

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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*“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall
make you free.” St. John 8:32*

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Ein’ feste Burg”</i>	Samuel Scheidt
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”</i>	TLH 262
Silent Prayer	<i>(The Pastor silently prays Psalm 24)</i>	
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15
Versicles	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
The Introit	<i>(Tone 8)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Gloria in Excelsis		TLH p. 17-19
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Third Sunday after Trinity Sunday		
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Galatians 2:16-21
The Gradual		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. John 8:31-36
The Nicene Creed	<i>(Bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“If God Had Not Been on Our Side”</i>	TLH 267
The Sermon	<i>The Truth Shall Make You Free</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		TLH p. 22-23
The General Prayer		LSHB p. 115-116
<i>Sit (An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>		
Hymn	<i>“Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”</i>	TLH 258
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		
The Lavabo	<i>(The Pastor washes his hands while silently praying Psalm 26)</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	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	TLH p. 27
The Agnus Dei	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution		

The Hymn	<i>“O Lord, We Praise Thee”</i>	TLH 313
<i>Stand</i>		
The Post-Communion Canticle		TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving		TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect		TLH p. 31
The Hymn	<i>“O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word”</i>	TLH 266
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
The Recessional Hymn	<i>“Preserve Thy Word, O Savior”</i>	TLH 264
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Herzliebster Jesu”</i>	Johann Christoph Oley
The Recitation of the Catechism		The Lord’s Prayer
Announcements		

THE PRESENTATION OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

June 25th, 2021



Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: THE LORD || of Hosts is | with | us: *

The God of Jacob | is | our | Re- | fuge.

P: || Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be re- | moved | - *

And though the mountains be carried into the | midst | of |
the | sea.

P: || God is our refuge and | strength, | - *

A very present | help | in | trou- | ble. (*Psalm 46:7, 2, 1*)

C: GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal; Sung by Congregation)

P: || The Lord of Hosts is | with | us: *

The God of Jacob | is | our | Re- | fuge.

P: || Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be re- | moved | - *

And though the mountains be carried into the | midst | of |
the | sea. (*Psalm 46:7, 2*)

Collect

Almighty God, Who, through the preaching of Thy servants, the blessed Reformers, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine forth: Grant, we beseech Thee, that, knowing its saving power, we may faithfully guard and defend it against all enemies, and joyfully proclaim it, to the salvation of souls and the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.



Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || Great is the Lord, and greatly to be | praised: | - *

In the city of our God, in the mountain of | His | ho- | li- |
ness.

P: || Walk about Zion; tell the towers thereof, mark well her

bulwarks, consider her | *pa-la-* | ces: *

That ye may tell it to the genera- | tion | fol- | low- | ing.

P: Alleluia! Alleluia! For this God is our God for ever and | ev- |
er: *

He will be our guide even unto death. | Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

(*Psalm 48:1, 12-13, 14*)

Galatian 2:16-21

¹⁶“...knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. ¹⁷“But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is* Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! ¹⁸For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. ¹⁹For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain.”

John 8:31-36

³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” ³³They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, ‘You will be made free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.””

TLH 262 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Martin Luther, 1529

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On Earth is not his equal.
2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
3. Tho' devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
4. The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom our remaineth. Amen.

TLH 267 “If God Had Not Been on Our Side”

Martin Luther, 1524

1. If God had not been on our side
And had not come to aid us,
The foes with all their pow'r and pride
Would surely have dismayed us;
For we, His flock, would have to fear
The threat of men both far and near
Who rise in might against us.

2. Their furious wrath, did God permit,
Would surely have consumed us
And as a deep and yawning pit
With life and limb entombed us.
Like men o'er whom dark waters roll
Their wrath would have engulfed our soul
And, like a flood, o'erwhelmed us.

3. Blest be the Lord, Who foiled their threat
That they could not devour us;
Our souls, like birds, escaped their net,
They could not overpower us.
The snare is broken—we are free!
Our help is ever, Lord, in Thee,
Who madest Earth and Heaven. Amen.

TLH 258 “Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”

Matthäus A. von Löwenstern, 1644

1. Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and Hope of every nation,
Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.
2. See round Thine ark the hungry billows curling;
See how Thy foes their banners are unfurling.
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,
Thou canst preserve us.
3. Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth;
Lord, Thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;
Lord, o'er Thy Church nor death nor Hell prevaieth;
Grant us Thy peace, Lord:
4. Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;
Peace in Thy Church where brothers are engaging;
Peace when the world its busy war is waging.
Calm Thy foes' raging.
5. Grant us Thy help till backward they are driven;
Grant them Thy truth that they may be forgiven;
Grant peace on Earth or, after we have striven,
Peace in Thy Heaven. Amen.

TLH 313 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

Stanza 1, Unknown, Sts. 2-3, Martin Luther, 1524

1. O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy Body and Thy Blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,

That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

2. Thy holy Body into death was given,
Life to win for us in Heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy Blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

3. May God bestow on us His grace and favor
To please Him with our behavior
And live as brethren here in love and union
Nor repent this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy! Amen.

TLH 266 “O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word”
Unknown, 1527

1. O God, our Lord, Thy holy Word
Was long a hidden treasure
Till to its place It was by grace
Restored in fullest measure.
For this today Our thanks we say
And gladly glorify Thee.
Thy mercy show And grace bestow
On all who still deny Thee.

2. Salvation free By faith in Thee,
That is Thy Gospel's preaching,
The heart and core Of Bible-lore
In all its sacred teaching.
In Christ we must Put all our trust,
Not in our deeds or labor;
With conscience pure And heart secure
Love Thee, Lord, and our neighbor.

3. Thou, Lord, alone This work hast done
By Thy free grace and favor.
All who believe Will grace receive
Thro' Jesus Christ, our Savior.
And tho' the Foe Would overthrow

Thy Word with grim endeavor,
All he hath wrought Must come to naught,
—Thy Word will stand forever.

4. My Lord art Thou, And for me now
Death holds no dreadful terrors;
Thy precious Blood, My highest good,
Hath blotted out my errors.
My thanks to Thee! Thou wilt to me
Fulfil Thy promise ever
And mercy give While here I live
And Heav'nly bliss forever. Amen.

TLH 264 “Preserve Thy Word, O Savior”
Andreas Gryphius, 1676, Abridged

1. Preserve Thy Word, O Savior,
To us this latter day
And let Thy kingdom flourish,
Enlarge Thy Church, we pray.
Oh, keep our faith from failing,
Keep hope's bright star aglow.
Let naught from Thy Word turn us
While wand'ring here below.

2. Preserve, O Lord, Thine honor,
The bold blasphemer smite;
Convince, convert, enlighten,
The souls in error's night.
Reveal Thy will, dear Savior,
To all who dwell below—
Thou Light of all the living—
That men Thy Name may know.

3. Preserve, O Lord, Thy Zion,
Bought dearly with Thy Blood;
Protect what Thou hast chosen
Against the foes' dread brood.
Be Thou her great Defender
When dangers gather round;
E'en tho' the Earth be crumbling,
Safe will Thy Church be found.

4. Preserve, O Lord, Thy children,
Thine own blest heritage;
Resist, disperse, and scatter
Those who against Thee rage.
Let Thy commandments guide us,
Grant us Thy heav'nly food;
Clothe us in Thy rich garments,
Bought with Thy precious Blood.

5. Preserve Thy Word and preaching,

The truth that makes us whole,
The mirror of Thy glory,
The power that saves the soul.
Oh, may this living water,
This dew of heavenly grace,
Sustain us while here living
Until we see Thy face!

6. Preserve in wave and tempest
Thy storm-tossed little flock;
Assailed by wind and weather,
May it endure each shock.
Take Thou the helm, O Pilot,
And set the course aright;
Thus we shall reach the harbor
In Thine eternal light. Amen.