

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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Oculi
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“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.” St. Luke 11:17

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell	
Silent Prayer	
The Hymn	TLH 425
<i>Stand</i>	
The Confiteor	
The Invocation and Address	TLH p. 15
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Confession and Absolution	TLH p. 16
The Introit	INSERT
<i>(Tone 7)</i>	
The Kyrie	TLH p. 17
The Salutation	TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day	INSERT
The Collect for the Season of Lent	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>	
The Lesson	2 Samuel 22:1-7
<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>	
<i>R: Thanks be to God.</i>	
The Epistle	Ephesians 5:1-9
The Gradual	INSERT
The Tract	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>	
The Sequence Hymn	INSERT
<i>“The Royal Banners Forward Go” Δ</i>	
The Holy Gospel	St. Luke 11:14-28
The Nicene Creed	TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>	
The Hymn	TLH 262
<i>“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”</i>	
The Sermon	TLH 262
<i>Surely the Kingdom of God Has Come</i>	
<i>Stand</i>	
The Offertory	TLH p. 22-23
<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	
<i>Sit</i>	
The Recitation of the Catechism	How One Should Be Taught to Pray
The Offering	
<i>Stand</i>	
The General Prayer	TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>	
The Hymn	TLH 258
<i>“Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”</i>	
<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	TLH p. 29-30
<i>“The Nunc Dimittis”</i>	
The Thanksgiving	TLH p. 30
<i>“Ye Do Show the Lord’s Death”</i>	

R: Ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

The Post-Communion Collect	
<i>Sit</i>	
The Hymn	TLH 367
<i>“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”</i>	
<i>Stand</i>	
The Salutation	TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus	TLH p. 31
The Benediction	TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer	
<i>Sit</i>	
Announcements	

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

we see here that Christ had nothing to do with people who were healthy, but with a poor man who was greatly afflicted with many ills. He was blind, as Matthew says; also, dumb and possessed with a demon, as Luke tells us here. Now all mutes are also deaf, so that in the Greek language deaf and dumb are one word. By this act, Christ draws us to Himself, leads us to look to Him for every blessing, and to go to Him in every time of need. He does this that we also, according to the nature of love, should do unto others as He does unto us. This is the universal and the most precious doctrine of this Gospel and of all the Gospels throughout the Church year. This poor man, however, did not come to Christ without the Word; for those who brought him to Christ must have heard His love preached and were moved thereby to trust in Him. We learn therefore that faith comes through the Word....” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Oculi.*

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, Pat Stefanski, Matthew Scholten, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, David Heiser, 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, *Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MN;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- 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, especially *David Benson.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after Oculi

	Morning	Evening
Today	Deut. 29-30; John 8:42-51	Deuteronomy 31-32; Revelation 2:1-7
Monday:	Deut. 33-34; Luke 18:15-30	Joshua 1-2; Numbers 22:2-41
Tuesday:	Josh. 3-4; Luke 19:1-40	Joshua 5-6; Numbers 23:1-30
Wednesday:	Josh. 7-8; Luke 20:1—21:4	Joshua 9-10; Numbers 24:1-13
Thursday:	Josh. 11-12; Lk. 21:37—22:38	Joshua 13-14; Numbers 27:12-23
Friday:	Josh. 15-16; Luke 22:39-71	Joshua 17-18; Deuteronomy 5:1-33
Saturday:	Josh. 19-20; Luke 23:1-25	Joshua 21-22; Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 43, 77	Psalms 86, 78
Monday:	Psalms 43, 79-80	Psalms 86, 81-83
Tuesday:	Psalms 43, 84-85	Psalms 86-88
Wednesday:	Psalms 43, 89	Psalms 86, 90-92
Thursday:	Psalms 43, 93-95	Psalms 86, 96-100
Friday:	Psalms 43, 101-102	Psalms 86, 103-104
Saturday:	Psalms 43, 105	Psalms 139, 106

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Greeting.1—I.2
Tuesday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, II.1-14
Wednesday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, II.15-41
Thursday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, II.39-52
Friday:	The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.1-21

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: TLH 262—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Evening: TLH 258—"Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation"

Calendar for the Week after Oculi

Today: Oculi—Violet

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

David Benson's Birthday

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: *St. Patrick's Day*

Wednesday: *Midweek Lenten Vespers—Violet*

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Private Confession

Thursday: *Spring Begins*

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: *Laetare—Violet*

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

The Lutheran Herald

The March 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>.

ELDoNA 2020 Synod and Colloquium

This year's synod and colloquium will be held at Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Malone, TX April 21st through the 24th. Pastor will be driving to the synod and colloquium and will leave on Sunday and arrive back on Saturday. If you would like to join pastor for this trip, please speak with him.

ELDoNA 2020 Youth and Family Camp

The ELDoNA Youth and Family Camp will be held in Kerrville, TX June 22nd through 26th. It will be held at the Kerrville-Schreiner Park in Kerrville. There will be plenty of time for instruction and worship, plus free time to enjoy the parks facilities. If you would like to attend please speak with Pastor as soon as possible so that we can make cabin arrangements.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Oculi

Old Testament Lesson:

2 Samuel 22:1-7

Epistle:

Ephesians 5:1-9

Gospel:

St. Luke 11:14-28

March 22nd—Laetare

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 49:8-13

Epistle:

Galatians 4:21-31

Gospel:

St. John 6:1-15

An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermons

"This is a beautiful Gospel from which we learn many different things, and in which nearly everything is set forth as to what Christ, His Kingdom and His Gospel are: what they accomplish and how they fare in the world. In the first place, like all the Gospels this one teaches us faith and love; for it presents Christ to us as a most loving Savior and Helper in every need and tells us that he who believes this is saved. For

OCULI

March 15th, 2020



Introit

P: **MY - EYES** - || are ever | to- | ward | the | Lord, *

C: For He shall pluck my feet | out | of | the | **net.** -

P: || Turn Yourself to me, and have | mer- | cy | on | me, *

C: For I am desolate | and | af- | flict- | **ed.** - (*Psalm 25:15-16*)

P: || To You, O Lord, I | lift | up | my | soul. *

C: O my God, I trust in You; let me | not | be | a- | **shamed;** -

P: || The troubles of my | heart | have | en- | larged; *

C: Bring me out of | my | dis- | tress- | **es!** -

P: || Look on my afflic- | tion | and | my | pain, *

C: And for- | give | all | my | **sins.** -

P: || Keep my soul, and | de- | liv- | er | me; *

C: Let me not be ashamed, for I put | my | trust | in | **You.** - (*Psalm 25:1-2a, 17-18, and 20*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || My eyes are ever | to- | ward | the | Lord, *

C: For He shall pluck my feet | out | of | the | **net.** -

P: || Turn Yourself to me, and have | mer- | cy | on | me, *

C: For I am desolate | and | af- | flict- | **ed.** - (*Psalm 25:15-16*)

Collect

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; 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 Season of Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with the Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || Arise, O Lord, do not | let | man | pre- | vail; *

C: Let the nations be | judged | in | Your | **sight.** -

P: || When my en- | e- | mies | turn | back, *

C: They shall fall and perish | at | Your | pres- | **ence.** - (*Psalm 9:19, 3*)

Tract (From Septuagesima to Holy Saturday, the Tract replaces the Verse)

P: || Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell | in | the | heav- | ens. *

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have | mer- | cy | on | **us!** - (*Ps. 123:1, 3a*)

2 Samuel 22:1-7

¹ Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.

² And he said: “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; ³ The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. ⁴ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. ⁵ When the waves of death surrounded me, the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. ⁶ The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. ⁷ In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry entered His ears.”

Ephesians 5:1-9

¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. ³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them. ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).

St. Luke 11:14-28

¹⁴ And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.” ¹⁶ Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. ¹⁸ If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. ²² But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. ²³ He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. ²⁴ When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵ And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.” ²⁷ And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” ²⁸ But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

TLH 425 “All Depends on Our Possessing”

Unknown, c. 1673

1. All depends on our possessing
God’s abundant grace and blessing,
Tho’ all earthly wealth depart.
He who trusts with faith unshaken
In his God is not forsaken
And e’er keeps a dauntless heart.

2. He who hitherto hath fed me
And to many joys hath led me,
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who did so gently school me,
He who still doth guide and rule me,
Will remain my Help divine.

3. Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

4. When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope my heart anew will quicken,
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender;
For on Him alone I build.

5. Well He knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never,—
As God wills, so be it ever,—
I to Him commit my way.

6. If on Earth my days He lengthen,
He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace. Amen.

Sequence Hymn INSERT “The Royal Banners Forward Go”

Venantius Fortunatus, 569

1. The royal banners forward go;
The cross shines forth in mystic glow
Where He in flesh, our flesh Who made,
Our sentence bore, our ransom paid;

2. Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life’s torrent rushing from His side,
To wash us in that precious flood
Where mingled water flowed and blood.

3. Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amidst the nations, God, saith he,
Hath reigned and triumphed from the Tree.

4. O Tree of beauty, Tree of light,
O Tree with royal purple dight;
Elect, on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest;

5. On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world’s ransom hung
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the spoiler of his prey.

6. O Cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may thy power with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint
And pardon to the penitent.

Δ 7. To Thee, eternal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done
Whom by the cross Thou dost restore,
Preserve, and govern evermore. Amen.

TLH 262 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Martin Luther, 1529

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need
That hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On Earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there’s none other God;
He holds the field forever.

3. Tho' devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom our remaineth. Amen.

TLH 258 "Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation"

Matthäus von Löwenstern, 1644

1. Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and Hope of every nation,
Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.
2. See round Thine ark the hungry billows curling;
See how Thy foes their banners are unfurling.
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,
Thou canst preserve us.
3. Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth;
Lord, Thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;
Lord, o'er Thy Church nor death nor Hell prevaieth;
Grant us Thy peace, Lord:
4. Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;
Peace in Thy Church where brothers are engaging;
Peace when the world its busy war is waging.
Calm Thy foes' raging.
5. Grant us Thy help till backward they are driven;
Grant them Thy truth that they may be forgiven;
Grant peace on Earth or, after we have striven,
Peace in Thy Heaven. Amen.

TLH 367 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

Unknown, c. 1757

1. Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, Thou Galilean King!

Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior,
Who hast borne our sin and shame,
By whose merits we find favor!
Life is given thro' Thy Name.

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
All our sins on Thee were laid;
By almighty love anointed,
Thou hast full atonement made.
Ev'ry sin may be forgiven
Thro' the virtue of Thy blood;
Open is the gate of Heaven,
Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

3. Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory,
There forever to abide!
All the heav'nly host adore Thee,
Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading,
There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding
Till in glory we appear.

4. Worship, honor, power, and blessing
Thou art worthy to receive;
Loudest praises, without ceasing,
Meet it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;
Help to sing our Savior's merits,
Help to chant Immanuel's praise. Amen.

The Royal Banners Forward Go



1. The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go, _____
 2. Where deep - for us the spear - was dyed, _____
 3. Ful - filled is all that Da - vid told _____
 4. O Tree of beaut - ty, Tree of light, _____
 5. On whose dear arms, so wide - ly flung, _____
 6. O Cross our one re - li - ance, hail! _____
 7. To Thee E - ter - nal Three in One, _____



The cross shines forth in mys - tic glow _____
 Life's tor - rent rush - ing from His side, _____
 In true pro - phet - ic song of old; _____
 O Tree with roy - al pur - ple dight; _____
 The weight of this world's ran - som hung _____
 So may the pow'r with us a - vail _____
 Let hom - age meet by all be done _____



Where He in flesh, our flesh who made, _____
 To wash us in that prec - ious flood _____
 A - midst the na - tions, God, saith he, _____
 E - lect, on whose tri - um - phal breast _____
 The price of hu - man - kind to pay _____
 To give new vir - tue to the saint _____
 Whom by the cross Thou dost re - store, _____



Our sen - tence bore, our ran - som paid;
 Where min - gled wa - ter flowed and blood.
 Hath reigned and tri - umphed from the Tree.
 Those ho - ly limbs should find their rest;
 And spoil the spoil - er of his prey.
 And par - don to the pen - i - tent.
 Pre - serve, and gov - ern ev - er - more. A - men. _____