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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
my heart
longing for
the joys of
heaven while I
live here on
earth.

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.
- **NEW Worship Series "Let's be Real":** It's time to take off the armor. It's time to stop pretending. It's time to start being open and honest and genuine. Wouldn't it be nice if you could be real? In these weeks of worship, we're going to dig into some tough realities and it would be much easier to avoid them. But that's not the life God calls us to live. Let's get past all the walls we like to put up. Let's be real.

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: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

L: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: If forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

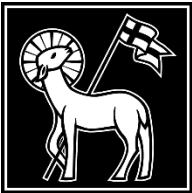


Invocation

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.

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."



PRAYER AND PRAISE

KYRIE (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

- L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
- C: Christ, have mercy.**
- L: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.
- C: Amen.**

Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis

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

GLORIA (GLORY TO GOD)

- 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 God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 15:15-21

¹⁵ LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails.

¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹ "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."



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.



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone

*

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;^{*}
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,^{*}
a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;^{*}
redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

Refrain

My times are in your hands;^{*}
save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,^{*}
which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy;^{*}
when I called to you for help.

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.

Refrain**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.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:18-25

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

VERSE OF THE DAY

MARK 8:34

L: Alleluia! Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S DEVOTION

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:21-26

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

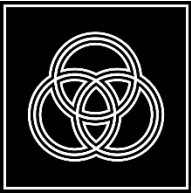
²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"



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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.

SERMON

ROMANS 8:18-25

THIS ISN'T IT

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.

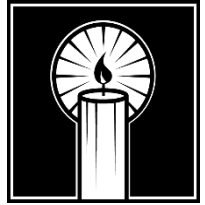
INSTALLATION OF JOYFUL NOISE PRESCHOOL AIDES

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.**

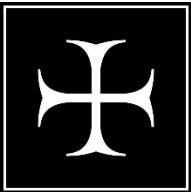


The Prayer of the Church

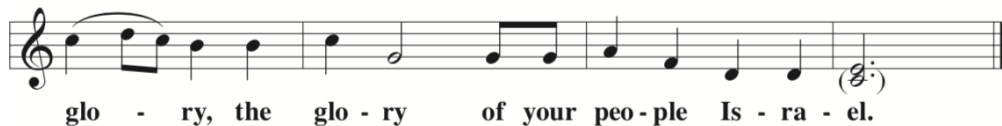
In the prayer of the church we make specific requests of God for ourselves, for our community, and for people throughout the world.

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).



THE SONG OF SIMEON



Song of Simeon

Because we have seen our Savior in Word and Sacrament, we sing knowing that we are at peace with God. Just as Simeon was ready to depart, so are we.

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

- 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 453

COME, FOLLOW ME, THE SAVIOR SPOKE

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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!

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



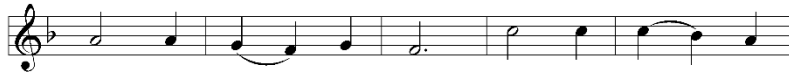
1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en,
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,



All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -
 They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man
 Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but



tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on
 hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are
 ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your
 heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry
 not, like them, un - true. And since you have
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this



fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er
 smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in
 earth - ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the



hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -
 love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may
 all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may
 pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly



di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.
 shun me— Show your face, and all is bright.
 gath - er; All must work for good to me.
 glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spoke, "All in my
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord And take the



way a - bid - ing, De - ny your - selves; the
 life dis - play - ing, I bid you walk as
 love is glow - ing, And gra - cious words my
 souls' sal - va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing



world for - sake; O - bey my call and guid - ing.
 in the day; I keep your feet from stray - ing.
 lips ex - press, With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing.
 guile to free, From sin and its temp - ta - tion.
 to his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed.



Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be - tide; Take
 I am the way, and well I show How
 My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To
 I am the ref - uge of the soul And
 For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The



my ex - am - ple for your guide.
 you should jour - ney here be - low.
 God I yield; on him I call.
 lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–77, abr., st. 1–3, 5; *Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge*, 1695, st. 4; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96, alt.

Tune: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT (87 87 88) Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555–1613, adapt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone Outreach

Clear your calendars for the morning of **November 14th** and after worship on the **15th**. The **future of our congregation** will take shape during these two days! Do everything you can to be here. Look for more details coming soon and get excited! If you'd like to help out, Pastor Steve is looking for a Publicity Coordinator (to get things set up) and a Publicity Coordinator (to keep getting the Word out). Let him know if you'd like to help!

Sunday Morning Studies and Groups

Pending any changes, the plan is for Emmanuel to restart Sunday morning adult Bible study, Sunday School for kids, and Ignite Youth Group for high schoolers on **September 20th**. For Adult Study and Sunday School we'll have at-home options so that everyone can be strengthened in God's Word. Let Pastor Steve or any council member know if you have comments or questions or concerns! We're still working on figuring out what Emmanuel's ministry will look like for the next few months. Keep your church leaders in your prayers!

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 on **Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30pm**.

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 third 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 about a week 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 8th 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**. We're also looking to restart a short fellowship time after worship on Sundays. If you're able and comfortable helping out, let Pastor know! 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

Sundays at 9am

Sundays at 10am

Sundays at 10:15am

Sundays at 10:15am

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Mondays at 9:30am

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

TBD

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

TBD

Worship (in-person and online)

Snacks and Fellowship (outside and weather permitting)

Adult Bible Study (restarting Sept. 20th)

Sunday School (restarting Sept. 20th)

Ignite Youth Group (restarting Sept. 20th)

Men's Group at Church

Joyful Noise Preschool

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

Bible Information Class (beginning Sept. 15th)

Hudson Moms Group

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept. 8th

1st Day of Preschool

Sept. 8th 6:30pm

Women of Emmanuel

Sept. 23rd 6:45pm

Church Council

November 14th & 15th

Everyone Outreach