

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.

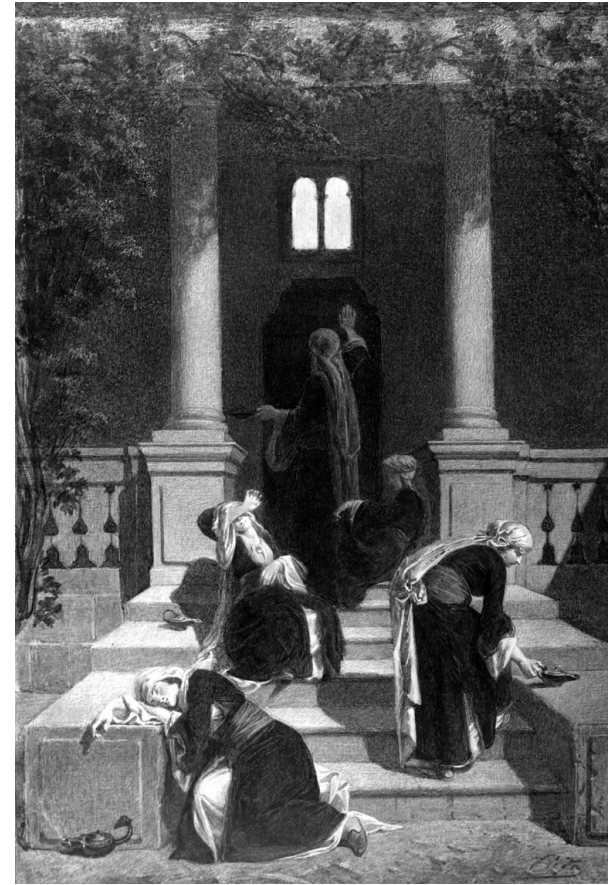
A Prayer after Communion

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.

Scripture quotations are from the New King James edition, copyright © 1979, 1980, 1982 Thomas Nelson Publishers, Inc. Used by permission. All rights reserved.



The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday
November 26th, 2017

Sts. Peter & Paul Ev. Luth. Church, U.A.C.

A Parish Affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America

400 Parker Ivey Drive
Greenville, SC 29607

ssp&p@spplc.org
(864) 412-6330

www.spplc.org

Pastor Jerald P Dulas
(864) 438-1214 (home)
pastor@spplc.org

“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.” St. Matthew 25:1

The Order of Divine Service

Prelude	<i>“Wachet auf”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“Jerusalem the Golden”</i>	TLH 613
<i>Stand</i>		
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 End of the Church Year		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 65:17-19
<i>After each Lesson:</i>	V: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	R: Thanks be to God.	
The Gradual		INSERT
The Epistle		1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
The Verse		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Matthew 25:1-13
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying”</i>	TLH 609
The Sermon	<i>At Midnight a Cry Was Heard</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>“For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country”</i>	TLH 614
<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>“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”</i>	TLH 618
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
<i>Sit</i>		
Announcements		
Postlude	<i>“St. Peter”</i>	Paul Bouman

else wants to dishonor and despise him, he will do this himself. He dislikes being lauded and exalted. In that respect he is just, giving to God what is God's and to himself what is his, to God honor and everything else, to himself dishonor and nothing else. That is the justice that endures forever for it appeals not only to man here in time—such as the lamps of the foolish virgins and the righteousness of sham saints—but also to the eternal God, with Whom justice abides forever.”
From “An Exposition of the Lord’s Prayer for Simple Laymen,” 1519.

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, and Vince Bost.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Herrin, IL,* and her pastors, the *Rev. Michael D. Henson* and the *Rev. Dcn. Gary K. Harroun.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary,* and her seminarian, *Josiah Scheck.*
- For our catechumens, especially *Richard Noegel.*
- 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.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after the Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today	Haggai; Matt. 5:13-16	Zechariah 1-2; Revelation 21:1-7
Monday:	Zech. 3-4; 2 Pet. 3:1-18	Zechariah 5-6; Isaiah 65:17-25
Tuesday:	Zech. 7-8; Jude	Zechariah 9-10; Ezekiel 37:15-28
Wednesday:	Zech. 11-12; 1 John 2:18-29	Zechariah 13-14; Habakkuk 3:1-19
Thursday:	Malachi 1-2; 1 John 3:1-12	Malachi 3-4; Isaiah 40:27-31
Friday:	Isaiah 1-2; 1 John 3:19-24	Isaiah 3-4; Jeremiah 14:7-9
Saturday:	Isaiah 5-6; 1 John 4:1-8	Isaiah 7-8; Malachi 3:7-18

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 103, 120-125	Psalms 27, 97, 126-132
Monday:	Psalms 103, 133-135	Psalms 27, 97, 136-139
Tuesday:	Psalms 103, 140-141	Psalms 27, 97, 142-143
Wednesday:	Psalms 103, 144	Psalms 27, 97, 145
Thursday:	Psalms 103, 146-147	Psalms 27, 97, 148-150
Friday:	Psalms 103, 1-4	Psalms 27, 97, 5-8
Saturday:	Psalms 103, 9-11	Psalms 143, 12-17

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, IV.33-40
Tuesday:	Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, V.1-9
Wednesday:	Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, V.10-19
Thursday:	Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, V.20-27
Friday:	Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, VI.1-8

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: TLH 609—“Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying”

Evening: TLH 614—“For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country”

Calendar for the Week after the Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Today: The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: The Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr—Red

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Ad te levavi, The First Sunday in Advent—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

The Lutheran Herald

The November 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 has begun. Please keep the seminary and the seminarian in your prayers. “Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest (Matt. 9:38).”

Vestry Meeting

A Vestry meeting is scheduled for today after Bible study. We will discuss the replacement of some positions, finding a new location, and

the upcoming services in December.

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 Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 65:17-19

Epistle:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Holy Gospel:

St. Matthew 25:1-13

November 30th—The Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr

Old Testament Lesson:

Ezekiel 3:16-21

Epistle:

Romans 10:8-18

Holy Gospel:

St. Matthew 4:18-22

December 3rd—Ad te levavi, The First Sunday in Advent

Old Testament Lesson:

Jeremiah 33:14-18

Epistle:

Romans 13:11-14

Holy Gospel:

St. Matthew 21:1-9

An Excerpt from Martin Luther’s Writings

“So this is the first petition [of the Lord’s Prayer]. For by honoring God we bring Him the first and the last and the highest offering within our power; nor does He seek and ask for more. Moreover, we cannot give God anything else, for it is He Who gives us everything else. But He does claim for Himself this honor, namely, that we acknowledge and witness in our words and songs, our lives and deeds, in all that we do and suffer, that everything is of God, in support of Psalm 111, “Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.” That is to say, the deeds of him in whom God lives and works do nothing else but accord God great honor and glory and ascribe all to Him. Hence, such a person will not be disturbed when dishonor and contempt are heaped on him, for he knows that it is right. And if no one

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

November 26th, 2017



Introit

P: FOR I - || know the thoughts that I think toward | you, | says | the | Lord, *

C: Thoughts of peace and | not | of | e- - | vil,

P: || Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will | lis- | ten | to | you.*

C: And I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from | all | the | **pla-** - | ces. (*Jeremiah 29:11a, 12, 14b*)

P: || Lord, You have been favora- | ble | to | Your | land; *

C: You have brought back the captivi- | ty | of | **Ja-** - | cob.

P: || Show us | Your | mer- | cy, | Lord, *

C: And grant us | Your | sal- | va- - | tion.

P: || Surely His salvation is near to | those | who | fear | Him, *

C: That glory may | dwell | in | **our** - | land.

P: || Truth shall spring | out | of | the | earth, *

C: And righteousness shall look | down | from | **heav-** - | en. (*Ps. 85:1,7,9,11*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || For I know the thoughts that I think toward | you, | says | the | Lord, *

C: Thoughts of peace and | not | of | e- - | vil,

P: || Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will | lis- | ten | to | you.*

C: And I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from | all | the | **pla-** - | ces. (*Jeremiah 29:11a, 12, 14b*)

Collect

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offenses, that from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon us we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for the End of the Church Year

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, that in the past Church Year Thou hast preserved Thy Word among us in purity and by it effectively enlivened our souls; and we beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst graciously forgive us all our neglect, unbelief, and disobedience with respect to Thy Word, and continue to give us this precious treasure with Thy blessing forevermore; 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: || The King's daughter shall be | brought | to | the | King; *

C: The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall | be | brought | **to** - | You.

P: || With gladness and rejoicing | they | shall | be | brought; *

C: They shall enter | the | King's | **pa-** - | lace. (*Psalms 45:14a, 15*)

Verse

P: || Al- | — | le- | lu - | ia! *

C: Al- | — | le- | **lu-** - | ia!

P: || I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of | heav- | en | from |

God, *

C: Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. | Al- | le- | **lu-** - | ia! (*Rev. 21:2*)

Isaiah 65:17-19

¹⁷ For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

St. Matthew 25:1-13

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' ¹² But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

TLH 613 “Jerusalem the Golden”

Bernard of Morlas, about 1140

1. Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, oh, I know not,
What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them;
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they who with their Leader
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest. Amen.

TLH 609 “Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying”

Philipp Nicolai, 1599

1. “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Hallelujah!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, Who is near.”

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious,
Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
“Now come, Thou Blessèd One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
The joyful call We answer all
And follow to the nuptial hall.”

3. Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No vision ever brought,
No ear hath ever caught,
Such great glory;
Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee. Amen.

TLH 614 “For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country”

Bernard of Morlas, about 1140

1. For thee, O dear, dear country,
Mine eyes their vigils keep;
For very love, beholding
Thy happy name, they weep.
The mention of thy glory
Is unction to the breast
And medicine in sickness
And love and life and rest.

2. O one, O only mansion,
O Paradise of joy,
Where tears are ever banished
And smiles have no alloy!
The Lamb is all thy splendor,
The Crucified thy praise;
His laud and benediction
Thy ransomed people raise.

3. With jasper glow thy bulwarks,
Thy streets with em'rals blaze;
The sardius and the topaz
Unite in thee their rays;
Thine ageless walls are bonded
With amethyst unpriced;
The saints build up thy fabric,
The cornerstone is Christ.

4. Thou hast no shore, fair ocean;
Thou hast no time, bright day,
Dear fountain of refreshment
To pilgrims far away!
Upon the Rock of Ages
They raise thy holy tower;
Thine is the victor's laurel
And thine the golden dower.

5. O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest. Amen.

TLH 618 "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

F. B. P., 1580

1. Jerusalem, my happy home,
Name ever dear to me,
When shall my labors have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

2. When shall these eyes thy Heav'n-built walls
And pearly gates behold,
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong,
And streets of shining gold?

3. Oh, when, thou city of my God,
Shall I thy courts ascend
Where evermore the angels sing,
Where Sabbaths have no end?

4. Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
Around my Savior stand;
And soon my friends in Christ below
Will join the glorious band.

5. Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my labors have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

6. O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
For that bright home of love
That I may see Thee and adore
With all Thy saints above. Amen.