

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 everyone be examined and instructed by the Pastor 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 Bishop, 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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Populus Sion
December 9th, 2018

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*“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words
will not pass away.” St. Luke 21:33*

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

The Hymn “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us” TLH 67

Stand

The Confiteor

The Invocation and Address TLH p. 15

Versicles TLH p. 15

Confession and Absolution TLH p. 16

The Introit (*Tone 6*) INSERT

The Kyrie TLH p. 17

The Salutation TLH p. 19

The Collect for the Day INSERT

The Collect for the Season of Advent INSERT

Sit

The Lesson Micah 4:1-7

After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual INSERT

The Epistle Romans 15:4-13

The Verse INSERT

The Hallelujah TLH p. 20

Stand

The Holy Gospel St. Luke 21:25-36

The Nicene Creed TLH p. 22

Sit

The Hymn “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” TLH 611

The Sermon *The Son of Man Coming in a Cloud with Power*

Stand

The Offertory “Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God” TLH p. 22-23

Sit

The Recitation of the Catechism The Lord’s Prayer

The Offering

Stand

The General Prayer TLH p. 23

Sit

The Hymn “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray” TLH 446

Stand

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

Sit

The Distribution

Stand

The Post Communion Canticle “The Nunc Dimittis” TLH p. 29-30

The Thanksgiving (“And His mercy endureth forever”) TLH p. 30

The Post-Communion Collect

Sit

The Hymn “When Sinners See Their Lost Condition” TLH 65

Stand

The Salutation TLH p. 31

The Benedicamus TLH p. 31

The Benediction TLH p. 31

Silent Prayer

Sit

Announcements

Christmas Season Schedule

December 24th

The Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

December 25th

The Nativity of Our Lord Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

December 26th

St. Stephen, Protomartyr and Deacon

December 27th

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

December 28th

Holy Innocents’ Day

December 30th

The First Sunday after Christmas Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
Bible Class 11:15 a.m.

January 1st

The Circumcision of Our Lord Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

January 6th

The Epiphany of Our Lord Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
Bible Class 11:15 a.m.

December 13th—The Festival of St. Lucia of Syracuse, Virgin and Martyr

Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 51:1-7
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 10:17—11:2
Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 13:44-52

December 16th—Gaudete

Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:1-6
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 11:2-10

An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermons

“There is no one so well prepared for the judgment day as he who longs to be without sin....For a heart that would be truly free from sin will certainly rejoice in the day that fulfills its desire.” *From the Church Postil for Populus Sion, 1522.*

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Rev. Ned Brockwell, Doug Schultz, Denise Heiser, Rev. Donald Hunter, Emily Benson, Nancy, Pat, Caroline, Rev. Charles Hudson, Rev. Mark Mueller, Eleanor Smolen, Jo Kope, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Brandon Dennie, Paul Meadows, Vera Davis, Nellie Noegel, Marie Scheck, Maile Manalo, Richard Noegel, Doris Armstrong, and Vince Bost.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Kerrville, TX; and Leander Ev. Lutheran Mission, Leander, TX; and their pastor, the Rev. Joshua Sullivan.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Luke Sekula, Joshua and Christopher Heck, and Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred.*
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Douglas Schultz and Virgil Siler.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after Populus Sion

	Morning	Evening
Today	Isaiah 33-34; Luke 1:26-35	Isaiah 35-36; Romans 2:1-16
Monday:	Isaiah 37-38; Acts 17:16-24	Isaiah 39-40; 1 Chronicles 17:1-27
Tuesday:	Isaiah 41-42; 1 John 4:9-16	Isaiah 43-44; 2 Chronicles 7:11-22
Wednesday:	Isaiah 45-46; Col. 1:1-8	Isaiah 47-48; Isaiah 11:1-10
Thursday:	Isaiah 49-50; Phil. 2:12-18	Isaiah 51-52; Jeremiah 23:2-8
Friday:	Isaiah 53-54; Phil. 3:12-16	Isaiah 55-56; Jeremiah 30:1-22
Saturday:	Isaiah 57-58; Col. 3:1-11	Isaiah 59-60; Jeremiah 33:14-26

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 42, 49	Psalms 91, 50-51
Monday:	Psalms 42, 52-54	Psalms 91, 55-57
Tuesday:	Psalms 42, 58-59	Psalms 91, 60-63
Wednesday:	Psalms 42, 64-65	Psalms 91, 66-68
Thursday:	Psalms 42, 69	Psalms 91, 70-72
Friday:	Psalms 42, 73	Psalms 91, 74-76
Saturday:	Psalms 42, 77	Psalms 98, 78

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Large Catechism, Preface.1-10
Tuesday: The Large Catechism, Preface.11—Short Preface.6
Wednesday: The Large Catechism, Intro.1-28
Thursday: The Large Catechism, I.1-15
Friday: The Large Catechism, I.16-29

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 611—“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”
Evening: TLH 67—“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

Calendar for the Week after Populus Sion

Today: Populus Sion—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service
11:15 a.m. Parish Vestry Meeting
3 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA
4:15 p.m. Bible Class in Augusta, GA

Monday: No Events Scheduled
Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Midweek Advent Vespers

Thursday: The Festival of St. Lucia of Syracuse, Virgin and Martyr—Red

Friday: Douglas Schultz’s Birthday
Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Gaudete—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service
11:15 a.m. Bible Class
Virgil Siler’s Birthday

The Lutheran Herald

The December 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.

Needs for the McCall Hospice House

There is 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.

Midweek Advent Vespers

Midweek Advent Vespers continue on Wednesday. This year we will be focusing on the readings from St. Luke 1.

Parish Vestry Meeting

The next Parish Vestry Meeting is scheduled for today after the Divine Service. Our two main topics will be the budget for 2019 and confirming the Parish Vestry members for 2019.

Ask the Pastor

The Rev. Joshua Sullivan of Holy Cross Ev. Luth. Church, Kerrville, TX puts out weekly videos dealing with a wide range of theological topics. Please check them out and subscribe to be notified when a new one is published at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ATPHolyCross>.

Justification Made Clear Videos

The videos that make the doctrine of justification clear and exposes the false doctrine of objective justification are available on Facebook and YouTube. To view them do a search for “Justification Made Clear.”

New Catechism for the Diocese with Q&A by Pastor Rydecki

A new catechism will be available in January. It will contain Luther’s Enchiridion translated from the German Book of Concord and has over 780 questions and answers. The cost is \$20 a copy. We are ordering 20 copies, so that every one in the parish receives one, and to have a few extra for new members. If you would like to offset the price of these please earmark your gift for “Catechisms.”

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—Populus Sion

Old Testament Lesson:

Micah 4:1-7

Epistle:

Romans 15:4-13

Holy Gospel:

St. Luke 21:25-36

POPULUS SION

December 9th, 2018



Introit

P: DAUGH- TER - || - | of | Zi- | on, *

C: Behold, surely your salva- | tion | is - | com- | ing.

P: || The Lord will cause His glorious voice | to | be | heard,*

C: And you shall have | glad- | ness - | of | heart. (*Isaiah 62:11; 30:30, 29a,b*)

P: || Give ear, O Shepherd of | Is- | ra- | el, *

C: You who lead Ja- | cob | like - | a | flock.

P: || Restore | us, | O | God; *

C: Cause Your face to shine, and | we | shall - | be | saved!

P: || Return, we beseech You, O | God | of | Hosts, *

C: Look down from | heav- | en - | and | see.

P: || Let Your hand be upon the Man of | Your | right | hand, *

C: Upon the Son of Man whom You made | strong | for - | Your- | self.
(*Psalm 80:1a, 3, 14, 17*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || Daughter | of | Zi- | on, *

C: Behold, surely your salva- | tion | is - | com- | ing.

P: || The Lord will cause His glorious voice | to | be | heard,*

C: And you shall have | glad- | ness - | of | heart. (*Isaiah 62:11; 30:30, 29a,b*)

Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine Only-Begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; through the same 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 Season of Advent

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | will | shine | forth: *

C: Our | — | God - | shall | come.

P: || Gather My saints together | un- | to | Me, *

C: Those who have made a covenant with Me | by | sa- - | cri- | fice.
(*Psalm 50:2-3a, 5*)

Verse

P: || Al- | le- | lu- | ia! *

C: Al- | — | le- - | lu- | ia!

P: || The powers of heaven will | be | shak- | en. *

C: Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. | Al- | le- - | lu- | ia! (*St. Luke 21:26c-27*)

Micah 4:1-7

¹ Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it. ² Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ³ He shall judge between many peoples, and rebuke strong nations afar off; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁴ But everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid; For the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. ⁵ For all people walk each in the name of his god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever. ⁶ "In that day," says the LORD, "I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast and those whom I have afflicted; ⁷ I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a strong nation; So the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion from now on, even forever."

Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. ⁵ Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. ⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, ⁹ and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name." ¹⁰ And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" ¹¹

And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" ¹² And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

St. Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." ²⁹ Then He spoke to them a parable, "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. ³⁴ But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

TLH 67 “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

Johann Walther, 1552

1. The Bridegroom soon will call us:
Come, all ye wedding-guests!
May not His voice appal us
While slumber binds our breasts!
May all our lamps be burning
And oil be found in store
That we, with Him returning,
May open find the door!

2. There shall we see delighted
Our dear Redeemer’s face,
Who leads our souls benighted
To glory by His grace.
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets’ holy band,
Apostles, martyrs, greet us
In that celestial land.

3. They will not blush to own us
As brothers, sisters dear;
Love ever will be shown us
When we with them appear.
We all shall come before Him
Who for us man became,
As Lord and God adore Him,
And ever bless His Name.

4. Our Father, rich in blessing,
Will give us crowns of gold
And, to His bosom pressing,
Impart a bliss untold,
Will welcome with embraces
Of never-ending love,
And deck us with His graces
In blissful realms above.

5. In yonder home shall never
Be silent music’s voice;
With hearts and lips forever
We shall in God rejoice.
The angels shall adore Him,
All saints shall sing His praise
And bring with joy before Him
Their sweetest heavenly lays.

6. In mansions fair and spacious
Will God the feast prepare
And, ever kind and gracious,
Bid us its riches share.
There bliss that knows no measure
From springs of love shall flow,

And never-changing pleasure
His bounty will bestow.

7. Thus God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin, and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heavenly gladness
And wipe away our tears. Amen.

TLH 611 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”

Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1586

1. The day is surely drawing near
When God’s Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear
As Judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease
When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teacheth.

2. A trumpet loud shall then resound
And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found
Shall from their sleep awaken;
But all that live shall in that hour
By the Almighty’s boundless pow’r
Be changed at His commanding.

3. A book is opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each hath done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling;
And ev’ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In tho’ts and words and actions.

4. Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the Judge’s stern command
To Satan be delivered.

5. O Jesus, who my debt didst pay
And for my sin wast smitten,
Within the Book of Life, oh, may
My name be also written!
I will not doubt; I trust in Thee,
From Satan Thou hast made me free
And from all condemnation.

6. Therefore my Intercessor be
And for Thy blood and merit
Declare my name from judgment free
With all who life inherit,
That I may see Thee face to face
With all Thy saints in that blest place
Which Thou for us hast purchased.

7. O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Then hear us when we cry to Thee;
Come, mighty Judge, and make us free
From every evil! Amen. Amen.

TLH 446 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

Johann B. Freystein, 1697

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray,
From thy sleep awaken;
Be not by the evil day
Unawares o’ertaken.
For the Foe,
Well we know,
Oft his harvest reapeth
While the Christian sleepeth.

2. Watch against the devil’s snares
Lest asleep he find thee;
For indeed no pains he spares
To deceive and blind thee.
Satan’s prey
Oft are they
Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping.

3. Watch! Let not the wicked world
With its pow’r defeat thee.
Watch lest with her pomp unfurled
She betray and cheat thee.
Watch and see
Lest there be
Faithless friends to charm thee,
Who but seek to harm thee.

4. Watch against thyself, my soul,
Lest with grace thou trifle;
Let not self thy tho’ts control
Nor God’s mercy stifle.
Pride and sin
Lurk within

All thy hopes to scatter;
Heed not when they flatter.

5. But while watching, also pray
To the Lord unceasing.
He will free thee, be thy Stay,
Strength and faith increasing.
O Lord, bless
In distress
And let nothing swerve me
From the will to serve Thee.

6. Therefore let us watch and pray,
Knowing He will hear us
As we see from day to day
Dangers ever near us,
And the end
Doth impend,—
Our redemption neareth
When the Lord appeareth. Amen.

TLH 65 “When Sinners See Their Lost Condition”

Magnus B. Landstad, 1863

1. When sinners see their lost condition
And feel the pressing load of sin
And Jesus cometh on His mission
To heal the sin-sick heart within,
All grief must flee before His grace,
And joy divine will take its place.

2. When Jesus enters meek and lowly
To fill the home with sweetest peace;
When hearts have felt His blessing holy
And found from sin complete release,
Then light and calm within shall reign
And hearts divided love again.

3. When Jesus enters land and nation
And moves the people with His love;
When, yielding to His kind persuasion,
Our hearts His truth and blessing prove,
Then shall our life on earth be blest,
The peace of God on us shall rest.

4. When Jesus comes,—O blessed story!—
He works a change in heart and life;
God’s kingdom comes with pow’r and glory
To young and old, to man and wife;
Thro’ Sacrament and living Word
Faith, love, and hope are now conferred.

5. Then stilled are cries and lamentation,
Then loosed is Satan’s every band,

In death is hope and consolation,
The soul is safe in Jesus' hand.
When we shall walk through death's dark vale,
His rod and staff shall never fail.

6. Oh, may He soon to every nation
Find entrance where He is unknown,
With life and light and full salvation,
That heathendom may be o'erthrown
And healing to the hearts may come
In heathen land and Christian home! Amen.