

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

P: We humbly ask You Almighty God, to give to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, so that Your Word may not be bound, but instead that it may have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide to the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE BLESSING

P: 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 upon on you with favor and give you (+) peace.



CLOSING HYMN

#382 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

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"The Lord of creation is revealed"



Emmaus Evangelical Lutheran Church
4th Sunday after Epiphany
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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

OPENING HYMN "Jesus Your Boundless Love to Me" (CW #479)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, pleading with Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

All: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, of Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy innocent, bitter sufferings and death, of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the place and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

P: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

P: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

P: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in all we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE 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.

Please be seated

HYMN

#395 "Seek where You May to Find a Way"

SERMON

Exodus 14:13-22

"Be still and watch"

1. You will see what God can do
2. He will be your refuge

RESPONSE

#94 – "O Jesus, King of Glory" (vs. 4-5)

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please Stand

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: Sings "O God from God O Light from Light" CW #85 - vs. 1, 3-4

**O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings,
To you in heaven's glory bright the song of praise forever rings.
To him who sits upon the throne, the Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory he has won, all thanks and praise! Amen, Amen.**

**That life of truth, those deeds of love, that death of pain mid hate and scorn
These all are past, and now above he reigns our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads O mighty gates! So sang the angel hosts again
Lift up your heads your King awaits. We lift them up Amen, Amen.**

**Sing to the Lord a mighty song; sing to his name; his glories tell!
Sing heav'nly hosts your praise prolong And all on earth your anthem swell
Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend.
Worthy the Lamb enthroned to reign; Glory and pow'r! Amen, Amen.**

P: The LORD be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:13-22

13 Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm, and see the salvation from the LORD, which he will perform for you today. For the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. 14 The LORD will fight for you. You must wait quietly.” 15 The LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to set out. 16 As for you, lift up your staff, stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide the sea so that the Israelites can go through the middle of the sea on dry ground. 17 I myself will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go into the sea after them, and I will gain glory through Pharaoh and his entire army, through his chariots and his charioteers. 18 The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory through Pharaoh, his chariots, and his charioteers.” 19 Then the Angel of God, who was going in front of the Israelite forces, moved and went behind them. The pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and stood behind them. 20 It went between the Egyptian forces and the Israelite forces. The cloud was dark on one side, but it lit up the night on the other. Neither group approached the other all night long. 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all night long the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned the sea into dry land. The waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the middle of the sea on dry ground. The waters were like a wall for them on their right and on their left. (EHV)

PSALM 33 (p.79 in front section of hymnal)

SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:8-10

8 Do not owe anyone anything except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments—do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet (and if there is any other commandment)—are summed up in this statement: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor, so love is the fulfillment of the law. (EHV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 8:23-27

23 When he got into a boat, his disciples followed him. 24 Suddenly a terrible storm came up on the sea, so that their boat was covered by the waves. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 They went and woke him, saying, “Lord, save us! We’re going to die!” 26 He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you of little faith?” Then he got up, rebuked the wind and the sea, and there was a complete calm. 27 The men were amazed, saying, “What kind of a man is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!” (EHV)