

Service Folder



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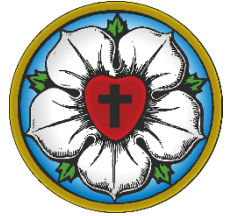
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Service note: All Hallelujah's are omitted from the service from Septuagesima until the Vigil of Easter.

EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

- Wed., Feb. 15 - Vespers, 6:30PM
 - Sun., Feb. 19 - Bible Class/Sunday School, 9AM
 - Divine Service, 10:15 AM (Quinquagesima)
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HYMNS

OPENING HYMN

TLH #16 – Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

HYMN (after the Creed)

Preach You the Word (see insert)

HYMN (after General Prayer)

TLH #296 – Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

TLH #306 - Lord Jesus Christ Thou Hast Prepared

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19 - 12:9 **Gospel:** Luke 8:4-15

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

THE INTROIT (after the general Absolution)

Ps. 44:23-24a, 25a, 26a; Ps. 44:1a, 2

P (Antiphon) **AWAKE!** Why do | You sleep, O — Lord? *

Arise! Do not cast us | off — for- -ever.

Why do | You hide Your — face, *

And forget | our — af- -fliction?

For our soul is bowed |down to the — dust; *

Arise for our help | and — re- -deem us.



G **We have heard with | our ears, O — God, ***

Our fathers have told us, the deeds You | did — in — their days.

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) and the Gloria in Excelsis.

THE GRADUAL & TRACT (after the Epistle)

Psalm 83:18, 13; Psalm 60:2, 5

P Let the nations know that Your | Name is the — Lord, *

You alone are the Most High o- | ver — all — the earth.

G **O my God, make | them like a — wheel, ***

Like the chaff | be- -fore — the wind!

P You have made the earth tremble; You | have broken — it; *

Heal its breaches, for | it — is — shaking.

G **That Your beloved may | be deliv- -ered, ***

Save | with — Your — right hand.

The service continues on p.21 with The Gospel.

from the *Formula of Concord: SD: XI*

The Holy Spirit certainly wants to be present with the Word preached, heard, and considered, and He wants to be effective and work through it... Furthermore, God has ordained in His counsel that the Holy Spirit should call, enlighten, and convert the elect through the Word. He will justify and save all those who by true faith receive Christ. In the same way, He also determined in His counsel that He will harden, reprobate, and condemn those who are called through the Word if they reject the Word and resist the Holy Spirit. This is true even though the Spirit wants to be effective and work in them through the Word and persevere through the Word. In this way “many are called, but few are chosen.”

Few receive the Word and follow it. Most despise the Word and will not come to the wedding. The cause for this contempt for the Word is not God’s foreknowledge, but the perverse human will. The human will rejects or perverts the means and instrument of the Holy Spirit, which God offers it through the call. It resists the Holy Spirit, who wants to be effective, and who works through the Word, as Christ says: “How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!” (Matthew 23:37).

Many “hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away” (Luke 8:13). The reason is not that God was unwilling to grant grace for perseverance to those in whom He “began a good work,” for that is contrary to St. Paul (Philippians 1:6). The reason is that they willfully turn away again from the holy commandment, grieve and embitter the Holy Spirit, involve themselves again in the world’s filth, and redecorate their hearts as homes for the devil. For them their last situation is worse than the first. (See 2 Peter 2:10–20; Hebrews 10:26.)

This is how much of the mystery of predestination is revealed to us in God’s Word. If we abide by this teaching and cling to it, it is a very useful, saving, consoling teaching. It establishes very effectively the article that we are justified and saved without any works and merits of ours, purely out of grace alone, for Christ’s sake. Before the time of the world, before we existed, yes, even before the foundation of the world was laid – when, of course, we could do nothing good – we were chosen by grace in Christ to salvation, according to God’s purpose (Romans 9:11; 2 Timothy 1:9). Furthermore, all opinions and erroneous teachings about the powers of our natural will are overthrown by this. God in His counsel, before the time of the world, decided and ordained that He Himself would produce and work in us by His Holy Spirit’s power. Through the Word, He would do everything that belongs to our conversion.