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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. When I
am driven to
doubt you,
point me back
to my Savior
and keep my
focus on him.

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. Doubt is a struggle for all of us. There are so many things we experience that drive us to doubt. But God has a solution for doubt and for so much more. 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.

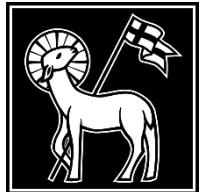
KYRIE (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

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



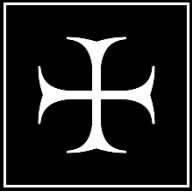
Invocation

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:

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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

1 KINGS 19:9-18

9 There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

10 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

11 The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

14 He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."



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.

15 The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. 16 Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. 17 Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. 18 Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him."

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 73

- L: I am always with you, O LORD;*
- C: you hold me by my right hand.**
- L: You guide me with your counsel,*
- C: and afterward you will take me into glory.**
- L: Whom have I in heaven but you?*
- C: And earth has nothing I desire besides you.**
- L: My flesh and my heart may fail,*
- C: but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**
- 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 8:28-39

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. 30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

36 As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY**HEBREWS 11:1**

L: Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

GOSPEL**MATTHEW 14:22-33**

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

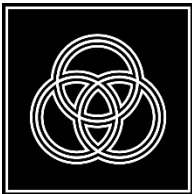
27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

29 “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

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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.

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

HYMN OF THE DAY 384

BY GRACE I'M SAVED

SERMON

MATTHEW 14:22-33

WHY DO YOU DOUBT?

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

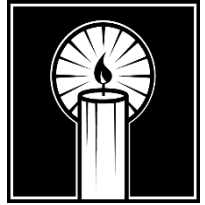
The members of Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and throughout the world. Guests are welcome to contribute but need not feel obligated to give. Offering plates are located near the entry of the church.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*As the prayer is spoken, each time the minister says, "Lord, in your mercy..." the congregation is invited to respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

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.

CLOSING HYMN 415

BE STILL, MY SOUL

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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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Information Class

Do you know what Christianity is all about? Do you have questions about the Bible and what God says that no one seems able to answer? Do you want a low-pressure environment to learn what the Bible says? Come join us for our Bible Information Class and grow in your knowledge of God! Ask those tough-to-answer questions! We'll meet once a week for 12 weeks. All are welcome! We'll be meeting as a small group, practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Contact Pastor Steve if you'd like to join or know someone who'd appreciate this opportunity. BIC will begin at the beginning of September.

NEW Bible Study Series: God's Guide to Stay Healthy

One of the blessings that has come out of this pandemic is a better understanding about how to be healthy. Because of the many struggles we're going through, we're getting more and more aware about healthy behavior and behaviors that need to be changed. In this 4-part series we'll dig into what God says about being healthy. And he'll guide us toward: SPIRITUAL HEALTH, PHYSICAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND RELATIONSHIP HEALTH. If you care about your health, you won't want to miss these studies! (Likely we'll be offering these studies in-person and online. If there is a time that works well for you, let Pastor Steve know)

Important Emmanuel Survey

Pastor Steve sent out a survey this last Wednesday about what ministry could look like for the next few months. But we NEED more responses! Take a minute and give feedback with your opinions. They are extremely valuable to us!

COMING EVENTS

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays at 9am

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Tuesdays at 9:30am

Tues. Wed. Th. 9-11:30am

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Worship (In-person and Online)

Bible Study (Likely in-person and online)

Sunday School (TBD in-person or online)

Ignite Youth Group (TBD in-person or online)

Small Group Men's Group at Emmanuel

Joyful Noise Preschool (Beginning Sept. 8th)

Confirmation Class (6th-8th Grade Bible Study)

Bible Information Class (beginning early September)

