bread and drink of this one cup.

The Examination and Absolution

P And now I ask you before God, who searches the heart:

1. Do you confess from the heart that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment? Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

Truly, you should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

2. Do you sincerely repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.

Truly, you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.

3. Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

Truly, you should so believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

4. Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will from now on amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: I do promise.

Truly, you should so promise, for Christ, the Lord, says: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

5. Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

As you believe, so may it be done for you.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn

TLH #329 - *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee*

The Order of the Holy Communion

The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH), beginning on p.17

The Kyrie p.17

The Salutation and Collect for the Day p.19

The Epistle Joel 2:12-19

The Gradual and Tract Ps. 57:1,3a; Ps. 103:10, 79:8-9

P Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me!

C For my soul trusts in You;

P He shall send from heaven and save me;

C He reproaches the one who would swallow me up.

P O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins,

C Nor punish us according to our iniquities.

P O Lord, do not remember former iniquities against us!

C Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, for we have been brought very low.

P Help us, O God of our salvation,

C For the glory of Your name.

The Gospel Matthew 6:16-21

The Nicene Creed p.22

Hymn TLH #311 – *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

The Sermon

The Offertory p.22

The Litany p.110

The Service continues with The Preface on p.24 until its conclusion on p.31, omitting the Nunc Dimittis. No hymn will be sung during the Distribution of Holy Communion.