

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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Sexagesima
February 24th, 2019

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“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside...some fell on rock...and some fell among thorns...but others fell on good ground.” St. Luke 8:5-8

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Erhalt uns, Herr”</i>	Michael Praetorius
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear”</i>	Δ TLH 5
<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 3)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
The Collect for the Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 55:1-7
<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		2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9
The Tract		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Luke 8:4-15
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”</i>	Δ TLH 500
The Sermon	<i>He Spoke by A Parable</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>“One Thing’s Needful; Lord, This Treasure”</i>	TLH 366
<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>“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”</i>	TLH 446
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Es woll’ Gott uns gnädig sein”</i>	Donald Johns
Announcements		

Δ—Indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand for the last stanza.

find Christians. 'My word shall not return unto me void.' Is. 55:11."
From Martin Luther's Sermon for Sexagesima, 1525.

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, Alex Noegel, Jo Kope, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Brandon Dennie, Paul Meadows, Vera Davis, Nellie Noegel, Marie Scheck, Judy Horn, Norma Martich, Maile Manalo, Richard Noegel, Mike Miller, Doris Armstrong, and Vince Bost.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *St. Boniface Ev. Lutheran Church, Niles, MI*; and her pastor, the *Rev. John Rutowicz.*
- 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 and John Monahan.*
- 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 Sexagesima

	Morning	Evening
Today	Gen. 43-44; Mark 4:26-32	Genesis 45-46; 2 Timothy 3:10—4:5
Monday:	Gen. 47-48; Mark 10:1-31	Genesis 49-50; Exodus 14:1-31
Tuesday:	Ex. 1-2; Mark 10:32-52	Exodus 3-4; Exodus 15:1-21
Wednesday:	Ex. 5-6; Mark 11:1-33	Exodus 7-8; Exodus 15:22—16:36
Thursday:	Ex. 9-10; Mark 12:13-44	Exodus 11-12; Exodus 17:1-16
Friday:	Ex. 13-14; Luke 4:14-44	Exodus 15-16; Exodus 19:1-25
Saturday:	Ex. 17-18; Luke 5:12-39	Exodus 19-20

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 24, 119:1-40	Psalms 25, 119:41-88
Monday:	Psalms 24, 119:89-128	Psalms 25, 119:129-176
Tuesday:	Psalms 24, 120-125	Psalms 25, 126-132
Wednesday:	Psalms 24, 133-135	Psalms 25, 136-139
Thursday:	Psalms 24, 140-144	Psalms 25, 145-150
Friday:	Psalms 24, 1-4	Psalms 25, 5-8
Saturday:	Psalms 24, 9-11	Psalms 27, 12-17

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Augsburg Confession, XXIV.1-41

Tuesday: The Augsburg Confession, XXV.1-13

Wednesday: The Augsburg Confession, XXVI.1-20

Thursday: The Augsburg Confession, XXVI.21-45

Friday: The Augsburg Confession, XXVII.1-26

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 500 “May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

Evening: TLH 366 “One Thing’s Needful; Lord, This Treasure”

Calendar for the week after Sexagesima

Today: Sexagesima/The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Class

Monday: Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Tuesday: Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Quinquagesima—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

Parish Vestry Meeting

Our next quarterly Parish Vestry meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, March 3rd, after Divine Service. We do not have a lot to discuss so it should be a short meeting. Please make arrangements to be there.

The Lutheran Herald

The February 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.

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>.

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—Sexagesima/The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-7

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

Gospel: St. Luke 8:4-15

March 3rd—Quinquagesima (Esto mihi)

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 35:3-7

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel: St. Luke 18:31-43

An Excerpt from Martin Luther’s Sermons

“All this is spoken for our instruction, that we may not go astray, since so many misuse the Gospel and few lay hold of it aright. True it is unpleasant to preach to those who treat the Gospel so shamefully and even oppose it. For preaching is to become so universal that the Gospel is to be proclaimed to all creatures, as Christ says in Mk. 16:15, ‘Preach the Gospel to the whole creation;’ and Ps. 19:4, ‘Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.’ What business is it of mine that many do not esteem it? It must be that many are called but few are chosen. For the sake of the good ground that brings forth fruit with patience, the seed must also fall fruitless by the wayside, on the rock and among the thorns; inasmuch as we are assured that the Word of God does not go forth without bearing some fruit, but it always finds also good ground; as Christ says here, some seed of the sower falls also into good ground, and not only by the wayside, among the thorns and on stony ground. For wherever the Gospel goes you will

SEXAGESIMA

February 24th, 2019



Introit

P: A-**WAKE!** - || Why do | You | sleep, | **O** - | Lord? *
C: Arise! Do not cast us | **off** - | **for-** - | ev- | er.

P: || Why do | You | hide | **Your** - | face, *
C: And forget | **our** | **af-** - | flic- | tion?

P: || For our soul is bowed | down | to | **the** - | dust; *
C: Arise for our help | **and** - | **re-** - | deem | us. (Ps. 44:23-24a,25a,26a)

P: || We have heard with | our | ears, | **O** - | God, *
C: Our fathers have told us, the deeds You | **did** - | **in** - | their | days.

P: || You drove out the na- | tions | with | **Your** - | hand, *
C: But them You planted, because | **you** - | **fa-** - | vored | them.

P: || You have saved us from | our | en- | **e-** - | mies, *
C: And have put to shame those | **who** - | **hat-** - | ed | us.

P: || In God we | boast | all | **day** - | long, *
C: And praise Your | **name** - | **for-** - | ev- | er. (Psalm 44:1a, 2-3, 7-8)

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Gradual

P: || Let the nations know that Your | Name | is | **the** - | Lord, *
C: You alone are the Most High ov- | **er** - | **all** - | the | earth.

P: || O my God, make | them | like | **a** - | wheel, *
C: Like the chaff | **be-** - | **fore** - | the | wind! (Ps. 83:18, 13 paraphrase)

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Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

^{11:19} For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! ²⁰ For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. ²¹ To our shame, I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also. ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. ²³ Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. ²⁴ From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; ²⁷ in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—²⁸ besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? ³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. ³¹ The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; ³³ but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. ^{12:1} It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—

whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. ³ And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴ how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. ⁵ Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. ⁶ For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. ⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

St. Luke 8:4-15

⁴ And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: ⁵ “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. ⁸ But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” ⁹ Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” ¹⁰ And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. ¹³ But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴ Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. ¹⁵ But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.”

TLH 5 “Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear”

Johannes Olearius, 1671

1. Lord, open Thou my heart to hear
And through Thy Word to me draw near;
Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain,
Let me Thy child and heir remain.

2. Thy Word doth deeply move the heart,
Thy Word doth perfect health impart,
Thy Word my soul with joy doth bless,
Thy Word brings peace and happiness.

Δ 3. To God, the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise and honor be
Now and throughout eternity. Amen.

TLH 500 “May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

Martin Luther, 1524

1. May God bestow on us His grace,
With blessings rich provide us,
And may the brightness of His face
To life eternal guide us
That we His saving health may know,
His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the heathen show
Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.

2. Thine over all shall be the praise
And thanks of ev'ry nation,
And all the world with joy shall raise
The voice of exultation;
For Thou shalt judge the Earth, O Lord,
Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word
Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.

Δ 3. Oh, let the people praise Thy worth,
In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,
Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone,
Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, Amen. Amen.

TLH 366 “One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure”

Johann H. Shröder, 1697

1. One thing's needful; Lord this treasure
Teach me highly to regard;
All else, though it first give pleasure,
Is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
The gain of this one thing all loss can requite
And teach me in all things to find true delight.

2. Wilt thou find this one thing needful,
Turn from all created things
Unto Jesus and be heedful
Of the blessed joy He brings.
For where God and Man both in one are united,
With God's perfect fulness the heart is delighted;
There, there is the worthiest lot and the best,
My One and my All, and my Joy and my Rest.

3. How were Mary's tho'ts devoted,
Her eternal joy to find
As intent each word she noted,
At her Savior's feet reclined!
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,
While hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!
For Jesus all earthly concerns she forgot,
And all was repaid in that one happy lot.

4. Thus my longings, heav'nward tending,
Jesus, rest alone on Thee.
Help me, thus on Thee depending;
Savior, come and dwell in me.
Although all the world should forsake and forget Thee,
In love I will follow Thee, ne'er will I quit Thee.
Lord Jesus, both spirit and life is Thy Word;
And is there a joy which Thou dost not afford?

5. Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure,
Jesus, lies concealed in Thee;
Grant that this may still the measure
Of my will and actions be,
Humility there and simplicity reigning,
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
Oh, if I of Christ have this knowledge divine,
The fulness of heavenly wisdom is mine.

6. Naught have I, O Christ, to offer
Naught but Thee, my highest Good.
Naught have I, O Lord, to proffer
But Thy crimson-colored blood.
Thy death on the cross hath Death wholly defeated

And thereby my righteousness fully completed;
Salvation's white raiments I there did obtain,
And in them in glory with Thee I shall reign.

7. Therefore Thou alone, my Savior,
Shalt be All in all to me;
Search my heart and my behavior,
Root out all hypocrisy.
Restrain me from wand'ring on pathways unholy
And through all life's pilgrimage keep my heart lowly.
This one thing is needful, all others are vain;
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain. 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.