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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. Keep  
revealing who  
you are to me  
so that I  
might trust in  
you more and  
more.

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. There is nothing more important than getting to know Jesus. He is the way, the truth, and the life. Apart from knowing who he is, we would be lost. But God works in our hearts so we might know that Jesus, the Son of God, is our Savior. 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

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

## WELCOME

## INVOCATION

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

**C(ongregation): Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

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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)

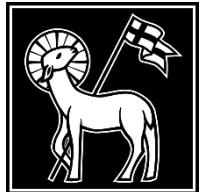
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**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**



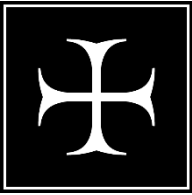
### Invocation

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 with roots in the 4<sup>th</sup> century proclaims the great things God has done to rescue us from sin, death, and the devil.

## ABSOLUTION

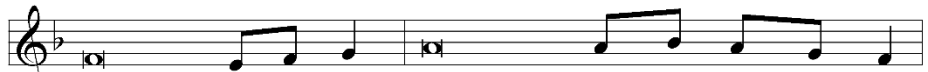
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- L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of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

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### GLORIA (GLORY TO GOD)

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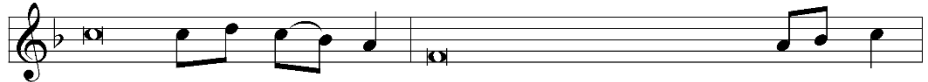
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**



**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the**



**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

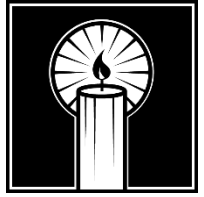
**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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L: The Lord be with you.  
 C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray:  
 Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



**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).

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## THE WORD

### FIRST READING

EXODUS 34:5-9

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup> maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." <sup>8</sup> Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. <sup>9</sup> "Lord," he said, "if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance."

### PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 138

- L: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;  
**C: before the "gods" I will sing your praise.**  
L: I will bow down toward your holy temple  
**C: and will praise your name**  
L: When I called, you answered me;  
**C: you greatly emboldened me.**  
L: Though the Lord is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
**C: though lofty, he sees them from afar.**  
L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
**C: you preserve my life.**  
L: You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;  
**C: with your right hand you save me.**  
L: your love, Lord, endures forever—  
**C: do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**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 10:5-13

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the deep?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

## VERSE OF THE DAY

JOHN 6:68

L: Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

## CHILDREN'S DEVOTION

## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20

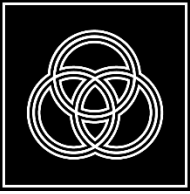
<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



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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.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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**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.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 392**

## **NOT UNTO US**

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## **SERMON**

## **EXODUS 34:5-9**

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# **GET TO KNOW THE LORD**



## CREATE IN ME

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C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## OFFERING

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*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

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



### 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.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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.**

**L:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, 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**

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**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 528**

## **CHRIST IS OUR CORNERSTONE**

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## WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US

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*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

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### **Bible Information Class**

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? Is it time to be refreshed in what Christianity is all about? 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**.

### **God's Guide to Stay Healthy**

In this 4-part series we'll dig into what God says about being healthy. **Today at 11am** we'll be offering the second part **online** via **Zoom**. If you want to join, text, email, or call Pastor Steve to get things set up. If you need help, Pastor Steve is glad to provide tech support! (if you can't make it, we'll be recording and making videos of our online study). **Tomorrow, Monday, at 7pm** we'll be offering the second part **in-person** at Emmanuel. 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!

## **Joyful Noise Preschool**

In just a few weeks our building will be filled with kids coming back to our preschool! But we still have a few openings for this fall. If you know anyone who has a preschool age child, let them know that we'd love to have them here! They'll grow in many ways but most importantly they'll grow in knowing how much God loves them in Jesus. Feel free to pass along any names to our preschool director Ann Winkler or to Pastor Steve.

## **Women of Emmanuel Meeting**

On **September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** there will be a Women of Emmanuel meeting. They'd love to have your input about what this group should look like right now. If you have any ideas or suggestions, let Sarah Dahlke or Pastor Steve know!

## **We STILL Need Your Help!**

Pastor Steve set up a new system to sign up for **church cleaning, bulletin and connect card prep**, and our **paper copy mailing prep**. Look for these in the weekly updates on your email. If you don't do anything online, give Pastor Steve a call and he'll sign you up. We'll need about 8 people to help out each week to get things done.

# COMING EVENTS

## ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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| Sundays at 9am                  | Worship (In-person and Online)  |
| <b>Sundays at 11am</b>          | <b>Bible Study (online via Zoom)</b>                                    |
| Sundays at TBD                  | Sunday School (TBD in-person or online)                                 |
| Sundays at TBD                  | Ignite Youth Group (TBD in-person or online)                            |
| <b>Mondays at 7pm</b>           | <b>Bible Study (in-person at church)</b>                                |
| Tuesdays at 9:30am              | Small Group Men's Group at Emmanuel                                     |
| <b>Tues. Wed. Th. 9-11:30am</b> | <b>Joyful Noise Preschool (Beginning Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>)</b>          |
| TBD                             | Confirmation Class (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Study) |
| <b>TBD</b>                      | <b>Bible Information Class (beginning early September)</b>              |



## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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**September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**    **Women of Emmanuel (at church)**