

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.

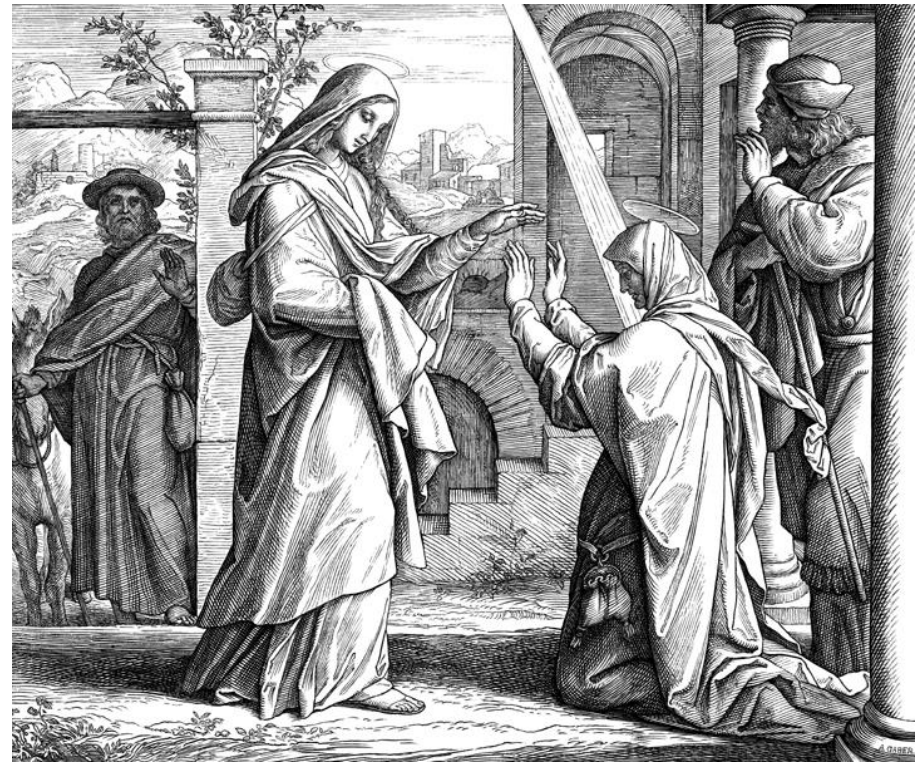
A Prayer after Communion

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 Festival of the Visitation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
July 2nd, 2018

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“But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” St. Luke 1:43

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“D Dorian”</i>	Girolamo Frescobaldi
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”</i>	Δ TLH 3
The Confiteor		
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15
Versicles		TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16
The Introit	<i>(Tone 2)</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 Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Judges 13:2-7
<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		Isaiah 11:1-5
The Verse		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Luke 1:39-56
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“My Soul doth Magnify the Lord”</i>	TLH 275
The Sermon	<i>The Babe Leaped in Her Womb</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>“O Lord, We Praise Thee”</i>	TLH 313
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
<i>Sit</i>		
Announcements		
The Postlude	<i>“D Major”</i>	Johann Erasmus Kindermann

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

THE FESTIVAL OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
July 2nd, 2018



Introit

P: THE RICH || among the people will seek your | fav- | or. *
C: She shall be brought to the King in robes of man- | y | col- | ors;
P: || The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to | You. | - *
C: With gladness and rejoicing they | shall | be | brought. (*Ps. 45:12b, 14-15a*)
P: || My heart is overflowing with a good | theme; | - *
C: I recite my composition concern- | ing | the | King.
P: || Your throne, O God, is forever and | ev- | er; *
C: A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of | Your | king- | dom.
P: || God, Your God, has a- | noint-ed • | You *
C: With the oil of gladness more than Your | com- | pan- | ions.
P: || I will make Your name to be remembered in all gener- | a- | tions; *
C: Therefore the people shall praise You forever | and | ev- | er. (*Psalm 45:1, 6, 7b, and 17*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || The rich among the people will seek your | fav- | or. *
C: She shall be brought to the King in robes of man- | y | col- | ors;
P: || The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to | You. | - *
C: With gladness and rejoicing they | shall | be | brought. (*Ps. 45:12b, 14-15a*)

Collect

Almighty God, Who hast dealt wonderfully with Thy handmaiden, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and hast chosen her to be the mother of Thy Son and hast graciously made known that Thou regardest the poor and lowly and the despised, grant us grace in all humility and meekness to receive Thy Word with hearty faith and so to be made one with Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of | Jes- | se, *
C: And a Branch shall grow out | of | his | roots.
P: || There shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the | peo- | ple; *
C: For the Gentiles | shall | seek | Him. (*Isaiah 11:1, 10b*)

Verse

P: || Alle- | lu- | ia! *
C: Al- | le- | lu- | ia!
P: || “Blessèd are you, O Mary, among women, and blessèd is the fruit of your | womb! | - *
C: Behold, there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told you from the Lord.” Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Luke 1:42b, 45b paraphrased*)

Judges 13:2-7

²Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children. ³And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, “Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. ⁵For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.” ⁶So the woman came and told her husband, saying, “A Man of God came to me, and His countenance was like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not tell me His name. ⁷And He said to me, ‘Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or similar drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.’”

Isaiah 11:1-5

¹There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ²The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. ³His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; ⁴But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

St. Luke 1:39-56

³⁹Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.” ⁴⁶And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. ⁴⁸For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. ⁴⁹For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. ⁵⁰And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵²He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. ⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, ⁵⁵as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.” ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

TLH 3 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

Unknown, 1651

1. Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Thy Spirit send with grace divine,
And let Thy truth within us shine.
2. Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise,
Our souls to Thee in worship raise,
Make strong our faith, increase our light
That we may know Thy Name aright:
3. Until we join the hosts that cry,
“Holy art Thou, O Lord, most high!”
And in the light of that blest place
Fore’er behold Thee face to face.
- Δ 4. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity! Amen.

TLH 275 “My Soul doth Magnify the Lord”

Unknown, 1535

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord,
My spirit shall in God rejoice;
My low estate He did regard,
Exalting me by gracious choice.
2. Henceforth all men shall call me blest,
For great things He hath done to me.
The mighty God is now my Guest;
The Holy One hath set me free.
3. His mercy is on all who fear,
Who trust in Him from age to age;
His arm of strength to all is near,
The proud He scatt’rèth though they rage.
4. The strong He casteth from their seat
And raiseth men of low degree;
To hungry souls He giveth meat,
The rich depart in poverty.
5. He helped His servant Israel;
Remembering His eternal grace,
As from of old He did foretell
To Abraham and all his race.
6. So praise with me the Holy One,
Who cometh in humility.
Divine Redeemer, God’s own Son,

Eternal glory be to Thee! 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 313 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

St. 1, Unknown, about 1400; Sts. 2-3, Martin
Luther, 1524

1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore
Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy Body and Thy Blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy Body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,

And Thy Blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

2. Thy holy Body into death was given,
Life to win for us in Heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy Blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor
To please Him with our behavior
And live as brethren here in love and union
Nor repent this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy! Amen.