

Service Folder



The Last Sunday after Trinity

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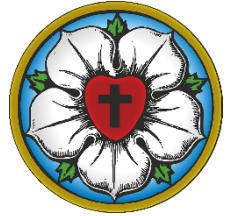
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! Emmanuel is an independent, liturgical, traditional, historical, evangelical, catholic, orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation. 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 believe that the Scriptures teach us to practice *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 becoming communicant members 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...

- Wed., Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving service, 6:30 PM, followed by dessert
- Sun., Nov. 27 - Bible Class/Sunday School, 9 AM
 - Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Advent 1)
- Wed., Nov. 30 - Advent Supper, 5:45 PM; Vespers, 6:30 PM

Daily Lectionary for the Week of Trinity 27:

| | MORNING | EVENING |
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| Mon | 2 Pet. 3:1-18 | Is. 65:17-25 |
| Tue | Jude 1-25 | Ezek. 37:15-28 |
| Wed | 1 John 2:18-29 | Hab. 3:1-19 |
| Thu | 1 John 3:1-12 | Is. 40:27-31 |
| Fri | 1 John 3:19-24 | Jer. 14:7-9 |
| Sat | 1 John 4:1-8 | Mal. 3:7-18 |

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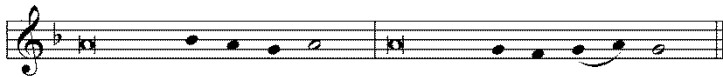
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| OPENING HYMN | <i>TLH #448 - Brief Life Is Here Our Portion</i> |
| HYMN (after the Creed) | <i>TLH #67 – The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us</i> |
| HYMN (after General Prayer) | <i>TLH #609 - Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying</i> |
| DISTRIBUTION HYMN | <i>TLH #311 - Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior</i> |
| CLOSING HYMN | <i>TLH #477 - Lord Jesus Thou the Church's Head</i> |

Epistle: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11* **Gospel:** *Matthew 25:1-13*

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

THE INTROIT (after the general Absolution) *Jeremiah 29:11a, 12, 14b; Psalm 85:1*

P (Antiphon) FOR I know the thoughts that I think toward | you, says
 the Lord, * Thoughts of peace and | not of e- -vil,
 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will | listen
 to you.*
 And I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from
 all the nations and from | all the pla- -ces.



C Lord, You have been favora- | ble to Your land; *
 You have brought back the captivi- | ty of Ja- -cob.

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.

THE GRADUAL & HALLELUJAH (after the Epistle) *Ps. 45:14a,15; Rev. 21:2*

P The King's daughter shall be | brought to the King; *
 The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall | be brought to
 — You.

C With gladness and rejoicing | they shall be brought; *
 They shall enter | the King's pa- -lace.

P Alleluia. | Alleluia. *
 I saw the holy city, New | Jerusa- -lem,

C Coming down out of | heaven from God,*
 Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. | Allelu- -ia.

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

Large Catechism: Creed, Third Article

Everything, therefore, in the Christian Church is ordered toward this goal: we shall daily receive in the Church nothing but the forgiveness of sin through the Word and signs, to comfort and encourage our consciences as long as we live here. So even though we have sins, the <grace of the> Holy Spirit does not allow them to harm us. For we are in the Christian Church, where there is nothing but <continuous, uninterrupted> forgiveness of sin. This is because God forgives us and because we forgive, bear with, and help one another [Galatians 6:1–2].

But outside of this Christian Church, where the Gospel is not found, there is no forgiveness, as also there can be no holiness. Therefore, all who seek and wish to earn holiness not through the Gospel and forgiveness of sin, but by their works, have expelled and severed themselves <from this Church> [Galatians 5:4].

However, while sanctification has begun and is growing daily [2 Thessalonians 1:3], we expect that our flesh will be destroyed and buried with all its uncleanness [Romans 6:4–11]. Then we will come forth gloriously and arise in a new, eternal life of entire and perfect holiness. For now we are only half pure and holy. So the Holy Spirit always has some reason to continue His work in us through the Word. He must daily administer forgiveness until we reach the life to come. At that time there will be no more forgiveness, but only perfectly pure and holy people [1 Corinthians 13:10]. We will be full of godliness and righteousness, removed and free from sin, death, and all evil, in a new, immortal, and glorified body [1 Corinthians 15:43, 53].