

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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“Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” St. Luke 5:10

Prelude: "Lasset uns mit Jesu ziehen" Paul Kretzschmar

Hymns: TLH 409—"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"
TLH 548—"My Inmost Heart Now Raises"
TLH 429—"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"
TLH 417—"How Can I Thank Thee, Lord"
INSERT—"Preserve Us in Thy Word, O Lord"

Postlude: "O Gott, du frommer Gott" Johann Gottfried Walther

Preserve Us in Thy Word, O Lord

1 Pre - serve us in Thy Word, O Lord; Sub - due the
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Thy pow'r make known, For Thou art
3 O Ho - ly Ghost, our Help di - vine, Make Thou Thy
4 Lord, bring Thine e - ne - mies to naught, And let them
5 Then must our foes at last con - fess That Thou, Lord

pope and Mus - lim horde, Who, yet in vain, Thy Son dis -
Lord of lords a - lone. De - fend Thy Chris - ten - dom, that
peo - ple of one mind. Stay by our side till life's last
in the net be caught That they have hid - den to en -
Je - sus, dost pos - sess The pow'r to res - cue and set

own And seek to wrest Him from Thy throne.
we May sing Thy praise e - ter - nal - ly.
breath, And lead us in - to life from death.
snare Thy Chris - tians, who Thy truth de - clare.
free Thy sheep, who trust in none but Thee. A - men.

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort
St. 1-3, Martin Luther, 1541
St. 4-5, Justus Jonas, 1545
Tr., Paul Rydecki, 2015

Erhalt uns, Herr
"Geistliche Lieder"
Wittenberg, 1543

The Recitation of the *Small Catechism* for Occasions on which the Pastor is Unavailable

(See Notes on Back Cover)

The Prelude “*Lasset uns mit Jesu ziehen*” Paul Kretzschmar

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

Sit
The Hymn “*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*” TLH 409

Stand
Küster: Through the words of our Small Catechism, let us consider our God and how He has revealed Himself and His will toward us.

All: In the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed, we confess and pray: “I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: I believe that God has made me, along with all created things; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them; He also richly and daily provides me with clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and yard, wife and children, land, animals, and all that I have—with all that I need to sustain this body and life; He shields me from all danger and guards and protects me from all evil; and all this He does out of pure fatherly, divine, goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all of this it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Küster: Let us examine how God has commanded us “to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.”

All: He says in His First Commandment, “You shall have no other gods.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Küster: How is this done with regard to the use of His Name?

All: In His Second Commandment, the Lord says, “You shall not misuse the Name of your God.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: We should fear and love God, that we do not curse, swear, practice witchcraft, lie or deceive by His Name; but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Küster: Therefore, what does He command?

All: His Third Commandment is “You shall remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.” Since St. Paul tells us in his Epistle to the Colossians that the Sabbath Day was a shadow that pointed to the Christ and the rest He would provide for us, in the New Testament era we understand this Commandment to say, “You shall sanctify the Day of Rest.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: We should fear and love God, that we do not despise preaching and His Word; but hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it.

Küster: The Lord next commands you to fear, love, and trust in Him above all things by a right relationship with your fellowman.

All: The Fourth Commandment tells us, “You shall honor your father and your mother.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: We should fear and love God, that we do not despise or anger our parents and those in authority over us; but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

Küster: What about people in general, even those under your authority or of a lower station in life than you?

All: “You shall not murder,” our Lord says in His Fifth Commandment.

Küster: What does this mean?

All: We should fear and love God, that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body; but help and support him in every bodily need.

Küster: In what other ways are we to honor God in relation to our neighbor?

All: In the Sixth Commandment, we are told, “You shall not commit adultery.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: We should fear and love God, that we lead a pure and chaste life in word and deed, and each one love and honor his spouse.

Küster: Thus, God protects our neighbor’s body in every way; what about his possessions?

All: In the Seventh Commandment, we are told, “You shall not steal.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: We should fear and love God, that we do not take our neighbor’s money or property, nor get them with deceitful products or dealings; but help him to improve and protect his property and livelihood.

Küster: Does God protect only physical things?

All: In the Eighth Commandment, He says of His people, “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: We should fear and love God, that we do not falsely deceive, betray, or slander our neighbor, or give him a bad reputation; but defend him, speak well of him, and put the best construction on everything.

Küster: Are only actions sinful?

All: No, in the Ninth Commandment, the Lord tells us, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: We should fear and love God, that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, nor get it in a way that outwardly appears lawful, and so on; but aid and assist him to keep it.

Küster: For what else must we not have a sinful desire?

All: In the Tenth Commandment, the Lord says, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, manservant, maidservant, animals, or anything that is his.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: We should fear and love God, that we do not unharness, coerce, or alienate from our neighbor his wife, servants or animals; but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Küster: What does God say about all of these Commandments?

All: He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, Who visits the sin of the fathers upon their children who hate Me, to the third and fourth generation; but to those who love Me and keep My commandments, I do good for a thousand generations.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments; therefore, we should fear His wrath and not disobey them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep them; therefore, we should also love and trust in Him, and gladly obey His commandments.

Küster: How, then, shall we who cannot properly obey all these Commandments ever have God’s mercy and salvation?

All: In the Second Article of the Apostles Creed, we confess and pray: “And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord; Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death; that I should be His own and live under Him in His Kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and

blessedness, just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns forever and ever. This is most certainly true.

Sit
The Hymn *“My Inmost Heart Now Raises”* TLH 548

Stand

Küster: Since God has had such mercy on us, what does He invite us to do?

All: Our Lord Jesus invites us to pray, “Our Father, who art in Heaven.” “With these words, God would invite us to believe that He is our true Father, and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we should ask Him, as dear children ask their dear father.”

Küster: With such an invitation, what do we pray?

All: First, we pray of our Father, “Hallowed be Thy Name.” “God’s Name is certainly holy in itself; but we ask in this prayer that it may be made holy among us also.” God’s Name is kept holy “When God’s Word is taught purely and correctly, and when we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in Heaven! But whoever teaches or lives differently than God’s Word teaches, he profanes God’s Name among us. Guard us against this, O heavenly Father!”

Second, we pray, “Thy Kingdom come.” “God’s Kingdom certainly comes by itself without our prayer; but we ask in this prayer that it may come to us also.” God’s kingdom comes “When the heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives, here in time and there in eternity.”

Third, we pray, “Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.” “God’s good and gracious will is surely done without our prayer; but we ask in this prayer that it may be done among us also.” God’s will is done “When God breaks and hinders every evil plan and will—like the will of the devil the world and our flesh—that would keep us from hallowing God’s Name and prevent His Kingdom from coming; and when He strengthens and keeps us steadfast in His Word and faith until the end. This is His good and gracious will.”

Fourth, we pray, “Give us this day our daily bread.” “God surely also gives daily bread to all evil people without our petition; but we ask in this prayer that He would allow us to recognize this, and to receive our

daily bread with thanksgiving.” Daily bread includes “Everything that pertains to the needs and necessities of this life, such as food, drink, clothes, shoes, house, yard, land, animals, money, property, a godly spouse, godly children, godly servants, godly and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, discipline, honor, good friends, trustworthy neighbors, and the like.”

Fifth, we pray, “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” “We ask in this prayer that the Father in Heaven would not look upon our sins and deny these petitions because of them; for we are not worthy of anything for which we ask, nor have we earned it; but we ask that He would give it all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. We, in turn, will also truly forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.”

Sixth, we pray, “And lead us not into temptation.” “God surely tempts no one, but we ask in this prayer that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us, nor mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice; and although we are troubled by these things, that we would, nevertheless, overcome and stand victorious in the end.”

Seventh, we pray, “But + deliver us from evil.” “We ask in this prayer, in summary, that the Father in Heaven would deliver us from every sort of evil of body and soul, of property and honor; and finally, when our last hour comes, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in Heaven.”

Küster: Are we confident that our prayer will be heard?

All: Our prayer ends with, “Amen.” This means “That I should be certain that these petitions are acceptable to the Father in Heaven and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us so to pray and has promised to hear us. Amen, Amen, which means: Yes, yes, it shall be so.”

Sit
The Hymn *“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”* TLH 429

Stand

Küster: Where did we inherit the right to call upon God as “Our Father” in this way?

All: In the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed, we confess and pray, “I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; + and the life everlasting. Amen.”

Küster: What does this mean?

All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and preserved me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on Earth, and preserves it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers, and on the Last Day will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Küster: What, specifically, has the Holy Ghost used to call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify you?

All: God made us His own dear children in Holy Baptism. “Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God’s command and connected to God’s word.”

Küster: Which word of God is that?

All: “Our Lord Christ says in the last chapter of Matthew: ‘Go forth into all the world and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’” (Matt. 28:19).

Küster: What benefit does Baptism give?

All: It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the word and promise of God declare.

Küster: Which word and promise of God are these?

All: Our Lord Christ says in the last chapter of Mark: “He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16).

Küster: How can water do such great things?

All: Certainly it is not the water that does it, but the Word of God that is in and with the water, and the faith that trusts this Word of God in the water. For without God’s Word the water is plain water and no Baptism.

Küster: So, Holy Baptism is simply another way of applying God’s saving Word, the Gospel?

All: But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, “a water of life, rich in grace, and a washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says to Titus in chapter three: ‘Through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, Whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs of eternal life according to hope. This is most certainly true.’” (Titus 3:5-8).

Küster: What does such baptizing with water signify?

All: It signifies that the Old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die, with all sins and evil desires, and that a New Man, in turn, should daily emerge and arise, to live forever before God in righteousness and purity.

Küster: Where is this written?

All: St. Paul writes to the Romans in chapter six: “We were buried with Christ through Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we, too, should walk in a new life” (Rom. 6:4).

Küster: But, what shall we do when we see that we do not live perfectly in this way?

All: We use The Office of the Keys: “It is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on Earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to retain the sins of the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.”

Küster: Where is this written?

All: This is what the holy Evangelist St. John writes in chapter twenty: “The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit! If you forgive the sins of any, to them they are forgiven,

and if you retain the sins of any, to them they are retained” (John 20:22-23).

Küster: What do you believe according to these words?

All: I believe in what the called ministers of Christ do among us, by His divine command—especially when they exclude public, impenitent sinners from the Christian congregation, and when they absolve those who repent of their sins and are willing to mend their ways—that it is all as valid and certain in Heaven also, as if our dear Lord Christ did it Himself.

Küster: How does one receive such Absolution?

All: Confession consists of two parts. First, that a person confesses his sins. Second, that a person receives the absolution or forgiveness from the minister, as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that his sins are thereby forgiven before God in Heaven.

Küster: What sins should a person confess?

All: Before God, we should plead guilty of all sins, including the ones we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the minister we should only confess the sins that we know and feel in our hearts. of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

Küster: Which are these?

All: Consider your station according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, or servant? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you hurt anyone with words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent or careless, or caused any harm?

Sit
The Hymn “How Can I Thank Thee, Lord” TLH 417

Stand

Küster: Has Christ left us any further assurance of our forgiveness?

All: He gives us the Holy Supper of His own Body and Blood, which were sacrificed for our sins at Calvary and now distributes to us the forgiveness, life, and salvation which they earned there.

Küster: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

All: It is the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Küster: Where is this written?

All: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and St. Paul write: “Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: ‘Take, eat; this is My + Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.’ In the same way also He took the Cup after supper, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, ‘Take and drink of it, all of you. This Cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’”

Küster: What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

All: That is shown us by these words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.

Küster: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

All: Certainly it is not the eating and drinking that does it, but the words that are there: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words accompany the bodily eating and drinking as the chief part in the Sacrament, and whoever believes these words has what they say and as they declare, namely, forgiveness of sins.

Küster: Who receives this Sacrament worthily?

All: Fasting and bodily preparation is certainly a fine outward discipline, but he is truly worthy and well-prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins.” But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared. For the words “for you” require nothing but believing hearts.

Küster: To whom, therefore, must the Lord’s Supper be denied?

All: Those who are openly ungodly and impenitent, including those who take part in non-Christian religious worship; those who are

unforgiving, refusing to be reconciled; those Christians who hold a different confession of faith, even if their church body claims the name “Lutheran,” and those who are unable to examine themselves.

Küster: Do you believe, then, that the true Body and Blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

All: Yes, I believe it.

Küster: What moves you to believe this?

All: The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My + Body! Drink of it, all of you, this is My + Blood!

Küster: What should we do when we eat His + Body and drink His + Blood and in this way receive His pledge?

All: We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His Blood, as He taught us: “This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Küster: Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

All: So that we may learn to believe that no creature could have made satisfaction for our sins—only Christ, true God and Man, could do that; and so that we may learn to be terrified by our sins, and learn to regard them as serious; and that we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and thus be saved by this faith.

Küster: What moved Christ to die and make satisfaction for your sins?

All: His great love for His Father, for me and for other sinners, as it is written in John 15, Romans 6, and Galatians 2.

Küster: Why, then, do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

All: That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin; and then, that I may learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

Küster: What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament of the Altar often?

All: For God’s sake, both the command and the promise of the Lord Christ should drive him to the Sacrament; then also his own need that hangs around his neck, because of which the command, invitation, and promise are given.

Küster: But what should a person do if he can’t feel this need, or if he can’t find in himself any hunger or thirst for the Sacrament?

All: To such a person no better advice can be given than this: First, he should put his hand on his chest to see if he, too has flesh and blood, and he should believe what the Scriptures say about it in Galatians 5 and Romans 6. Second, he should look around to see if he is still in the world, and he should consider there will be no shortage of sins and troubles, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will, for this very reason, also have the devil near him, who, with his lies and murdering day and night, will grant him no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16, 1 Peter 5, Ephesians 6, and 2 Timothy 2.

*Küster: These questions and answers are no child’s play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter, for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.” **

Küster: Let us pray the Collect of the Day

INSERT

Küster: Let us pray for all the Ministers of the Word, especially _____:

All: Almighty and Everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before Thee for all Estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Küster: Let us pray for all in authority:

All: O Merciful Father in Heaven, Who holdest in Thy hand all the might of man and Who hast ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evil doers and for the praise of them that do well, and of Whom is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world, we humbly beseech Thee, graciously regard Thy servants, the President of the United States of America, the Governor of this State, our Judges and Magistrates, and all the rulers of the Earth. May all that receive the sword as Thy ministers bear it according to Thy commandment. Enlighten and defend them by Thy Name, O God. Grant them wisdom and understanding, that under their peaceable governance Thy people

may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness, and unity. Protect and prolong their lives, O God of our salvation, that we with them may show forth the praise of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Küster: Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick, comfort to the grieving, and a safe journey to all who travel, especially _____:

All: Almighty and Everlasting God, the Consolation of the sorrowful and the Strength of the weak, may the prayers of them that in any tribulation or distress cry unto Thee, graciously come before Thee, so that in all their necessities they may mark and receive Thy manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Küster: Let us pray for the fruits of the Earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

All: O Lord, Father Almighty, by Thy Word Thou hast created and Thou dost continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray Thee so to reveal to us Thy Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Thy grace be made ready to receive Thy blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Küster: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

All: Our Father, Who art in Heaven: Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and Lead us not into temptation, but + Deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sit
Hymn "Preserve us in Thy Word, O Lord" INSERT
Silent Prayer
The Postlude "O Gott, du frommer Gott" Johann Gottfried Walther
Announcements

*—An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.

What Does This Mean?

What is a Küster?

Following the order of those whom God had gathered as His Church in Hoya, Germany in 1581, our parish has adopted the office of *Küster*, a combination of sexton and sacristan who is to assist the pastor in any way that he needs and Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions allow. He helps make sure that the church building is prepared for services, aids in the proper practice of Closed Communion, and, in general, sees that the pastor and parish have what is necessary for the prayer offices and occasional services (weddings, funerals, etc.), as well as for the weekly Divine Service.

Why does the Küster not simply lead a service or prayer office and preach or read a sermon, as I've seen laymen do elsewhere?

While such a practice has, indeed, become quite common among Lutherans, we find that our practice is testified to by those who actually signed the Lutheran Confessions when they were first published. Considering the many great errors among modern Lutherans concerning the Office of the Ministry (even in so-called "conservative" bodies), where both men and women function contrary to Scripture's prohibitions, we have claimed this faithful testimony-in-practice to Augsburg Confession XIV (and, therefore, Romans 10) as our own: no one who has not been Called by God through His Church and Ordained to carry out the Office of preaching, teaching, and administering the Sacraments ought be found doing so among those who would claim to be Lutherans. As is seen by this page, we are very careful to keep from confusing what God has given us with what has been added by Man; just because something is common, that doesn't mean it is correct or "Lutheran."

Isn't the Small Catechism just for kids?

Martin Luther said that he had to review it every day. Doing so kept him in the "child-like" faith that is proper for the children of God.

of Christ.” *From Martin Luther’s sermon from the Church Postil for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday, 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, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Pat Stefanski, Sherrill Smithey, Rev. Floyd Smithey, Martin Kope, Bill Kope, Sally Kope, David Heiser, Rev. Eric Stefanski, 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, *Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Daniel Mensing.*
- 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.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week, especially *Pastor and Tanya Dulas.*

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

| | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Today | 1 Chron. 13-14; Mt. 16:13-26 | 1 Chronicles 15-16; 1 Peter 2:4-10 |
| Monday: | 1 Chron. 17-18; Rom. 4:1-25 | 1 Chronicles 19-20; 1 Samuel 17:1-58 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Chron. 21-22; Rom. 5:1—6:2 | 1 Chronicles 23-24; 1 Samuel 18:1-21 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Chron. 25-26; Rom. 6:12-18 | 1 Chronicles 27-28; 1 Samuel 19:1-24 |
| Thursday: | 1 Chron. 29; Romans 7:1-25 | 2 Chronicles 1-2; 1 Samuel 20:1-42 |
| Friday: | 2 Chron. 3-4; Rom. 8:1-11 | 2 Chronicles 5-6; 1 Samuel 22:1-23 |
| Saturday: | 2 Chron. 7-8; Rom. 13:1-7 | 2 Chronicles 9-10; 1 Samuel 24:1-22 |

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

| | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Today: | Psalms 119, Part V, 64-65 | Psalms 113, 66-68 |
| Monday: | Psalms 119, Part V, 69 | Psalms 113, 70-72 |
| Tuesday: | Psalms 119, Part V, 73 | Psalms 113, 74-76 |
| Wednesday: | Psalms 119, Part V, 77 | Psalms 113, 78 |
| Thursday: | Psalms 119, Part V, 79-80 | Psalms 113, 81-83 |
| Friday: | Psalms 119, Part V, 84-85 | Psalms 113, 86-88 |
| Saturday: | Psalms 119, Part V, 89 | Psalms 114, 90-92 |

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

- Monday:** The Smalcald Articles, Part III.Art.III.1-14
- Tuesday:** The Smalcald Articles, Part III.Art.III.15-26
- Wednesday:** The Smalcald Articles, Part III.Art.III.27-40
- Thursday:** The Smalcald Articles, Part III.Art.III.41—Art.VI.5
- Friday:** The Smalcald Articles, Part III.Art.VII.1—Art.VIII.13

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

- Sunday:** The Ten Commandments
- Monday:** The Apostles’ Creed, The Lord’s Prayer
- Tuesday:** Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession
- Wednesday:** The Sacrament of the Altar

Thursday: The Prayers

Friday: The Table of Duties

Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: TLH 548—“My Inmost Heart Now Raises”

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

Calendar for the Week after the Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Today: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

10:00 a.m. Küster Service

Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Monday: Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Tuesday: Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Wednesday: *Tax Day*

Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Thursday: Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Friday: Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Saturday: Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Next Sunday: The Sixth 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

The Lutheran Herald

The July 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 Deacon Smithey

The installation of the Rev. Dcn. Floyd Smithey, Jr will be held on July 26th, 2020 at his home in Knoxville, TN. The Order of Vespers will begin at 6:00 p.m. If you are able, please make every effort to attend the installation of our new deacon.

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Old Testament Lesson:

Jeremiah 16:14-21

Epistle:

1 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel:

St. Luke 5:1-11

July 19th—The Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Old Testament Lesson:

Exodus 20:1-17

Epistle:

Romans 6:3-11

Gospel:

St. Matthew 5:20-26

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“But what did Christ do, when Peter humbled himself and in the face of great fear and terror he asked the Lord to depart from him? Did He let him stick in his despair? No, but He came to him, comforted him and said, ‘Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.’

“These are evangelical or Gospel words, that comfort weak hearts. And just in this way God makes our work and temptation golden before our eyes. Therefore observe now, how God provides for our bodies, in that a hard and wrathful judge; for they had previously acknowledged themselves to be sinners and in need of His grace. And so they were eyes. Therefore observe now, how God provides for our bodies, in that he here gives Peter a great multitude of fishes, when he would have had enough with two, and in like manner satisfies and enriches him spiritually, so that he could from his fulness impart to others, and thus he made him a natural and a spiritual fisherman; a natural fisherman in that he caught a great multitude of fishes which he could sell; a spiritual fisherman in that he should henceforth catch men; for he had now the Gospel, by which he should gather the people and enlarge the kingdom

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

July 12th, 2020



Introit

P: HEAR, O || Lord, when I cry with my | voice! | - *

C: You | have | been | my | help;

P: || Do not leave me nor for- | sake | me, *

C: O God of | my | sal- | va- | tion. (*Psalm 27:7a, 9b*)

P: || The Lord is my light and my Sal- | va- | tion; *

C: Whom | — | shall | I | fear?

P: || Teach me Your way, O | Lord, | - *

C: And lead me in a smooth path, because of | my | en- | e- | mies.

P: || Do not deliver me to the will of my adver- | sa- | ries; *

C: For false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe | out | vi- | o- | lence

P: || Wait on the Lord; be of good | cour- | age, *

C: And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I | say, | on | the | Lord!
(*Psalm 27:1a, 11-12, 14*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my | voice! | - *

C: You | have | been | my | help;

P: || Do not leave me nor for- | sake | me, *

C: O God of | my | sal- | va- | tion. (*Psalm 27:7a, 9b*)

Collect

O God, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding, pour into our hearts such love toward Thee that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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: || O God, behold our | shield, | - *

C: And look upon the face | of | Your | ser- | vants.

P: || O Lord God of | hosts, | - *

C: Hear | — | our | — | pray-er. • (*Psalm 84:9, 8a paraphrase*)

Verse

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

C: Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || The king shall have joy in Your | strength, | - *

C: And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! | Al- | le- | lu- | ia!
(*Psalm 21:1*)

Jeremiah 16:14-21

¹⁴ “Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that it shall no more be said, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ ¹⁵ but, ‘The LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.’ For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers. ¹⁶ Behold, I will send for many fishermen,” says the LORD, “and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. ¹⁷ For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. ¹⁸ And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols.” ¹⁹ O LORD, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, “Surely our fathers have inherited lies, worthlessness and unprofitable things.” ²⁰ Will a man make gods for himself, which are not gods? ²¹ “Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; And they shall know that My name is the LORD.

1 Peter 3:8-15a

⁸ Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. ¹¹ Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the LORD

are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil. ¹³ And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. ¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts.

St. Luke 5:1-11

¹ So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, ² and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. ³ Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. ⁴ When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ But Simon answered and said to Him, “Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.” ⁶ And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. ⁷ So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” ¹¹ So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

TLH 409 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Sigismund von Birken, 1653

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Flee the world, which would deceive us
And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading,
Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me;
Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

2. Let us suffer here with Jesus,
To His image, e’er conform;
Heaven’s glory soon will please us,
Sunshine follow on the storm.
Tho’ we sow in tears of sorrow,
We shall reap with heav’nly joy;
And the fears that now annoy
Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with Thee;
There, oh, share Thy joy with me!

3. Let us also die with Jesus.
His death from the second death,
From our soul’s destruction, frees us,
Quickens us with life’s glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living,
Flesh and blood and die to sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to Heaven.
Jesus, here I die to Thee
There to live eternally.

4. Let us gladly live with Jesus;
Since He’s risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us.
Jesus, Thou art now our Head,
We are truly Thine own members;
Where Thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly,
Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee,
Also there eternally. Amen.

TLH 548 “My Inmost Heart Now Raises”

Georg Nigidius, died 1588

1. My inmost heart now raises
In this fair morning hour
A song of thankful praises
To Thine almighty pow’r,

O God, upon Thy throne.
To honor and adore Thee,
I bring my praise before Thee
Thro’ Christ, Thine only Son.

2. For Thou from me hast warded
All perils of the night;
From ev’ry harm hast guarded
My soul till morning light.
To Thee I humbly cry,
O Savior, have compassion
And pardon my transgression;
Have mercy, Lord most high!

3. And shield me from all evil,
O gracious God, this day,
From sin, and from the devil,
From shame and from dismay,
From fire’s consuming breath,
From water’s devastation,
From need and consternation,
From evil sudden death.

4. Let not Thine angel leave me
While here on earth I stay
Lest Satan’s arts deceive me
And lead my soul astray.
Then keep Thine angel near
At night and each new morrow
Lest soul and body sorrow
And falt’ring cost me dear.

5. God shall do my advising,
Whose might with wisdom blends;
May He bless rest and rising,
My efforts, means, and ends!
To God, forever blest,
Will I with mine confide me,
And willing let Him guide me
As seemeth to Him best.

6. Amen I say, not fearing
That God rejects my prayer;
I doubt not He is hearing
And granting me His care.
Thus I go on my way
And do not look behind me,
But ply the task assigned me;
God’s help shall be my stay. Amen.

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

Martin Schalling, about 1567

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy 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 417 “How Can I Thank Thee, Lord”

ascribed to David Denicke, 1648, abridged; St. 6,
Johann Heerman, 1630

1. How can I thank Thee, Lord,
For all Thy loving-kindness,
That Thou hast patiently
Borne with me in my blindness?

When dead in many sins
And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God,
Thine anger ev'ry day.
2. It is Thy work alone
That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me
Thou hast Thy pow'r asserted.
Thy mercy and Thy grace
That rise afresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart
Into a heart new-born.

3. I could but grieve Thee, Lord,
And with my sins displease Thee;
Yet to atone for sin
My works could not appease Thee.
Though I could fall from grace
And choose the way of sin,
I had no strength to rise,
A new life to begin.

4. But Thou hast raised me up
To joy and exultation
And clearly shown the way
That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away,
For this I thank thee, Lord;
And with my heart and soul
All dead works are abhorred.

5. Grant that Thy Spirit's help
To me be always given
Lest I should fall again
And lose the way to Heaven;
That He may give me strength
In mine infirmity
And e'er renew my heart
To serve Thee willingly.

6. Oh, guide and lead me, Lord,
While here below I wander
That I may follow Thee
Till I shall see Thee yonder.
For if I led myself,
I soon would go astray;
But if Thou leadest me,
I keep the narrow way.

7. O Father, God of Love,
Hear Thou my supplication;
O Savior, Son of God,
Grant me Thy full salvation;
And Thou, O Holy Ghost,
Be Thou my faithful Guide

That I may serve Thee here
And there with Thee abide. Amen.

TLH 261 “Preserve Us in Thy Word, O Lord”
Martin Luther, 1541

1. Preserve us in Thy Word, O Lord;
Subdue the pope and Muslim horde,
Who, yet in vain, Thy Son disown
And seek to wrest Him from Thy throne.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow’r make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone.
Defend Thy Christendom, that we
May sing Thy praise eternally.

3. O Holy Ghost, our Help divine,
Make Thou Thy people of one mind.
Stay by our side till life’s last breath,
And lead us into life from death.

4. Lord, bring Thine enemies to naught,
And let them in the net be caught
That they have hidden to ensnare
Thy Christians, who Thy truth declare.

5. Then must our foes at last confess
That Thou, Lord Jesus, dost possess
The pow’r to rescue and set free
Thy sheep, who trust in none but Thee. Amen.