

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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Misericordias Domini
April 26th, 2020

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“I AM the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” St. John 10:11

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Belmont”</i>	Henry V. Gerike
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”</i>	Δ TLH 233
<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 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
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Ezekiel 34:11-16
<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>		
R: Thanks be to God.		
The Epistle		1 Peter 2:21-25
The Greater Alleluia		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	<i>“Christians, To the Paschal Victim”</i>	INSERT
The Holy Gospel		St. John 10:11-16
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”</i>	TLH 436
The Sermon	<i>I Lay Down My Life for the Sheep</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Recitation of the Catechism		The Apostles’ Creed
The Offering		
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
Hymn	<i>“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”</i>	TLH 429
<i>Stand</i>		
The Preface		TLH p. 24
The Proper Preface		TLH p. 25
The Sanctus and Benedictus	<i>(Bells are rung at “Hosanna”)</i>	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		TLH p. 31
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”</i>	TLH 437
<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>“Was mein Gott will”</i>	Hermann Grabner

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

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, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Pat Stefanski, 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, *St. Luke Ev. Lutheran Church, Kenai, AK;* and *Homer Ev. Lutheran Mission, Homer, AK;* and their pastor, the *Rev. Timothy Tolar.*
- 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 affected by the coronavirus.
- For those who are suffering unemployment.
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Richard Noegel.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after Misericordias Domini

	Morning	Evening
Today:	James 1; St. John 5:22-30	James 2; Hebrews 13:20-21
Monday:	James 3; St. John 5:1-17	James 4; Micah 2:12-13
Tuesday:	James 5; St. John 5:18-30	1 Peter 1; Isaiah 30:19-26
Wednesday:	1 Peter 2; St. John 5:31-47	1 Peter 3; Jeremiah 3:11-19
Thursday:	1 Peter 4; St. John 6:16-29	1 Peter 5; Ezekiel 34:1-11
Friday:	2 Peter 1; St. John 6:30-40	1 Peter 2; Ezekiel 34:12-22
Saturday:	2 Peter 3; St. John 6:41-59	1 John 1; Ezekiel 34:23-31

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 70, 120-125	Psalms 23, 126-132
Monday:	Psalms 70, 133-135	Psalms 23, 136-139
Tuesday:	Psalms 70, 140-141	Psalms 23, 142-143
Wednesday:	Psalms 70, 144	Psalms 23, 145
Thursday:	Psalms 70, 146-147	Psalms 23, 148-150
Friday:	Psalms 70, 1-4	Psalms 23, 5-8
Saturday:	Psalms 70, 9-11	Psalms 146, 12-17

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XI.1-10

Tuesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XII.1-27

Wed.: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XII.28-43

Thursday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XII.44-58

Friday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XII.59-67

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 436—"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Evening: TLH 429—"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

Calendar for the Week after Misericordias Domini

Today: Misericordias Domini—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: The Festival of Sts. Philip and James the Less—Red

Richard Noegel's Birthday

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Jubilate—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

The Lutheran Herald

The April 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 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.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Misericordias Domini

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-25

Gospel: St. John 10:11-16

May 1st—The Festival of Sts. Philip and James the Less

Old Testament Lesson: Malachi 3:16-18

Epistle: Ephesians 2:19-22

Gospel: St. John 14:1-14

May 3rd—Jubilate

Old Testament Lesson: Lamentations 3:18-26

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11-20

Gospel: St. John 16:16-23a

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"You have heard that after His sufferings and death Christ our Lord arose from the dead and entered upon, and was enthroned in, an immortal existence. Not that He might sit up there in Heaven idly and find pleasure in Himself, but that He might take charge of the Kingdom of which the prophets and all the Scriptures have so fully spoken, and might rule as a King. Therefore, we should think of Him as being present and reigning among us continually, and never think of Him as sitting up there doing nothing, but rather that He from above fills and rules all things, as Paul says to the Ephesians (4:10), and especially that He is taking care of His Kingdom, which is the Christian faith, and that therefore His Kingdom among us here on Earth must prosper. This Kingdom, as we have said, is so constituted that we all must daily increase and grow in holiness, and it is not governed by any other power save the oral proclamation of the Gospel." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Misericordias Domini Sunday from 1523.*

MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

April 26th, 2020



Introit

P: THE EARTH || is full of the goodness of the | Lord. | - *

C: By the word of the Lord the heav- | ens | were | made.
(Psalm 33:5b-6a)

P: || Rejoice in the Lord, O you | right- | eous! *

C: For praise from the upright is | beau- | ti- | ful.

P: || Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who | fear | Him, *

C: On those who hope in | His | mer- | cy.

P: || To deliver their soul from | death, | - *

C: And to keep them alive | in | fa- | mine.

P: || Our soul waits for the | Lord; | - *

C: He is our help | and | our | shield. *(Psalm 33:1, 18-20)*

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || The earth is full of the goodness of the | Lord. | - *

C: By the word of the Lord the heav- | ens | were | made.
(Psalm 33:5b-6a)

Collect

God, Who by the humiliation of Thy Son didst raise up the fallen world, grant unto Thy faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom Thou hast delivered from the danger of everlasting death do Thou make partakers of eternal joys; 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.

(From Quasimodogeniti through Whitsunday the Gradual is replaced by the Greater Alleluia.)



Greater Alleluia

P: || Alle- | lu- | ia! *

C: Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || Then was the Lord Jesus known to | them | - *

C: In the breaking of bread. Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || I am the Good | Shep- | herd; *

C: And I know My sheep, and am known by My own. Al- | le- | lu- | ia! *(St. Luke 24:35b paraphrase; St. John 10:14)*

Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”

1 Peter 2:21-25

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth;” ²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed

Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

St. John 10:11-16

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. ¹² But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.”

TLH 233 “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

Ascribed to Rhabanus Maurus, died 856

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
Vouchsafe within our souls to rest;
Come with Thy grace and heav’nly aid
And fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

2. To Thee, the Comforter, we cry,
To Thee, the Gift of God Most High,
The Fount of life, the Fire of love,
The soul’s Anointing from above.

3. The sev’nfold gifts of grace are Thine,
O Finger of the Hand Divine;
True promise of the Father Thou,
Who dost the tongue with speech endow.

4. Thy light to every thought impart
And shed Thy love in every heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

5. Drive far away our wily Foe
And Thine abiding peace bestow;
If Thou be our protecting Guide,
No evil can our steps betide.

6. Make Thou to us the Father known,
Teach us the eternal Son to own
And Thee, Whose Name we ever bless,
Of both the Spirit, to confess.

Δ 7. Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One;
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.

Sequence Hymn: “Christians, To the Paschal Victim”

Unknown, Ascribed to Wipo, c. 1100

1. Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises.

2. A Lamb the sheep redeemeth:
Christ, Who only is sinless,
Reconcileth sinners to the Father.

3. Death and Life have contended
In that conflict stupendous;
The Prince of Life Who died,
Reigns immortal.

4. Speak, Mary, declaring
What thou sawest wayfaring.

5. “The tomb of Christ, Who is living.
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection.

6. “Bright angels attending,
The shroud and napkin resting.

7. “Yea, Christ, my Hope, is arisen;
To Galilee He goes before you.”

8. Happy they who hear the witness,
Mary’s word believing
Above the tales of Jew’ry, deceiving.

9. Christ indeed from death is risen,
Our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, Victor King, ever reigning.
Amen. Hallelujah!

TLH 436 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Francis Rous, et. al., 1650

1. The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

2. My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E’en for His own Name’s sake.

3. Yea, tho’ I walk in death’s dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

4. My table Thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me;
And in God’s house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be. Amen.

TLH 429 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

Martin Schalling, c. 1567

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne’er from me depart,

With tender mercies cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, Heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee no one could shake.
Thou art the Portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile
And Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my Fount of grace,
Lord Jesus Christ,
My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end. Amen.

TLH 437 "Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"
St. 1, Joachim Magdeburg, 1572; Sts. 2-3, Unknown

1. Who trusts in God, a strong abode
In Heav'n and Earth possesses;
Who looks in love to Christ above,
No fear his heart oppresses.
In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes,
Our great and sure Salvation.

2. Tho' Satan's wrath beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,

While Thou art near, we will not fear;
Thy strength shall never fail us.
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death nor hell beneath
Our souls from Thee shall sever.

3. In all the strife of mortal life
Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour shall lose its pow'r,
For Thou shalt guard us surely.
O God, renew with heav'nly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand at Thy right hand
Thro' Jesus' saving merit. Amen.

Christians, To the Paschal Victim

Cantor



1. Chris-tians, to the Pasch - al Vic - tim Of - fer your thank - ful prais - es.

Choir



2. A Lamb the sheep re - deem - eth: Christ, Who on - ly is sin - less,

Sopranos and Altos



Rec - on - cil - eth sin - ners to the Fa - ther. 3. Death and life have con - tend - ed



In that con - flict stu - pen - dous; The Prince of Life Who died, reigns im - mor - tal.



4. Speak, Ma - ry, de - clar - ing — What thou saw - est way - far - ing.

Solo - Woman



5. "The tomb of Christ, Who is liv - ing, The glo - ry of Je - sus' res ur - rec - tion.



6. "Bright an - gels at - tend - ing, — The shroud and nap - kin rest - ing.



7. "Yea, Christ, my Hope, is a ris - en; To Gal - i - lee He goes be - fore — you."

Choir



8. Hap - py they who hear the wit - ness, Ma - ry's word be - liev - ing



A - bove the tales of Jew' - ry, — de - ceiv - ing. 9. Christ in - deed from death is ris - en,



Our new life — ob - tain - ing. Have mer - cy, Vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing.



A - - men, Hal - le - lu - jah!