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Prayer before worship

Lord God,
thank you for
bringing me
here this
morning to
worship you
and to be fed
by your Word.
Open my
heart and my
mind to hear
what you
want me to
know in your
Word.

In Jesus name,
Amen.

Welcome to Worship! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We're glad you are here and pray that God bless our time together in the Word. Here are some things that may help you as we worship:

- **The Bulletin and Hymnal:** This bulletin you're holding has the entire Order of Service printed out for you.
- **Restrooms:** Turn left out of the chapel to get to our fellowship hall. Bathrooms are located there and around the corner by the kitchen. We ask that one family unit use the restroom at a time.
- **Babies and other young ones:** Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them." We are happy to have children in our worship. It is important that our children get into the habit of being in church with their family. As a result, sometimes we get to hear their spontaneous "joyful noises." If, however, you feel that your child is growing overly disruptive, there is a room down the hall (to the left from the chapel) where you can watch the service on our closed-circuit TV.
- **The Ushers:** If you have any questions, please ask the men standing in the back. They will be happy to assist you as much as possible.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Our service is introduced by music and a welcome from the presiding minister (also known as the "liturgist").

WELCOME

INVOCATION

L(iturgist): In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

KYRIE (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



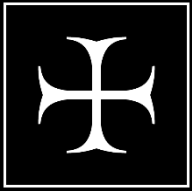
Invocation

The invocation affirms that our worship begins in the name of and directed toward the one, true, Triune God of the Bible. It also reminds us of our Baptism, when we were claimed in his name.



Kyrie

Kyrie is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression, "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses.



Absolution

In the absolution, we receive God's promise from 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just, and will purify us from all unrighteousness."

Gloria in Excelsis

This song (spoken today) with roots in the 4th century proclaims the great things God has done to rescue us from sin, death, and the devil.

ABSOLUTION

- L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**
- L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

GLORIA

- L: Glory to God in the highest,
C: and peace to his people on earth.
- L: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
C: we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory!
- L: Glory to God in the highest,
C: and peace to his people on earth.
- L: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
C: Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
L: have mercy on us.
C: You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
- L: Glory to God in the highest,
C: and peace to his people on earth.
- L: For you alone are the Holy One,
C: you alone are the Lord,
L: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
C: with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.
- L: Glory to God in the highest,
C: and peace to his people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray:

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

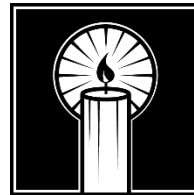
THE WORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 44:6-11

⁶ "This is what the LORD says— Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty: I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. ⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come— yes, let them foretell what will come. ⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

⁹ All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame. ¹⁰ Who shapes a god and casts an idol, which can profit nothing? ¹¹ People who do that will be put to shame; such craftsmen are only human beings. Let them all come together and take their stand; they will be brought down to terror and shame.



Prayer of the Day

Drawing from the themes in today's Gospel reading, the Prayer of the Day asks God for mercy, blessing, and aid in living a Christian life.



Scripture Readings

God's Word has been at the center of Christian worship since the time of the Apostles (Acts 2:42). The readings are thematically tied to the Gospel of the Day.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 19

- L: The heavens declare the glory of God;
C: the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
L: Their voice goes out into all the earth,
C: their words to the ends of the world.
L: The law of the LORD is perfect,
C: giving joy to the heart.
L: The commands of the LORD are radiant,
C: giving light to the eyes.
L: They are more precious than gold;
C: they are sweeter than honey.
L: By them is your servant taught;
C: in keeping them there is great reward.
L: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
C: be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Redeemer.
**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 1:18-25

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.



VERSE OF THE DAY

ROMANS 11:33

L: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ " 'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ " 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.' "

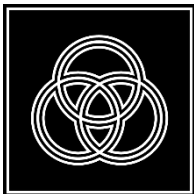
³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will

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Apostles' Creed

Public
confession of
faith is our
response to
God's saving
Word. The
Apostles'
Creed
proclaims and
confesses the
same saving
faith in Jesus
that the
Apostles held
and taught.

throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

HYMN OF THE DAY 207

THE DAY IS SURELY DRAWING NEAR

SERMON

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

JESUS TELLS THE TRUTH ABOUT BELIEVERS AND UNBELIEVERS

- I. THEY LIVE TOGETHER IN THIS WORLD**
- 2. THEY WILL BE SEPARATED ON JUDGMENT DAY**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

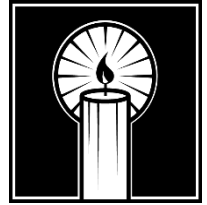
OFFERING

The members of Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and throughout the world. Guests are welcome to contribute but need not feel obligated to give. Offering plates are located near the entry of the church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**



The Prayer of the Church

In the prayer of the church we make specific requests of God for ourselves, for our community, and for people throughout the world.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer was taught by our Savior Jesus himself in response to the disciples' request, "Lord, teach us to pray" (see Luke 11:1-4).

Prayer after Worship

Almighty God,
grant that the
Word which I
have heard
this day may
through your
grace be so
planted in my
heart that I
may bring
forth the fruit
of the Spirit;
through Jesus
Christ, my
Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE LORD'S BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

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ON WHAT HAS NOW BEEN SOWN

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WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US

It is wonderful to have all of you here with us today to worship our amazing God. If the Spirit has worked through His Word today and moved you to want to find out more or to get involved – please speak to Pastor Steve or any of the members after worship. If you have any questions or comments about anything that went on here or what was taught, again, please speak to Pastor Steve or contact him through the info above. And come again next week as we come together to worship our Savior Jesus!

SCOTT RUST SENIOR VIOLIN RECITAL

You are invited to Scott's Senior recital today, July 19th at 1 pm, here at Emmanuel. We'll be practicing social distancing and following all the same guidelines for worship. Come and enjoy Scott's awesome music!

THANKS PASTOR VOMHOF!

Pastor Roger Vomhof served as our guest preacher today. He has served Emmanuel as our vacancy pastor in the past and we're glad to see him again. We thank him for sharing God's Word with us!

