## Divine Service Booklet

for Christmas Day

The King Has Pome!

#### **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome!** Emmanuel is an independent, liturgical, traditional, historical, evangelical, catholic, orthodox, confessional Lutheran congregation. We believe that the Bible is the very Word of God, inspired and without any errors. We confess the Christian faith according to the Lutheran Book of Concord of 1580 because we believe the confessions contained therein to be in accord with the



teaching of Holy Scripture. We observe the calendar of the traditional Church Year and follow the Historic Lectionary. We celebrate the Divine Service (also known as the Mass) every Sunday and on other festivals, and we welcome visitors to hear God's Word with us.

With regard to Holy Communion, we understand the Scriptures to teach *closed Communion*, which means that only communicant members of our congregation or of other congregations in communion with us are invited to commune at the Lord's Table here. Classes are offered throughout the year by the pastor so that those who are interested in becoming communicant members have the opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and our confession of it.

**The Order of Service** is printed in this booklet. You will need a red hymnal for the hymns.

# The Order of the Divine Service

# for Christmas Day

#### **HYMN**

TLH #102 – Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

#### Stand

■ In the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.



#### THE INTROIT

The Introit is sung by the Pastor. Then follows immediately:



P Let us pray.

The Pastor says the Collect, concluding, "...one God, forever and ever."



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THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 1:1-12

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High (back page of this booklet)

Stand

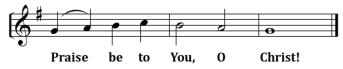
THE GOSPEL John 1:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 1.



After the reading:

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made; who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven; and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge

one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

**HYMN** 

TLH #81 - O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is

#### THE SERMON

Stand

#### THE GENERAL PRAYER

**HYMN** 

TLH #92 - Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

#### THE PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

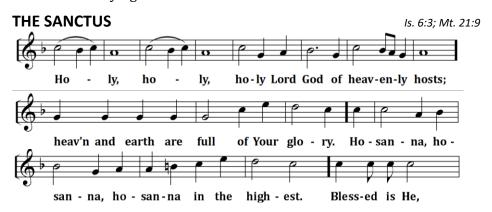


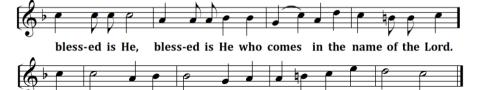
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



The Pastor chants the Proper Preface, concluding:

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



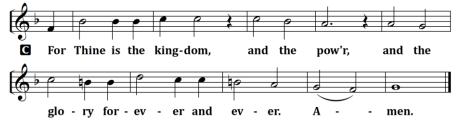


Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mt. 6:9-13

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.



#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Mt. 26, Mk. 14, Lk. 22, 1 Cor. 11

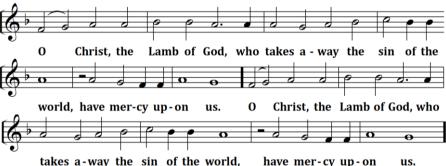
The Pastor shall consecrate the elements for Holy Communion, proclaiming the Words of our Lord Jesus Christ by which He instituted the Sacrament of the Altar.

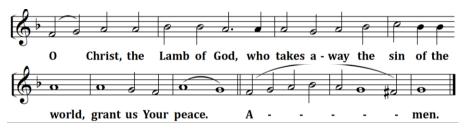
#### THE PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always!



#### THE AGNUS DEI

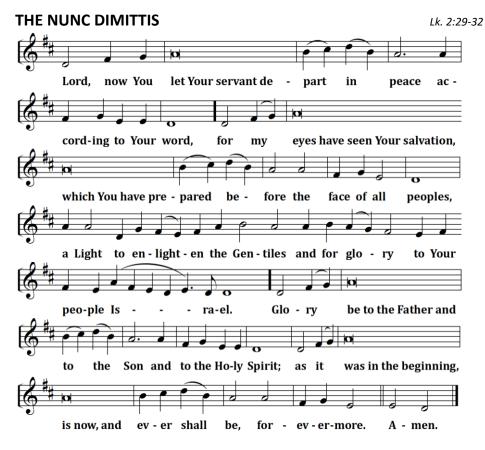




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#### THE DISTRIBUTION

Please note our Closed Communion practice, explained on the first page of this booklet. Communicant members of our congregation are invited to come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. During the distribution, the congregation may sing the Distribution Hymn(s), as time permits. All then stand to sing:



#### THE THANKSGIVING

**P** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!



The pastor says the Prayer, concluding, "...one God, forever and ever."



#### THE SALUTATION & THE BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Let us bless the Lord.



#### THE BENEDICTION

Num. 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ++ give you peace.



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### A Blessed and Merry Christmas to all of you!

#### EVENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE...

Sun., Dec. 29 - Bible Class, 9 AM; Divine Service, 10:15 AM

#### Angels We Have Heard on High

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