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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. Give me joy in your goodness to me and all people.

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.
- **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

OPENING HYMN 379

AMAZING GRACE

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

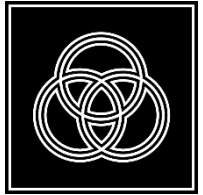
L: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

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.



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: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

L: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

L: The works of the LORD are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

Kyrie

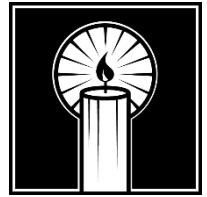
Kyrie is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression, "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses.

O Lord, Our Lord

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



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L:** Let us pray: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** Amen.



¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

¹ But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

⁴ But the LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered.

⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰ But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

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.

Refrain

Not un - to us, O Lord, but to your name be the glo - ry.

Psalm Tone

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say, “Where is their God?”

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

The LORD remembers us and will bless us:

He will bless the house of Israel,
he will bless those who fear the LORD—
small and great alike.

Refrain

May the LORD make you increase,
both you and your children.
May you be blessed by the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

The highest heavens belong to the LORD,
but the earth he has given to man.
It is not the dead who praise the LORD,
it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

**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



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SECOND READING

ROMANS 9:6-16

⁶ It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷ Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸ In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹ For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁰ Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹ Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: ¹² not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³ Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

¹⁴ What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶ It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

VERSE OF THE DAY

EPHESIANS 2:8

L: Alleluia! For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S DEVOTION

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

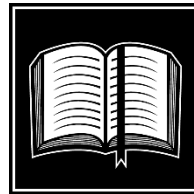
³ "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' ⁵ So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' ⁷ " 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' ⁹ "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."



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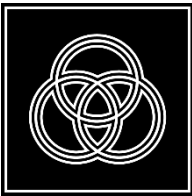
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SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME

SERMON

MATTHEW 20:1-16

Let's Be Real: God Isn't Fair



Nicene Creed

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. The Nicene Creed has been confessed by Christians since the 4th century as a proclamation of the true Christian faith in the one, true, Triune God, emphasizing the deity of Jesus. This creed is still confessed by Christians all over the world to tell others what they believe, and to confess their faith together in worship.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

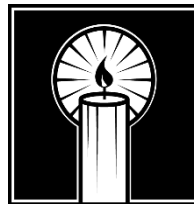
*As the prayer is spoken, each time the minister says, "Lord, in your mercy..." the congregation is invited to respond, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

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).



SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Because of the warnings God's Word gives about this powerful meal, and because of the unity it confesses, Emmanuel practices member communion. Please contact Pastor Saatkamp to discuss this practice and God's Word and the love that motivates it.

Preface

The opening words of the Communion liturgy mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

Sanctus

The word *sanctus* means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, it was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

PREFACE

- L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
L: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them up to the Lord
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is good and right so to do.
L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – *Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

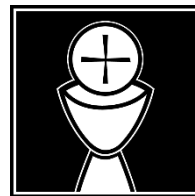
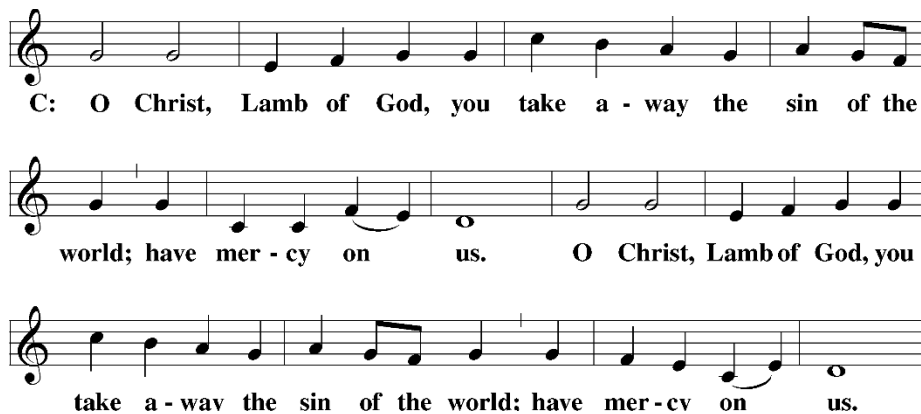
L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it in remembrance of me."

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

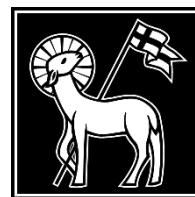
C: **Amen**

LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei*



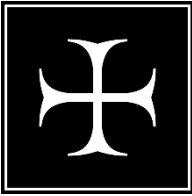
Words of Institution

In the Words of Institution the liturgist both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use.



Agnus Dei

Jesus is God's lamb—*Agnus Dei*—who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.



Thank the LORD

Because we have seen our Savior in Word and Sacrament and been assured that our sins are forgiven, we praise the LORD and share what he has done for us with all people.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Please follow the directions on p.20. Following the distribution, the congregation joins to sing Thank the LORD.

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.
He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

L: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy 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 389

ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME

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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!



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.

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!

Bible Information Class

If you wanted to come last Tuesday but couldn't, good news! We'll be going through lesson 1 this week. Let Pastor Steve know if you're coming. 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, in 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.

JUSTIFICATION

379 Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,



That saved a wretch like me! I
 His Word my hope se - cures. He
 I have al - read - y come; 'Tis
 Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've



once was lost but now am found,
 will my shield and por - tion be
 grace has brought me safe thus far,
 no less days to sing God's praise



Was blind but now I see.
 As long as life en - dures.
 And grace will lead me home.
 Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-3, abr.; John P. Rees, 19th century, st. 4.
 Tune: NEW BRITAIN (CM) *Columbian Harmony*, Cincinnati, 1829, alt.



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace
 2 What God does in his law de - mand And none to him
 3 It is a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God his law
 4 Yet as the law must be ful - filled Or we must die
 5 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us



and fa - vor. Good works can - not a - vert our doom;
 can ren - der Brings wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand
 has giv - en That sin - ners can them - selves re - deem
 de - spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled,
 sal - va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad



They help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to
 For man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has
 And by their works gain heav - en. The law is
 Our hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for
 And build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a -



Je - sus Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
 not those pure de - sires The spir - it of the
 but a mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
 us the law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
 lone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my



world a - tone; He is the one Re - deem - er.
 law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
 sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
 venge - ance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
 life in - deed, For you have paid my ran - som.

6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by his grace—
 All glory to his merit!
 O Triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed your saving love;
 Your blessed name be hallowed!

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -



my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood
 thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,
 thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,
 lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,



From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the
 Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could
 Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the
 See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,

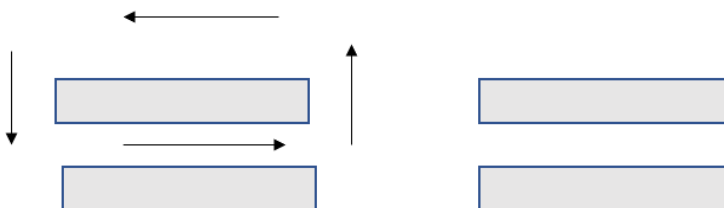


dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
 cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

Text: August M. Toplady, 1740–78, alt.
 Tune: TOPLADY (77 77 77) Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872.

Lord's Supper Guidelines

- The pastor will drop the host into your hand, taking care not to make contact with your hand. **Please hold your hands in a cup if possible.**
- The pastor will hand you the individual cup, taking care not to make contact with your hand. **Please grab the bottom of the cup if possible.**
- Communicants will approach the front of the church via a **continuous distribution line** remaining 6ft. apart between households. See the chart below for directions.
- Pastor will also offer private communion after every service and by appointment for those who are at high risk.



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 Today!)
Sundays at 10:15am	Sunday School (restarting Today!)
Sundays at 10:15am	Ignite Youth Group (restarting Today!)
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