

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 Festival of the Circumcision of our Lord
January 1st, 2021

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“And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.” St. Luke 2:21

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Ich sterbe täglich”</i>	Paul Kretschmar
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Now Let Us Come Before Him”</i>	TLH 122
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
The Collect for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord		
The Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas		
The Collect for the New Year		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 55:1-13
<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>		
<i>R: Thanks be to God.</i>		
The Epistle		Galatians 3:23-29
The Gradual		INSERT
The Verse		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	<i>“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”</i>	Δ INSERT
The Holy Gospel		St. Luke 2:21
The Nicene Creed		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“To the Name of Our Salvation”</i>	TLH 116
The Sermon	<i>Before He Was Conceived</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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism	
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter”</i>	TLH 120
<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		
The Hymn	<i>“We All Believe in One True God”</i>	TLH 251 (2 nd Tune)
<i>Stand</i>		
The Post Communion Canticle	<i>“The Nunc Dimittis</i>	TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving	<i>(“And His mercy endureth forever”)</i>	TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“The Old Year Now hath Passed Away”</i>	TLH 125
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Herr Jesus Christ, dich”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
Announcements		

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

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

Christmas Season Schedule

January 3rd	<i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i> Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m. Divine Service 3:00 p.m. Augusta, GA
January 6th	<i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i> Private Confession 6:30 p.m. Divine Service 7:00 p.m.
January 13th	<i>The Festival of the Baptism of our Lord</i> Private Confession 6:30 p.m. Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

January 1st, 2021



Introit

O LORD, || our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the | earth, | - *
Who have set Your glory above | the | heav- | ens!
|| What is man that You are mindful | of | him, *
And the son of man that You | vi- | sit | him? (*Psalms 8:1, 4*)
|| You, O Lord, are our | Fa- | ther; *
Our Redeemer from everlasting | is | Your | name.
|| O Lord, why have You made us stray from Your ways, and hardened our heart from Your
| fear? | - *
Return for Your servants' sake, the tribes of Your in- | her- | i- | tance.
|| Your holy people have possessed it but a little | while; | - *
Our adversaries have trodden down Your sanc- | tu- | ar- | y.
|| We have become like those of old, over whom You never | ruled, | - *
Those who were never called | by | Your | name. (*Isaiah 63:16b-19*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

|| O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the | earth, | - *
Who have set Your glory above | the | heav- | ens!
|| What is man that You are mindful | of | him, *
And the son of man that You | vi- | sit | him? (*Psalms 8:1, 4*)

Collect

O Lord God, Who for our sakes hast made Thy blessed Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to endure the circumcision of the flesh, grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be pure from all sinful desires and lusts; 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.

Collect for the New Year

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we give Thee humble and hearty thanks that Thou hast preserved us during the past year from all evil, and bestowed upon us all manner of good, and dost now permit us to enter into a new year; and we pray that it may please Thee mercifully to crown the same with Thy goodness, to bless us and our households with Thy heavenly gifts, and to grant and preserve unto us whatsoever is necessary for our bodily wants, to avert from us all calamities and evils, and to make this to be unto us a blessed, peaceful, and happy year; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our only Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

|| All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our | God. | - *
Shout joyfully to the Lord, | all | the | earth.
|| The Lord has made known His sal- | va- | tion; *
His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of | the | na- | tions. (*Psalms 98:3b, 4b, 2*)

Verse

|| Alle- | lu- | ia! *
Al- | le- | lu- | ia!
|| God, who at various times and in different ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the
| pro- | phets, *
Has in these last days spoken to us by His Son. Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Heb, 1:1-2a*)

Isaiah 55:1-13

¹ “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. ³ Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David. ⁴ Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. ⁵ Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. ⁹ “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Galatians 3:23-29

²³ But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

St. Luke 2:21

²¹ And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

TLH 122 “Now Let Us Come Before Him”

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

1. Now let us come before Him,
With song and prayer adore Him,
Who to our life hath given
All needed strength from Heaven.

2. The stream of years is flowing,
And we are onward going,
From old to new surviving
And by His mercy thriving.

3. In woe we often languish
And pass thro' times of anguish,
Of wars and trepidation
Alarming ev'ry nation.

4. As mothers watch are keeping
O'er children who are sleeping,
Their fear and grief assuaging
When angry storms are raging.

5. So God His own is shielding
And help to them is yielding.
When need and woe distress them,
His loving arms caress them.

6. O Thou Who dost not slumber,
Remove what would encumber
Our work, which prospers never
Unless Thou bless it ever.

7. O God of Mercy, hear us;
Our Father, be Thou near us;
Mid crosses and in sadness
Be Thou our Fount of gladness.

8. To all who bow before Thee
And for Thy grace implore Thee,
Oh, grant Thy benediction
And patience in affliction.

9. Be Thou a Helper speedy
To all the poor and needy,
To all forlorn a Father;
Thy erring children gather.

10. Be with the sick and ailing,
Their Comforter unailing;
Dispelling grief and sadness,
Oh, give them joy and gladness!

11. Above all else, Lord, send us
Thy Spirit to attend us,
Within our hearts abiding,
To Heaven our footsteps guiding.

12. All this Thy hand bestoweth,
Thou, Life, whence our life floweth.
To all Thy Name confessing
Grant, Lord, Thy New Year's blessing. Amen.

Sequence Hymn

INSERT “Of the Father's Love Begotten”

Aurelius C. Prudentius, died 413

1. Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

2. Oh, that birth forever blessèd
When the Virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Savior of our race,
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

3. O ye heights of Heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on Earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

4. This is He whom Heav'n-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the Long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

Δ 5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

TLH 116 “To the Name of Our Salvation”

Unknown, 1496

1. To the Name of our salvation
Laud and honor let us pay,
Which for many a generation
Hid in God’s foreknowledge lay;
But with holy exultation
We may sing aloud today.
2. Jesus is the Name we treasure,
Name beyond what words can tell;
Name of gladness, name of pleasure,
Ear and heart delighting well;
Name of sweetness, passing measure,
Saving us from sin and hell.
3. ‘Tis the Name for adoration;
‘Tis the Name of victory;
‘Tis the Name for meditation
In this vale of misery;
‘Tis the Name for veneration
By the citizens on high.
4. ‘Tis the Name that whoso preacheth
Speaks like music to the ear;
Who in prayer this Name beseecheth
Sweetest comfort findeth near;
Who its perfect wisdom reacheth
Heavenly joy possesseth here.
5. Jesus is the Name prevailing
Over every Name by right;
At this Name, in terror quailing,
Powers of Hell are put to flight;
God, in mercy never failing,
Saves us by this Name of might.
6. Therefore we in love adoring
This most blessed Name revere,
Holy Jesus, Thee imploring
So to write it in us here
That hereafter, Heavenward soaring,
We may sing with angels there. Amen.

TLH 120 “Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter”

Johann Rist, 1642

1. Help us, O Lord! Behold, we enter
Upon another year today;
In Thee our hopes and tho’ts now center,
Renew our courage for the way.
New life, new strength, new happiness,
We ask of Thee, —oh, hear and bless!

2. May ev’ry plan and undertaking
This year be all begun with Thee;
When I am sleeping or am waking,
Still let me know Thou art with me.
Abroad do Thou my footsteps guide,
At home be ever at my side.
3. Be this a time of grace and pardon.
Thy rod I take with willing mind,
But suffer naught my heart to harden;
Oh, let me then Thy mercy find!
In Thee alone, my God, I live;
Thou only canst nay sins forgive.
4. And may this year to me be holy;
Thy grace so fill my ev’ry thought
That all my life be pure and lowly
And truthful, as a Christian’s ought.
So make me while yet dwelling here
Pious and blest from year to year.
5. Jesus, be with me and direct me;
Jesus, my plans and hopes inspire;
Jesus, from tempting thoughts protect me;
Jesus, be all my heart’s Desire;
Jesus, be in my thoughts all day
Nor suffer me to fall away.
6. And grant, Lord, when the year is over,
That it for me in peace may close;
In all things care for me and cover
My head in time of fear and woes.
So may I when my years are gone
Appear with joy before Thy throne. Amen.

TLH 125 “The Old Year Now hath Passed Away”

ascribed to Johann Steuerlein, 1588

1. The old year now hath passed away;
We thank Thee, O our God, today
That Thou hast kept us through the year
When danger and distress were near.
2. We pray Thee, O eternal Son,
Who with the Father reign’st as One,
To guard and rule Thy Christendom
Through all the ages yet to come.
3. Take not Thy saving Word away,
Our souls’ true comfort, staff, and stay.
Abide with us and keep us free
From errors, foll’wing only Thee.

4. Oh, help us to forsake all sin,
A new and holier course begin!
Mark not what once was done amiss;
A happier, better year be this,

5. Wherein as Christians we may live
Or die in peace that Thou canst give,
To rise again when Thou shalt come
And enter Thine eternal home.

6. There shall we thank Thee and adore
With all the angels evermore.
Lord Jesus Christ, increase our faith
To praise Thy Name through life and death. Amen.

Sequence Hymn—Of the Father's Love Begotten



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



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



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



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

Δ 5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
 And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
 And unending praises be,
 Honor, glory, and dominion,
 And eternal victory
 Evermore and evermore. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant:

Congregation:



We be - lieve in one God, Fa - - - ther Al - might - y,



Mak - er of heav - en and earth and of all things vi - si - ble



and in - vi - si - ble. And in one Lord + Jesus Christ,



the only begotten - ten Son of God, be - got - ten of His Fa - ther



be - - - fore all - - - worlds, God of God,



Light of Light, Ver - y God of Ver - y God,



Be - got - ten, not made, Be - ing of one Sub - stance with the Fa - ther,



By whom all things were made; Who for us men,



and for our sal - va - tion, came down from heav - en,



+ And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Mar - y,



And was made man; + And was cru - ci - fied al - so for us



un - der Pon - tius Pi - late. He suf - fered and was bur - ied;



And the third day He rose a - gain, ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures;

And as - cend - ed in - to heav - en, And sit-teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther;

And He shall come again with glo - - - - - ry

to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Ho - ly Ghost, The Lord and Giv - er of Life,

Who proceedeth from the Fa - ther and the Son, Who with the Fa - ther and the Son

to - geth - er is + wor-shipped And glo - - - ri - fied,

Who spake by the Pro - phets. And we be-lieve one Ho - ly cath-o-lic

And Aposto - lic Church. We confess one Bap-tism

for the re - mis - - - sion of sins,

And we look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead;

+ And the life of the world to come. A - - - - - men.

+ — indicates that the worshippers may make a sign of reverence (bow the head, genuflect, or make the sign of the holy cross) as is appropriate.