

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.



The Second Sunday after Christmas
January 5th, 2020

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

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“Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word.”

St. Matthew 2:13

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Erhalt uns, Herr”</i>	Michael Praetorius
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly”</i>	TLH 96
<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 5)</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 Feast of the Nativity of our Lord		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 42:1-9
<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>		
<i>R: Thanks be to God.</i>		
The Epistle		1 Peter 4:12-19
The Gradual		INSERT
The Verse		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	<i>“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”</i>	Δ INSERT
The Holy Gospel		St. Matthew 2:13-23
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“O Hail This Brightest Day of Days”</i>	INSERT
The Sermon	<i>Flee to Egypt</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		
The Installation of the Parish Vestry for 2020		
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord”</i>	TLH 265
<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 Jesus, King Most Wonderful”</i>	TLH 361
<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>“St. Agnes”</i>	Sam Batt Owens
Announcements		

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

Christmas Season Schedule

January 5th

<i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i>	Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
	Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
	Divine Service 3:00 p.m. Augusta, GA
	Bible Class 4:15 p.m. Augusta, GA

January 6th

<i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i>	Private Confession 6:30 p.m.
	Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

and people that Christ was born in their midst, and they should first become aware of it through these heathen people living so far away. At least in Jerusalem, the capitol city, they should have known about it. An earnest admonition to seek and to acknowledge Christ was given them. But their neck was an iron sinew and their brow brass as Isaiah says 48:4. ‘Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the East, and are come to worship Him.’” *From the Church Postil for the Festival of the Epiphany of the Lord, 1522.*

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Emily Benson, Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Judy Horn, Richard Noegel, Patricia Bachand, Tamara Jack, Mike Miller, Doris Armstrong, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Vince Bost, Rev. Donald Hunter, and Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- For *Silvia diGregorio* that her faith may be strengthened.
- 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; and Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Mission, Conway, AR; and their pastor, the Rev. Eric Stefanski.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *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 Octave of the Epiphany of our Lord

	Morning	Evening
Today	2 Cor. 3; Luke 3:1-9	2 Corinthians 4; Isaiah 12:1-6
Monday:	2 Cor. 5; Matt. 3:13-17	2 Corinthians 6; Romans 3:23-31
Tuesday:	2 Cor. 7; Luke 3:15-20	2 Corinthians 8; Genesis 2:1-25
Wednesday:	2 Cor. 9; Mark 1:1-8	2 Corinthians 10; Genesis 4:1-26
Thursday:	2 Cor. 11; Mark 1:9-11	2 Corinthians 12; Genesis 5:1-32
Friday:	2 Cor. 13; Luke 3:21-22	Galatians 1; Genesis 6:9-22
Saturday:	Gal. 2; Luke 3:23-38	Galatians 3; Genesis 7:1-24

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 122, 72, 31-32	Psalms 72, 33-34
Monday:	Psalms 96, 35	Psalms 72, 36-37
Tuesday:	Psalms 96, 38	Psalms 72, 39-41
Wednesday:	Psalms 96, 42-44	Psalms 72, 45-48
Thursday:	Psalms 96, 49	Psalms 72, 50-51
Friday:	Psalms 96, 52-54	Psalms 72, 55-57
Saturday:	Psalms 96, 58-59	Psalms 86, 60-63

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
Monday:	Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer
Tuesday:	Baptism, Lord's Supper
Wednesday:	Prayers

Thursday: Table of Duties

Friday: Office of Keys and Confession

Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: INSERT—"O Hail This Brightest Day of Days"

Evening: TLH 265—"Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord"

Calendar for the Octave of the Epiphany of our Lord

Today: The Second Sunday after the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

4:15 p.m. Bible class in Augusta, GA

Monday: The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord—White

6:30 p.m. Private Confession

7:00 p.m. Divine Service

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The First Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Class

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.

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>.

Installation of Parish Vestry

Today we will install the Vestry for 2020. The following members will be serving in these roles: David Benson—Head Trustee; Mike Miller—Financial Secretary; Vince Bost—Recording Secretary; Tanya Dulas—Assistant Financial Secretary; Pastor Dulas—Treasurer. Please pray for these individuals as they serve the parish.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Second Sunday after the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Epistle:

1 Peter 4:12-19

Gospel:

St. Matthew 2:13-23

January 6th—The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 49:1-7

Epistle:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel:

St. Matthew 2:1-12

January 12th—The First Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 61:1-3

Epistle:

Romans 12:1-5

Gospel:

St. Luke 2:41-52

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"Now the thought of the Evangelist is this: When Christ was born under Herod, the first foreign king, and the time of the prophecy was fulfilled, this wonderful sign occurred. He Whom His own people and fellow citizens would neither seek nor acknowledge was sought by such strangers and foreigners for many days. To Him Whom the learned and the priests would not acknowledge and worship, came the wise men and astrologers. It was indeed a great shame for the whole Jewish land

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 5th, 2020



Introit

YOUR TEST- || imonies are very | sure; | - *

Holiness adorns Your house, O | Lord, | for- | ev- | er.

|| Your throne is established from of | old; | - *

You are from | ev- | er- | last- | ing. (*Psalm 93:5, 2*)

|| The Lord reigns, He is clothed with | *ma-jes-* • | ty; *

The Lord is clothed, He has girded | Him- | self | with | strength.

|| Surely the world is es- | tab- | lished, *

So that it | can- | not | be | moved.

|| The floods have lifted up their | voice; | - *

The floods | lift | up | their | waves.

|| The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many | wat- | ers, *

Than the mighty | waves | of | the | sea. (*Psalm 93:1, 3-4*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

|| Your testimonies are very | sure; | - *

Holiness adorns Your house, O | Lord, | for- | ev- | er.

|| Your throne is established from of | old; | - *

You are from | ev- | er- | last- | ing. (*Psalm 93:5, 2*)

Collect

Almighty and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the Name of Thy Beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; 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.



Gradual

|| Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the | Gen- | tiles, *

To give thanks to Your holy name, to tri- | umph | in | Your | praise.

|| You, O Lord, are our Father; Our Re- | deem- | er *

From Everlast- | ing | is | Your | name. (*Psalm 106:47; Isaiah 63:16b*)

Verse

|| Alle- | lu- | ia! *

Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia!

|| My mouth shall speak the praise of the | Lord, | - *

And all flesh shall bless His holy name forever. | Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 145:21*)

Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. ² He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. ³ A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. ⁴ He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law.” ⁵ Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it: ⁶ “I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, ⁷ to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house. ⁸ I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images. ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

1 Peter 4:12-19

¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. ¹⁷ For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ Now “If the righteous one is scarcely

saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?” ¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

St. Matthew 2:13-23

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.” ¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.” ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.” ¹⁹ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. ²³ And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

TLH 96 “Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly”

Christian Keimann, 1646

1. Oh, rejoice, ye Christians, loudly,
For our joy hath now begun;
Wondrous things our God hath done.
Tell abroad His goodness proudly
Who our race hath honored thus
That He deigns to dwell with us.
Joy O joy, beyond all gladness,
Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining,
For the Sun of Grace is shining!

2. See, my soul, thy Savior chooses
Weakness here and poverty;
In such love He comes to thee
Nor the hardest couch refuses;
All He suffers for thy good,
To redeem thee by His blood.
Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness,
Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining,
For the Sun of Grace is shining!

3. Lord, how shall I thank Thee rightly?
I acknowledge that by Thee
I am saved eternally.
Let me not forget it lightly,
But to Thee at All times cleave
And my heart true peace receive.
Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness,
Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining,
For the Sun of Grace is shining!

4. Jesus, guard and guide Thy members,
Fill Thy brethren with Thy grace,
Hear their prayers in ev'ry place.
Quicken now life's faintest embers;
Grant all Christians, far and near,
Holy peace, a glad New Year!
Joy, O joy, beyond all gladness,
Christ hath done away with sadness!
Hence, all sorrow and repining,
For the Sun of Grace is shining! Amen.

Sequence Hymn

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.

INSERT “O Hail This Brightest Day of Days”

Unknown, 1524

1. O hail this brightest day of days,
All ye good Christian people!
For Christ hath come upon our ways,
So ring it from the steeple.
Of maiden pure is He the Son;
Thou, Mary, art the chosen one,
Him in thy womb to carry
Ever was there news so great?
God's own Son from Heav'n's high state
Is born the Son of Mary.

2. This day the wondrous Child is born,
Lent unto us from Heaven.
The Virgin's womb He doth not scorn,

That we might help be given.
Without this Child and glorious birth
Forsaken were our fallen Earth:
He brings for all salvation.
Oh, sweet Jesus Christ, we pray,
All Hell's torments turn away
By Thine incarnation!

3. As from above the sun his rays
E'er poureth down upon us,
And with his glow renews our days,
And health and life are shown us;
E'en so the Christ Child was He sent,
A maiden's Babe, for our content,
And for our consolation.
In a manger was He laid,
And for us afflicted made
In this lowly station.

4. The shepherds in amazement stand,
As from the heav'ns come streaming
Bright angels in a flaming band,
Christ's glorious birth proclaiming:
The King above all kings is He!
False Herod, raging mightily,
Everywhere Him seeketh,
And by cunning arts devised
'Gainst the infant Jesus Christ,
Infants' lives he taketh.

TLH 265 "Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord"
Johann Heermann, 1630

1. Thine honor save, O Christ, our Lord!
Hear Zion's cries and help afford;
Destroy the wiles of mighty foes
Who now Thy Word and truth oppose.

2. Their craft and pomp indeed are great,
And of their pow'r thy boast and prate;
Our hope they scornfully deride
And deem us nothing in their pride.

3. Forgive, O Lord, our sins forgive;
Grant us Thy grace and let us live.
Convince Thy foes throughout the land
That godless counsels shall not stand.

4. That Thou art with us, Lord, proclaim
And put our enemies to shame;
Confound them in their haughtiness
And help Thine own in their distress.

5. Preserve Thy little flock in peace,
Nor let Thy boundless mercy cease;
To all the world let it appear
That Thy true Church indeed is here. Amen.

TLH 361 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"
Unknown, 12th century

1. O Jesus, King most wonderful,
Thou Conqueror renowned,
Thou Sweetness most ineffable,
In Whom all joys are found!

2. When once Thou visitest the heart,
The truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanities depart,
Then kindles love divine.

3. O Jesus, Light of all below,
Thou Fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire—

4. May every heart confess Thy Name
And ever Thee adore
And, seeking Thee, itself inflame
To seek Thee more and more!

5. Thee may our tongues forever bless,
Thee may we love alone,
And ever in our lives express
The image of Thine own! Amen.

Sequence Hymn—Of the Father's Love Begotten



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the world be - gan to be,
 2. Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed When the Vir - gin full of grace,
 3. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;
 4. This is He whom Heav'n - taught sing - ers Sang of old with one ac - cord:



He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,
 By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, Bare the Sav - ior of our race,
 Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King.
 Whom the Scriptures of the Pro - phets Prom - ised in their faith - ful word.



Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,
 And the Babe, the world's re - deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face,
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 Now He shines, the Long ex - pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

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.