

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

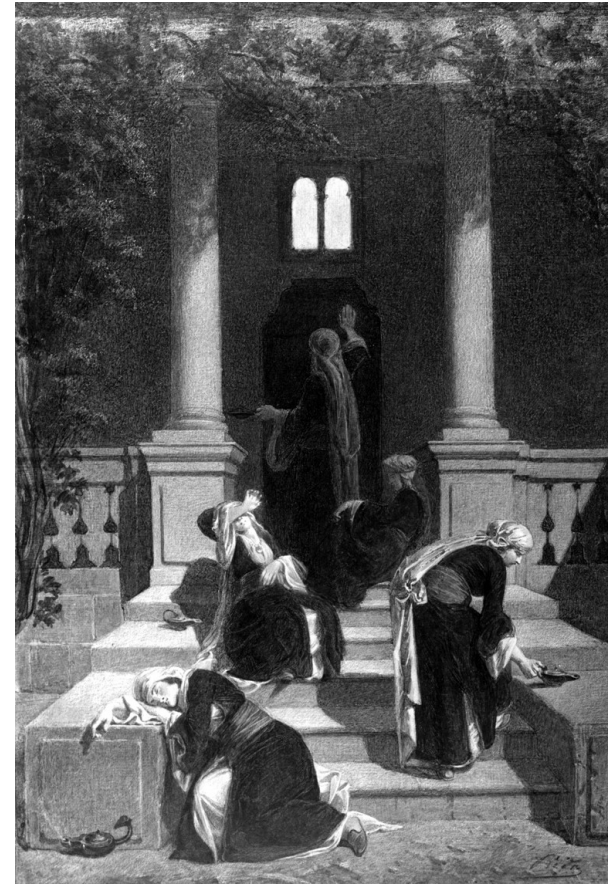
Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

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 Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday
November 24th, 2019

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“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.” St. Matthew 25:1

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Wachet auf”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“Jerusalem the Golden”</i>	TLH 613
<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 1)</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 End of the Church Year		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 65:17-19
<i>After each Lesson:</i>	V: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	R: Thanks be to God.	
The Gradual		INSERT
The Epistle		1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
The Verse		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Matthew 25:1-13
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Brief Life Is Here Our Portion”</i>	TLH 448
The Sermon	<i>The Bridegroom Came</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>“Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying”</i>	TLH 609
<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 Cantic	<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>“For Thee O Dear, Dear Country”</i>	TLH 614
<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>“Ewing”</i>	Rodger Kalbfleisch

and benefits in Christ.

That Christ and the apostles gave much good instruction and explained the Law is to be counted among the benefits as a second work of Christ, for correct teaching is not the least benefit. Therefore, we also see that He does not dreadfully force and drive us, as Moses does in his book and as is the nature of a command.

Christ teaches us in a pleasing and kind way, and only tells us what to do and not to do, and what will happen to evildoers and benefactors. He drives and compels no one.

He teaches in such a tender way that He entices us more than commands us as He begins to say: “Blessed are the poor...Blessed are the meek,” etc. [Matt. 5:3, 5]. The apostles commonly use the words “I admonish,” “I ask,” “I implore,” etc. But Moses says, “I command,” “I forbid,” and then threatens and frightens with dreadful punishments and torments. With this instruction, you can read and listen to the Gospels beneficially.” *Dr. Martin Luther’s Werke WA 10.1.1 S. 12/13 (translation used: Luther’s Works, American Edition, vol. 75, p. 9/10).*

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Rev. Ned Brockwell, Doug Schultz, Rev. Donald Hunter, Emily Benson, Peggy Holder, Rev. Mark Mueller, Jo Kope, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Judy Horn, Richard Noegel, Tamara Jack, Mike Miller, Doris Armstrong, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Martha Heiser, Mariann Ahonen, Emily Carder, and Vince Bost.*
- For *Silvia Gregorio* that her faith may be strengthened.
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Herrin, IL;* and her pastors, the *Rev. Michael Henson* and the *Rev. Dcn. Gary Harroun.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Jake Lumsden, 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 the Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today	Micah 5-7; Matt. 5:13-16	Nahum; Revelation 21:1-7
Monday:	Habakkuk; 2 Peter 3:1-18	Zephaniah; Isaiah 65:17-25
Tuesday:	Haggai; Jude	Zechariah 1-2; Ezekiel 37:15-28
Wednesday:	Zech. 3-4; 1 John 2:18-29	Zechariah 5-6; Habakkuk 3:1-19
Thursday:	Zech. 7-8; 1 John 3:1-12	Zechariah 9-10; Isaiah 40:27-31
Friday:	Zech. 11-22; 1 John 3:19-24	Zechariah 13-14; Jeremiah 14:7-9
Saturday:	Malachi 1-2; 1 John 4:1-8	Malachi 3-4; Malachi 3:7-18

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 103, 119:1-40	Psalms 27, 97, 119:41-88
Monday:	Psalms 103, 119:89-128	Ps. 27, 97, 119:129-176
Tuesday:	Psalms 103, 120-125	Psalms 27, 97, 126-132
Wednesday:	Psalms 103, 133-135	Psalms 27, 97, 136-139
Thursday:	Psalms 103, 140-141	Psalms 27, 97, 142-143
Friday:	Psalms 103, 144	Psalms 27, 97, 145
Saturday:	Psalms 103, 146-147	Psalms 143, 148-150

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XI.65-77
Tuesday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XI.78-86
Wed.: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XI.87—XII.4
Thursday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.XII.5-27
Friday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord. XII.28-40

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 448—"Brief Life Is Here Our Portion"

Evening: TLH 609—"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

Calendar for the Week after the Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Today: The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

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: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: *Thanksgiving*

Friday: *Black Friday*

Saturday: The Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr—Red

Next Sunday: Ad te levavi—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible class

The Lutheran Herald

The November 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>.

Midweek Advent Vespers

This year's Midweek Advent Vespers will begin on Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday until December 18th. The readings will take us through the first chapter of St. Luke's Gospel. Private Confession will be offered after the Office.

Parish Assembly Meeting

The next parish assembly meeting is on Sunday, December 8th after Divine Service. The two items of new business are the approval of the proposed budget for 2020, and confirming the selection of the church officers for 2020. Please make every effort to be there.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 65:17-19

Epistle:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Holy Gospel:

St. Matthew 25:1-13

November 30th—The Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle and Martyr

Old Testament Lesson:

Ezekiel 3:16-21

Epistle:

Romans 10:8-18

Holy Gospel:

St. Matthew 4:18-22

December 1st—Ad te levavi

Old Testament Lesson:

Jeremiah 33:14-18

Epistle:

Romans 13:11-14

Holy Gospel:

St. Matthew 21:1-9

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"Faith has nothing of its own, but only Christ's works and life. The works do have something special from you, but they should also not be your own, but belong to your neighbor.

Therefore, you see that the Gospel is not properly a book of laws and commands which demand our activity from us, but a book of divine promises in which He promises, offers, and gives to us all His blessings

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

November 24th, 2019



Introit

P: FOR I - || know the thoughts that I think toward | you, | says | the | Lord, *

C: Thoughts of peace and | not | of | e- - | vil,

P: ||Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will | lis- | ten | to | you.

C: And I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from | all | the | **pla-** - | ces. (*Jeremiah 29:11a, 12, 14b*)

P: || Lord, You have been favora- | ble | to | Your | land; *

C: You have brought back the captivi- | ty | of | **Ja-** - | cob.

P: || Show us | Your | mer- | cy, | Lord, *

C: And grant us | Your | sal- | **va-** - | tion.

P: || Surely His salvation is near to | those | who | fear | Him, *

C: That glory may | dwell | in | **our** - | land.

P: || Truth shall spring | out | of | the | earth, *

C: And righteousness shall look | down | from | **heav-** - | en. (*Ps. 85:1,7,9,11*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || For I know the thoughts that I think toward | you, | says | the | Lord, *

C: Thoughts of peace and | not | of | e- - | vil,

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Collect

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offenses, that from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon us we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; 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 End of the Church Year

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, that in the past Church Year Thou hast preserved Thy Word among us in purity and by it effectively enlivened our souls; and we beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst graciously forgive us all our neglect, unbelief, and disobedience with respect to Thy Word, and continue to give us this precious treasure with Thy blessing forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || The King's daughter shall be | brought | to | the | King; *

C: The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall | be | brought | **to** - | You.

P: || With gladness and rejoicing | they | shall | be | brought; *

C: They shall enter | the | King's | **pa-** - | lace. (*Psalms 45:14a, 15*)

Verse

P: || Al- | — | le- | lu - | ia! *

C: Al- | — | le- | **lu-** - | ia!

P: || I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of | heav- | en | from | God, *

C: Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. | Al- | le- | **lu-** - | ia! (*Rev. 21:2*)

Isaiah 65:17-19

¹⁷ For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we

should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

St. Matthew 25:1-13

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' ¹² But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

TLH 613 “Jerusalem the Golden”

Bernard of Morlas, about 1140

1. Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, oh, I know not,
What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them;
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David;
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they who with their Leader
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest. Amen.

TLH 448 “Brief Life Is Here Our Portion”

Bernard of Morlas, about 1145

1. Brief life is here our portion;
Brief sorrow, short-lived care.
The life that knows no ending,
The tearless life, is there.
O happy retribution:
Short toil, eternal rest;
For mortals and for sinners
A mansion with the blest!

2. And now we fight the battle,
But then shall wear the crown
Of full and everlasting

And passionless renown;
And now we watch and struggle,
And now we live in hope,
And Zion in her anguish
With Babylon must cope.

3. But He whom now we trust in
Shall then be seen and known;
And they that know and see Him
Shall have Him for their own.
And there is David's fountain
And life in fullest glow;
And there the light is golden,
And milk and honey flow.

4. The morning shall awaken,
And shadows shall decay,
And each true-hearted servant
Shall shine as doth the day.
There God, our King and Portion,
In fulness of His grace
Shall we behold forever
And worship face to face.

5. O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest. Amen.

TLH 609 “Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying”

Philipp Nicolai, 1599

1. “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Hallelujah!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, Who is near.”

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious,
Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.

“Now come, Thou Blessèd One,
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son,
Hail! Hosanna!
The joyful call We answer all
And follow to the nuptial hall.”

3. Now let all the heav’ns adore Thee,
Let men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal’s clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No vision ever brought,
No ear hath ever caught,
Such great glory;
Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee. Amen.

TLH 614 “For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country”
Bernard of Morlas, about 1140

1. For thee, O dear, dear country,
Mine eyes their vigils keep;
For very love, beholding
Thy happy name, they weep.
The mention of thy glory
Is unction to the breast
And medicine in sickness
And love and life and rest.

2. O one, O only mansion,
O Paradise of joy,
Where tears are ever banished
And smiles have no alloy!
The Lamb is all thy splendor,
The Crucified thy praise;
His laud and benediction
Thy ransomed people raise.

3. With jasper glow thy bulwarks,
Thy streets with em’rals blaze;
The sardius and the topaz
Unite in thee their rays;
Thine ageless walls are bonded
With amethyst unpriced;
The saints build up thy fabric,
The cornerstone is Christ.

4. Thou hast no shore, fair ocean;
Thou hast no time, bright day,
Dear fountain of refreshment
To pilgrims far away!
Upon the Rock of Ages
They raise thy holy tower;

Thine is the victor’s laurel
And thine the golden dower.

5. O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God’s elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
To that dear land of rest,
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And Spirit, ever blest. Amen.