

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.

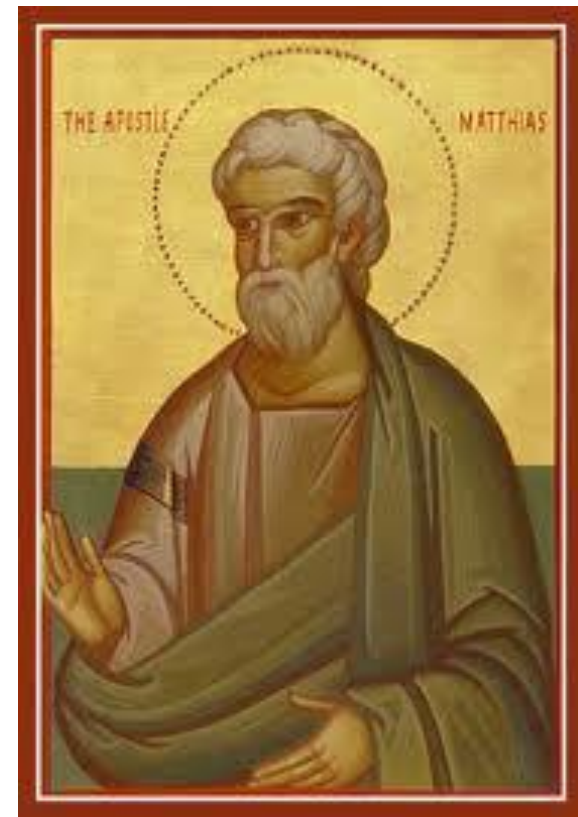
A Prayer after Communion

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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“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

St. Matthew 11:28

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Christ Is Our Corner-Stone”</i>	TLH 465
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 Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
The Collect for Invocavit		
The Collect for the Season of Lent		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 66:1-2
	<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>	
	<i>R: Thanks be to God.</i>	
The Epistle		Acts 1:15-26
The Gradual		INSERT
The Tract		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	<i>“The Royal Banners Forward Go”</i>	Δ INSERT
The Holy Gospel		St. Matthew 11:25-30
The Nicene Creed		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”</i>	TLH 656
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<i>Stand</i>		
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<i>Sit</i>		
Recitation of the Small Catechism		The Table of Duties
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i> *		
The Hymn	<i>“Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation”</i>	Δ TLH 466
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The Verba Domini		TLH p. 27
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<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution		
The Hymn	<i>“Luther’s Te Deum”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Post-Communion Canticle	<i>“The Nunc Dimittis”</i>	TLH p. 29-30
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R: Ye do show the Lord's death till He _____ come.

The Post-Communion Collect		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand”</i>	TLH 467
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
<i>Sit</i>		
Announcements		

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

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

THE FESTIVAL OF ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

February 24th, 2021



Introit

THE SPI- || rit of truth, will guide you into all | truth; | - *
He will glo- | ri- | fy | Me
|| And you also will bear witness | of | Me, *
Because you have been with Me from the | be- | gin- | ning. *
|| Blessèd are you when they persecute you for | My | sake. *
For yours is the kingdom | of | hea- | ven. (St. John 16:13b, 14a; 15:27; St. Matthew 5:10 paraphrased)
|| The Lord is my light and my sal- | va- | tion; *
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises | to | the | Lord.
|| Teach me Your way, O | Lord, | - *
And lead me in a smooth path, because of my | en- | e- | mies.
|| I would have lost heart, unless I had be- | lieved | - *
That I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of | the | liv- | ing.
|| Wait on the Lord; Be of good | cou- | rage, *
And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, | on | the | Lord! (Psalm 27:1a, 6b, 11, 13-14)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

|| The Spirit of truth, will guide you into all | truth; | - *
He will glo- | ri- | fy | Me
|| And you also will bear witness | of | Me, *
Because you have been with Me from the | be- | gin- | ning. *
|| Blessèd are you when they persecute you for | My | sake. *
For yours is the kingdom | of | hea- | ven. (St. John 16:13b, 14a; 15:27; St. Matthew 5:10 paraphrased)

Collect

Almighty God, Who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose Thy faithful servant Saint Matthias, grant that Thy Church, ever being preserved from false apostles, may continually abide in the doctrine of Thy true Apostles; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

|| Their sound is gone out into all the | earth; | - *
And their words to the end | of | heav- | en.
|| The heavens declare the glory of | God; | - *
And the firmament shows His | hand- | i- | work. (Romans 10:18b, Ps.19:1)

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

|| I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear | fruit, | - *
And that your fruit | should | re- | main. (St. John 15:16b)

Isaiah 66:1-2

¹ Thus says the LORD: “Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? ² For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,” Says the LORD. “But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.”

Acts 1:15-26

¹⁵ And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, ¹⁶ “Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; ¹⁷ ‘for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry.’ ¹⁸ (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ For it is written in the book of Psalms: ‘Let his dwelling place be desolate, and let no one live in it’; and, ‘Let another take his office.’ ²¹ Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning

from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.” ²³ And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

St. Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes. ²⁶ Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. ²⁷ All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. ²⁸ Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Luther's Te Deum

I We sing Thy praise, O God: *II* We own Thee as our Lord.

I 2. All the earth doth wor-ship Thee: Fa-ther from e-ter-ni-ty.
 3. An-gel hosts and pow'rs on high: Raise to Thee their joy-ful cry.
 4. Cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim: Ev-er sing the glo-rious hymn.

I 5. Ho-ly is God, our Lord: *II* Ho-ly is God, our Lord:

I & II 6. Ho-ly is God, the Lord, the Lord of Sab-a-oth.

I 7. Thy maj-es-ty and sov-'reign might;
 8. The twelve A-pōs-tles, all;
 9. The white-robed saints, the mar-tyr throng;
 10. The Church doth hon-or claim:
 11. O Fa-ther on Thy heav'n-ly throne;
 12. O Ho-ly Spi-rit, Pa-tri-arch and Pro-ph-ets;

II 7. Fill heav'n and earth with glo-ry bright.
 8. The ho-ly and ly pro-phets call,
 9. All praise Thy Name in joy-ful song,
 10. Through-out the world Thy ho-ly Name,
 11. O wor-ship thy true, and on-ly Son,
 12. To glo-ri-fy Thee, as is meet.

I 13. O King of glo-ry, Thee we own:
 14. To save our race, Thou didst not scorn:
 15. The pang of death hast o'er-come:
 16. At God's right hand ex-alt-ed now:
 17. Thou wilt re-turn, our Head:
 18. Thy ser-vants, Lord, now seek Thine aid:

II 13. As Christ the Lord, the ter-nal Son,
 14. Of Vir-gin and moth-er, born;
 15. And o-pen-ed heav'n to Chris-ten-dom;
 16. His pow'r and glo-ry shar-est Thou;
 17. To judge and liv-ing and dead;
 18. Thy pre-cious blood our ran-som paid;

I 19. O let us share with all the blest: The ev-er-last-ing, glo-ri-ous rest.
 20. Help us, O Lord, from age to age: And bless Thy cho-SEN her-i-tage;
 21. Feed them and keep with lov-ing care: And lift them up, O Lord, for-e'er.

II

I 22. Day af-ter day we Thee a-dore: *II* And mag-ni-fy Thee ev-er-more.

I *II*

23. Vouch-safe Al-might-ty Lord, we pray: To keep us free from sin this day.
 24. Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we cry: Have mer-cy on us, Lord, most high;
 25. Show us Thy mer-cy and Thy grace: Our trust in Thee a-lone we place.

I *II*

26. O Lord, we put our trust in Thee: Con-found-ed let

I & II

us nev-er be. A-men.

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 + Jes-us 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. _____

The Royal Banners Forward Go

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

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

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

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

+ — 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.

TLH 465 “Christ Is Our Corner-Stone”

Unknown, about 700 A.D.

1. Christ is our Corner-stone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of Heav’n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

2. Oh, then, with hymns of praise
These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
The three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song,
Both loud and long.
That glorious Name.

3. Here, gracious God, do Thou
Forevermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow
And mark each suppliant sigh.
In copious show’r
On all who pray
Each holy day,
Thy blessing pour.

4. Here may we gain from Heav’n
The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv’n,
Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest
To endless rest
Are called away! Amen.

Sequence Hymn INSERT “The Royal Banners Forward Go”

Venantius Fortunatus, 569

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TLH 656 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

Hans A. Brorson, about 1760

1. Behold a host, arrayed in white,
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,
With palms they stand. Who is this band
Before the throne of light?
Lo, these are they of glorious fame
Who from the great affliction came
And in the flood of Jesus’ Blood
Are cleansed from guilt and blame.
Now gathered in the holy place,
Their voices they in worship raise,
Their anthems swell where God doth dwell,
Mid angels’ songs of praise.

2. Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they must appear!
Those martyrs stand a priestly band,
God’s throne forever near.
So oft, in troubled days gone by,
In anguish they would weep and sigh.
At home above the God of Love
For aye their tears shall dry.
They now enjoy their Sabbath rest,
The paschal banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord, at festal board
Himself is Host and Guest.

3. Then hail, ye mighty legions, yea,
All hail! Now safe and blest for aye,
And praise the Lord, Who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.
Ye did the joys of Earth disdain,
Ye toiled and sowed in tears and pain.
Farewell, now bring your sheaves and sing
Salvation's glad refrain.
Swing high your palms, lift up your song,
Yea, make it myriad voices strong.
Eternally shall praise to Thee,
God, and the Lamb belong. Amen.

TLH 466 "Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation"

Unknown, about 700 A.D.

1. Christ, Thou art the sure Foundation,
Thou the Head and Corner-stone;
Chosen of the Lord and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Thou Thy Zion's Help forever
And her Confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With Thy wanted loving-kindness
Hear Thy servants as they pray
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within these walls away.

3. Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain,
What they gain from Thee forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory,
Evermore with Thee to reign.

Δ 4. Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and one in glory,
While unending ages run. Amen.

INSERT "Luther's Te Deum"

Martin Luther, 1529

(See above)

TLH 467 "Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand"

Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1837

1. Built on the Rock the Church doth stand,
Even when steeples are falling;

Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distrest,
Longing for rest everlasting.

2. Surely in temples made with hands,
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above Earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He Whom heav'ns cannot contain
Chose to abide on Earth with men,
Built in our bodies His temple.

3. We are God's house of living stones,
Buildd for His habitation;
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His Name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell,
With all His grace and His favor.

4. Now we may gather with our King
E'en in the lowliest dwelling;
Praises to Him we there may bring,
His wondrous mercy forthtelling.
Jesus His grace to us accords;
Spirit and life are all His words;
His truth doth hallow the temple.

5. Still we our earthly temples rear
That we may herald His praises;
They are the homes where He draws near
And little children embraces.
Beautiful things in them are said;
God there with us His covenant made,
Making us heirs of His kingdom.

6. Here stands the font before our eyes
Telling how God did receive us;
The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His table doth give us;
Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer.

7. Grant then, O God, where'er men roam,
That, when the church-bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me;
Ye, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you." Amen. Amen.