

Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that people be instructed before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishops, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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The First Sunday after Epiphany
January 7th, 2018

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“Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?”
St. Luke 2:49

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“F Major”</i>	Johann Erasmus Kindermann
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”</i>	Δ TLH 16
The Confiteor		
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15
Versicles		TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16
The Introit	<i>(Tone 1)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Gloria in Excelsis		TLH p. 17-19
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
The Collect for the Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 61:1-3
<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>		
<i>R: Thanks be to God.</i>		
The Gradual		INSERT
The Epistle		Romans 12:1-5
The Verse		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Luke 2:41-52
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”</i>	Δ INSERT
The Sermon	<i>I Must Be About My Father’s Business</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Offering		
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One”</i>	TLH 104
<i>Stand</i>		
The Preface		TLH p. 24
The Proper Preface		TLH p. 25
The Sanctus and Benedictus		TLH p. 26
The Lord’s Prayer		TLH p. 27
The Verba Domini		TLH p. 27

The Pax Domini		TLH p. 27
The Agnus Dei		TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Post-Communion Canticle	<i>“The Nunc Dimittis”</i>	TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving	<i>(“And His mercy endureth forever”)</i>	TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“We Christians May Rejoice Today”</i>	TLH 107
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
The Postlude	<i>“Regent Square”</i>	Rolf Unkel
Announcements		

Δ—*indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.*

endure such temptations and there are not many people whom God tests to this degree. Yet we must be prepared, so that we may not despair if such trials should come upon us.” *From the Church Postil for the First Sunday after Epiphany, 1523.*

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Rev. Ned Brockwell, Lynne Smith, Ben Smith, Doug Schultz, Denise Heiser, Rev. Donald Hunter, Emily Benson, Orlin Palm, Donna Dorgelo, Nancy, Pat, Caroline, Rev. Mark Mueller, Eleanor Smolen, Jo Kope, Mike Miller, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Marie Scheck, Paul Meadows, David Benson, Vera Davis, Cindy’s Granddaughter, Diana Eliason, and Vince Bost.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Harrison, AR; Lamb of God Ev. Lutheran Mission, Rogers, AR; Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Mission, Conway, AR; and, Memphis Ev. Lutheran Mission, Lakeland, TN, and their pastor, the Rev. Eric Stefanski.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary, and her seminarian, Josiah Scheck.*
- For our catechumens.
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Luke Sekula and Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred.*
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Seth Sekula.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after the First Sunday after Epiphany

	Morning	Evening
Today	Col. 2; Mark 10:13-16	Colossians 3; Ephesians 6:1-4
Monday:	Col. 4; John 1:29-34	1 Thessalonians 1; Genesis 8:1-22
Tuesday:	1 Thess. 2; John 1:35-42	1 Thessalonians 3; Genesis 11:1-9
Wednesday:	1 Thess. 4; John 1:43-51	1 Thessalonians 5; Genesis 12:1-20
Thursday:	2 Thess. 1; Luke 4:1-13	2 Thessalonians 2; Genesis 13:1-18
Friday:	2 Thess. 3; Mark 1:12-15	1 Timothy 1; Genesis 14:8-24
Saturday:	1 Tim. 2; Matt. 4:12-17	1 Timothy 3; Genesis 15:1-21

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 13, 38	Psalms 86, 39-41
Monday:	Psalms 13, 42-44	Psalms 86, 45-48
Tuesday:	Psalms 13, 49	Psalms 86, 50-51
Wednesday:	Psalms 13, 52-54	Psalms 86, 55-57
Thursday:	Psalms 13, 58-59	Psalms 86, 60-63
Friday:	Psalms 13, 64-65	Psalms 86, 66-68
Saturday:	Psalms 13, 69	Psalms 16, 70-72

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Large Catechism, I.265-278
Tuesday:	The Large Catechism, I.279-296
Wednesday:	The Large Catechism, I.297-310
Thursday:	The Large Catechism, I.311-323
Friday:	The Large Catechism, I.324—II.8

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

Sunday:	Ten Commandments, Apostle’s Creed, Lord’s Prayer
Monday:	Baptism, Confession, Lord’s Supper
Tuesday:	Morning & Evening Prayer; Prayers Before & After Meals

Wednesday: Table of Duties I—Bishops, Pastors, & Preachers; What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors; Of Civil Government; Of Subjects

Thursday: Table of Duties II—To Husbands; To Wives; To Parents; To Children; To Servants, Hired Men & Employees; To Employers; To the Young in General; To Widows; To All in Common

Friday: How One Should Be Taught to Confess

Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: INSERT—“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Evening: TLH 104—“Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One”

Calendar for the Week after The First Sunday after Epiphany

Today: The First Sunday after Epiphany—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

Monday: Seth Sekula’s Birthday

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: Pastor on Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

Thursday: Pastor on Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: The Festival of the Baptism of our Lord—White

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday after Epiphany—Green

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting

The Lutheran Herald

The January issue of “The Lutheran Herald,” the devotional booklet of the ELDoNA, is now available. It can be found on Facebook at: <http://tinyurl.com/LutheranHerald>. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave.

St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary

The winter quarter of our seminarian’s last year continues. Please keep the seminary and the seminarian in your prayers.

Vestry Meeting

There will be a Vestry meeting next Sunday, January 14, 2018 to discuss and adopt a parish budget for 2018. Please make arrangements

to be there.

Needs for the McCall Hospice House

There is an urgent need at the hospice house for the following items: Hard Candy (individually wrapped) any kind, mints included; Chips, individual size, any kind; Ponytail Holders; Notebooks and notepads; Men’s deodorant; Hair brushes; Q-Tips; Toothpaste, in regular and travel size; and Individual teeth flossers.

Other needs for in-home patients: XL Twin Sheet Sets; Ensure, any kind; and Baby wipes and adult wipes. Please give all collected items to Mike Miller.

To Read in Observance for this week’s Festivals:

Today—The First Sunday after Epiphany

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 61:1-3

Epistle:

Romans 12:1-5

Gospel:

St. Luke 2:41-52

January 13th—The Festival of the Baptism of our Lord

Old Testament Lesson:

Joshua 3:1-3, 7-8, 13-17

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel:

St. Matthew 3:13-17

January 14th—The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Old Testament Lesson:

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Epistle:

Romans 12:6-16a

Gospel:

St. John 2:1-11

An Excerpt from Martin Luther’s Sermons

“When God vouchsafes to us a strong faith and a firm trust in Him, so that we are assured He is our gracious God and we can depend upon Him, then we are in paradise. But when God permits our hearts to be discouraged and we believe that He takes from us Christ our Lord; when our conscience feels that we have lost Him and amidst trembling and despair our confidence is gone, then we are truly in misery and distress. For even if we are not conscious of any special sin, yet in such a condition we tremble and doubt whether God still cares for us; just as Mary here doubts and knows not whether God still deems her worthy to be the mother of His Son. Our heart thinks in the time of trial thus: God has indeed given me a strong faith, but perhaps He will take it from me and will no longer want me as His child. Only strong minds can

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 7th, 2018



Introit

P: I SAW - || the Lord sit- | ting | on | a | throne, *

C: High | and | lift- | ed - | up,

P: || And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, | “Al- | le- | lu- | ia! *
C: For the Lord God Om- | ni- | po- | tent - | reigns!” (Isaiah 6:1b;
Revelation 19:6a, c)

P: || Make a joyful shout to the | Lord, | all | you | lands! *
C: Serve the | Lord | with | glad- - | ness;

P: || Know that the | Lord, | He | is | God; *

C: It is He who has made us, and | not | we | our- - | selves;

P: || Enter into His gates | with | thanks- | giv- | ing, *

C: And into | His | courts | with - | praise.

P: || For the Lord is good; His mercy is | ev- | er- | last- | ing, *

C: And His truth endures to all | gen- | er- | a- - | tions. (Psalm 100:1-2a,
3a, 4a, 5)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || I saw the Lord sit- | ting | on | a | throne, *

C: High | and | lift- | ed - | up,

P: || And I heard the voice of a great multitude, saying, | “Al- | le- | lu- | ia! *
C: For the Lord God Om- | ni- | po- | tent - | reigns!” (Isaiah 6:1b;
Revelation 19:6a, c)

Collect

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people who call upon Thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || Blessèd be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only | does | won- | drous | things! *

C: And blessèd be His glorious | name | for- | ev- - | er!

P: || The mountains will bring peace | to | the | peo- | ple, *

C: And the little | hills | right- | eous- - | ness. (Psalm 72:18-19a, 3)

Verse

P: || Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia! *

C: Al- | — | le- | lu- - | ia!

P: || Make a joyful shout to the | Lord, | all | you | lands! *

C: Serve the Lord with gladness. | Al- | le- | lu- - | ia! (Psalm 100:1-2a)

Isaiah 61:1-3

¹ “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, ³ to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

Romans 12:1-5

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. ³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

St. Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²

And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. ⁴³ When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; ⁴⁴ but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day’s journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵ So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶ Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.” ⁴⁹ And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. ⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

TLH 16 “Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”

Sts. 1-3, Tobias Clausnitzer, 1667; St. 4, Unknown, 1707

1. Blessed Jesus, at Thy word
We are gathered all to hear Thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
By Thy teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from Earth to love Thee solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till Thy Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us;
Thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, Thyself impart,
Light of Light, from God proceeding;
Open Thou our ears and heart,
Help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;
Hear the cry Thy people raises,
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

Δ 4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to Thee and adoration!
Grant that we Thy Word may trust
And obtain true consolation
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing Thy praises yonder. Amen.

INSERT “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Aurelius C. Prudentius, died 413

1. Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

2. Oh, that birth forever blessed
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Savior of our race,
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

3. O ye heights of Heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him

And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on Earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

4. This is He whom Heav'n-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the Long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

Δ 5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

TLH 104 “Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One”

Coelius Sedulius, about 450; German version, Martin Luther, 1524, abridged

1. Now praise we Christ, the Holy One,
The blessed Virgin Mary's Son,
Far as the glorious sun doth shine,
E'en to the world's remote confine.

2. He Who Himself all things did make
A servant's form vouchsafed to take
That He as man mankind might win
And save His creatures from their sin.

3. The grace and pow'r of God the Lord
Upon the mother was outpoured;
A virgin pure and undefiled
In wondrous wise conceived a child.

4. The noble mother bore a Son,—
For so did Gabriel's promise run,—
Whom John confessed and leaped with joy
Ere yet the mother knew her Boy.

5. Upon a manger filled with hay
In poverty content He lay;
With milk was fed the Lord of all,
Who feeds the ravens when they call.

6. The heavenly choirs rejoice and raise
Their voice to God in songs of praise.
To humble shepherds is proclaimed
The Shepherd Who the world hath framed.

7. All honor unto Christ be paid,
Pure Offspring of the favored maid,
With Father and with Holy Ghost,
Till time in endless time be lost. Amen.

TLH 107 “We Christians May Rejoice Today”

Caspar Fuger, 1592

1. We Christians may Rejoice today
When Christ was born to comfort and to save us.
Who thus believes No longer grieves,
For none are lost who grasp the hope He gave us.

2. Oh, wondrous joy That God most high
Should take our flesh and thus our race should honor!
A virgin mild Hath borne this Child;
Such grace and glory God hath put upon her.

3. Sin bro’t us grief, But Christ relief,
When down to Earth He came for our salvation.
Since God with us Is dwelling thus,
Who dares to speak the Christian’s condemnation?

4. Then hither throng With happy song
To Him Whose birth and death are our assurance;
Through whom are we At last set free
From sins and burdens that surpassed endurance.

5. Yea, let us praise Our God and raise
Loud hallelujahs to the skies above us.
The bliss bestowed Today by God
To ceaseless thankfulness and joy should move us.
Amen.