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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. Send
your Holy
Spirit so that
you might
hear all my
prayers.

In his 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.
- **Guest Preacher:** Thanks to Pastor Dustin Sievert who serves at St. Croix Lutheran Academy for sharing God's Word with us!

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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

WELCOME

L(iturgist): The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C(ongregation): And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

ABSOLUTION

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



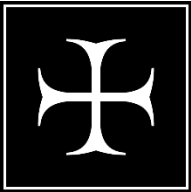
Invocation

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."



Oh, Taste and See

In response to God's assurance of our forgiveness, we join to praise God for his faithfulness to us.



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.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
 L: Let us pray:
 O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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

GENESIS 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." ²² The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD.

²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" ²⁶ The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

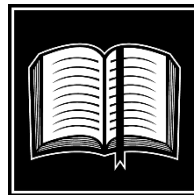
²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

³⁰ Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹ Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

³² Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."



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.

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new our hearts and
kin - dle in us the fire of your love.

Psalm tone *

O Lord, open my lips,*
and my mouth will declare your praise.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,*
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence*
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,*
and sinners will turn back to you.

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

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:26-27

26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

LUKE 11:9

L: Alleluia! Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S DEVOTION

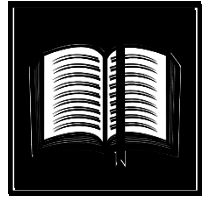
GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:1-13

¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ² He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.' "

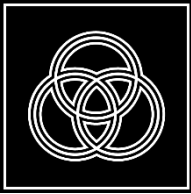
⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



Scripture Readings

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EVEN IF YOU DON'T KNOW...GO!

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. During the Offering please take a minute and fill out a Connect Card. It helps us better carry out our ministry here at Emmanuel!

**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.

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.**

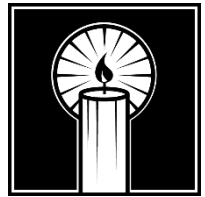
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN 413

WHEN IN THE HOUR OF UTMOST NEED

L: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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 be
planted in my
heart that I
may bring
forth the fruit
of the Spirit;
through Jesus
Christ, Amen.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

- L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
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 409

COME, MY SOUL, WITH EVERY CARE

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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. Please stick around after worship for snacks and to meet and get to know better your brothers and sisters in Christ. 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

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! We need a Logistics Coordinator (to get things set up) and a Publicity Coordinator (to keep getting the Word out). Let pastor know if you will help!

Bible Information Class

It's only 2 days until we kick off this new session! We'll start **Tuesday September 15th at 6:30pm**. In BIC you'll dig into God's Word in a way that will leave you **full**. This is designed to be an opportunity for **everyone** and **anyone** to join in and learn about Christianity. Start inviting people now! If you know anyone who'd be interested in discussing what Christianity is all about, pass on their info to Pastor Steve and he'll follow up! We'll provide **free** childcare if it would help anyone to be able to join.

NEW Adult Bible Study Series: Why are We Here?

Can you **answer** that question? It's a big one that people have been wondering for a long time! Can you answer it about where you are right now, at church in-person or at home? How about why we're here in Hudson and the St. Croix community? In this study we'll dig into God's Word and find out why we're here in three different ways. If you can't answer this question in every part of your life, you **need** to come to this study! Pastor Steve will be offering online options too!

Emmanuel Mission Festival Sunday

On **October 11th** we'll take the weekend and celebrate the truth that the gospel is for **all people**. We'll see how God's intention is that we share Jesus with family and friends in our area and throughout the world. During our Bible Study time we'll listen to a presentation for a Worldwide Mission Ministry: **The Friends Network**. Mark your calendar for this fun Sunday!

Marriage Moments Resource

Want a resource to strengthen your marriage? Look for details in our Weekly Email Update about a weekly way of keeping close to your spouse.

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

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What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
 load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
 faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.

Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

PRAYER

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When in the Hour of Utmost Need



1 When in the hour of ut - most need We know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our
5 So that with all our hearts we may To you our



where to look for aid, When days and nights of
meet be - fore your throne; To you, O faith - ful
cries in time of need Through him whose name a -
woes be - fore you lay. Be with us in our
glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought Nor help nor coun - sel yet have brought,
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
to your Word And now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511–69, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–c. 1561.

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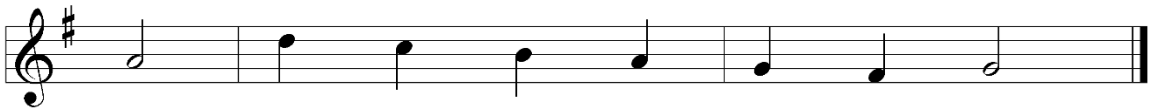
Come, My Soul, with Every Care



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care; Je - sus loves
 2 You are com - ing to a king— Large pe - ti -
 3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move
 4 Lord, your rest to me im - part; Take pos - ses -
 5 While I am a pil - grim here, Let your love



to an - swer prayer. He him - self bids you to
 tions with you bring, For his grace and pow'r are
 this load of sin; Let your blood, for sin - ners
 sion of my heart. There your blood - bought right main -
 my spir - it cheer. As my guide, my guard, my



pray And will nev - er turn a - way.
 such, None can ev - er ask too much.
 spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.
 tain And with - out a ri - val reign.
 friend, Lead me to my jour - ney's end.

6 Show me what I am to do;
 Ev'ry hour my strength renew.
 Let me live a life of faith;
 Let me die your people's death.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, abr., alt.

Tune: VIENNA (77 77) Justin H. Knecht, 1752–1817.

EMMANUEL EVENTS



ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays at 9am	Worship (in-person and online)
Sundays at 10am	Snacks and Fellowship (outside and weather permitting)
Sundays at 10:15am	Adult Bible Study (restarting next Sunday)
Sundays at 10:15am	Sunday School (restarting next Sunday)
Sundays at 10:15am	Ignite Youth Group (restarting next Sunday)
Mondays at 9:30am	Men's Group at Church
Tues. Wed. Th. 9-11:30am	Joyful Noise Preschool
TBD	Confirmation Class (6 th -8 th Grade Bible Study)
Tuesdays at 6:30pm	Bible Information Class (beginning Sept. 15th)
TBD	Hudson Moms Group

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sept. 23 rd 6:45pm	Church Council
October 11th 9am	Mission Festival Sunday and Friends Network Update
October 18 th 9am	Circuit Pastor Brassow Sunday
November 14th & 15th	Everyone Outreach Weekend