

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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The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday
September 26th, 2021

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*“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and
he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

St. Luke 14:11

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude “Wir glauben all” Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow
The Ringing of the Bell
The Hymn “We All Believe in One True God” TLH 251 (2nd Tune)

(The Pastor silently prays Psalm 24 while the congregation joins in silent self-examination and reflection on God’s Commandments. Prayers are located on back cover.)

Stand
The Invocation and Address TLH p. 15
Versicles *(All may kneel)* TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution TLH p. 16

Stand (if kneeling)
The Introit *(Tone 8)* 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

Sit
The Epistle Ephesians 4:1-6
The Gradual INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah *(First Setting)* TLH p. 20

Stand
The Holy Gospel St. Luke 14:1-11
The Nicene Creed *(Bow at the words “And was made man.”)* TLH p. 22

Sit
The Hymn “In Thee, Lord, have I Put My Trust” Δ TLH 524
The Sermon *He Took Him and Healed Him, and Let Him Go*

Stand
The Offertory TLH p. 22-23
The General Prayer LSBH p. 115-116

Sit *(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)*
The Hymn “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide” TLH 292

Stand
The Exhortation LSBH p. 117
The Lavabo LSBH p. 118

(The Pastor washes his hands while silently praying Psalm 26. The congregation joins in silent prayer reflecting upon the Sacrament they are about to receive. Prayers are located on back cover.)

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 *(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)* TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini *(All may bow and cross themselves)* TLH p. 27
The Agnus Dei *(All may kneel)* TLH p. 28

Sit
The Distribution *(Prayers are located on back cover.)*
The Hymn “When My Last Hour Is Close at Hand” TLH 594

Stand
The Post-Communion Canticle TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect TLH p. 31
The Hymn “If God Had Not Been on Our Side” TLH 267
The Salutation TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus TLH p. 31
The Benediction TLH p. 31

Sit
The Postlude “Ach bleib bei uns” Steven Wentz
Recitation of the Catechism The Ten Commandments
Announcements

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

the Church Postil of Martin Luther for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday.

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Katie, Dan, Judy Horn, Patricia Bachand, Tamara Jack, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, William Noegel, Bruce Carter, Dale Heimbigner, Ed Payne, James Hagen, Rev. Dcn. Floyd Smithey, Jr., and Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, MO;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Josiah Scheck.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson and Jacob Henson.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred and John Monahan.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, especially, *Ana Heiser, Sherrill Smithey, Bobby Eisold, Barb Eisold, and Bob Eisold.*
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Tanya Dulas.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	Judith 5-6; St. Mark 2:18-28	Judith 7-8; Jude 20-25
Monday:	Judith 9; Heb. 11:17-40	Judith 10; Daniel 3:1-30
Tuesday:	Judith 11; Heb. 12:1-17	Judith 12; Daniel 4:1-37
Wednesday:	Judith 13; Heb. 13:1-25	Judith 14; Daniel 5:1-30
Thursday:	Judith 15; James 1:1-15	Judith 16; Daniel 5:31—6:28
Friday:	St. Mark 1-2; James 2:1-13	St. Mark 3-4; Ezra 1:1-11
Saturday:	Mark 5-6; James 2:14-26	St. Mark 7-8; Ezra 3:1-13

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Ps. 119, Part XVII, 120-125	Psalms 56, 126-132
Monday:	Ps. 119, Part XVII, 133-135	Psalms 56, 136-139
Tuesday:	Ps. 119, Part XVII, 140-141	Psalms 56, 142-143
Wednesday:	Psalms 119, Part XVII, 144	Psalms 56, 145
Thursday:	Ps. 119, Part XVII, 146-147	Psalms 56, 148-150
Friday:	Psalms 119, Part XVII, 1-4	Psalms 56, 5-8
Saturday:	Psalms 119, Part XVII, 9-11	Psalms 110, 12-17

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.III.44-56
Tuesday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.III.57-67
Wednesday: Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.IV.1-8
Thursday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.IV.9-18
Friday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.IV.19-32

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 524—"In Thee, Lord, have I Put My Trust"

Evening: TLH 292—"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide"

Calendar for the Week after the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Today: The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

10:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:00 am. Divine Service in Fort Myers, FL (Pastor Stefanski)
11:15 a.m. Bible class
11:15 a.m. Bible class in Fort Myers, FL (Pastor Stefanski)
3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: The Festival of St. Michael and All Angels—White

Thursday: Tanya Dulas' Birthday

Friday: 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Simpsonville, SC Oktoberfest

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Newberry, SC Oktoberfest

Next Sunday: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—

Green
10:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)
11:15 a.m. Bible class
11:15 a.m. Bible class in Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)
3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

Reformation Workshop

We are having our third annual Reformation Workshop in Pawleys Island, SC on Friday, October 22nd to Sunday, October 24th. Since it is the 500-year anniversary, this year's studies will focus on the Diet of Worms. The first study on Friday night will look at the events leading up to the Diet. The second study on Saturday morning will look at the Diet itself. And the third study on Sunday morning will look at what transpired after the Diet. This is our annual opportunity to gather all of the missions in one place and study and worship, and have fun, together as a community of saints. Please make plans to be there.

The Lutheran Herald

The September 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> and on the diocesan website:

eldona.org. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

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>.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel: St. Luke 14:1-11

September 29th—The Festival of St. Michael and All Angels

Epistle: Revelation 12:7-12

Gospel: St. Matthew 18:1-11

October 3rd—The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Gospel: St. Matthew 22:34-46

An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermons

"Since then all law exists to promote love, law must soon cease where it is in conflict with love. Therefore, everything depends upon a good leader or ruler to direct and interpret the law in accordance with love. Take the example of the priests and monks. They have drawn up laws that they will say mass and do their praying and juggle with God in other ways at given hours according to the clock. If now a poor man should call and ask for a service at an hour when they were to hold mass or repeat their prayers, they might say: "Go your way; I must now read mass, must attend to my prayers," and thus they would fail to serve the poor man, even if he should die. In this manner the most sanctimonious monks and Carthusians act; they observe their rules and statutes so rigorously that, although they saw a poor man breathing his last breath and could help him so easily, yet they will not do it. But the good people, if they were Christians, ought to explain the laws and statutes in harmony with love, and say: Let the mass go, let the sacraments, prayers, and the ordinances all go; I will dispense with works, I will serve my neighbor; love put in practice in serving my neighbor is golden in comparison with such human works." *This sermon is from*

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY
September 26th, 2021



Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: RIGHT- EOUS || are You, O | Lord, | - *

And upright | are | Your | judg- | ments.

P: || Deal with Your | ser- | vant *

According | to | Your | mer- | cy.

P: || Blessèd are the undefiled in the | way, | - *

Who walk in the | Law | of | the | Lord! *(Psalm 119:137, 124a; 1)*

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

P: || Righteous are You, O | Lord, | - *

And upright | are | Your | judg- | ments.

P: || Deal with Your | ser- | vant *

According | to | Your | mer- | cy. *(Psalm 119:137, 124a)*

Collect

Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace, to withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || Blessèd is the nation whose God is the | Lord, | - *

The people He has chosen as His own | in- | her- | i- | tance.

P: || By the word of the Lord the heavens were | made, | - *

And all the host of them by the | breath | of | His | mouth.

P: // Alleluia! Alleluia! I love the | Lord, | - *

Because He has heard My voice and my supplications. / Al-
| le- | lu- | ia! *(Psalm 33:12, 6; 116:1)*

Ephesians 4:1-6

¹ I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with long-suffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

St. Luke 14:1-11

¹ Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. ² And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" ⁴ But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him, and let him go. ⁵ Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" ⁶ And they could not answer Him regarding these things. ⁷ So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: ⁸ "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; ⁹ and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

TLH 251 (Second Tune) “We All Believe in One True God”

Martin Luther, 1525

1. We all believe in one true God,
Who created Earth and Heaven,
The Father, Who to us in love
Hath the right of children given.
He both soul and body feedeth,
All we need He doth provide us;
He thro' snares and perils leadeth,
Watching that no harm betide us.
He careth for us day and night,
All things are governed by His might.

2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might,
Source of ev'ry grace and blessing.
Born of Mary, Virgin Mother,
By the power of the Spirit,
Made true man, our elder Brother,
That the lost might life inherit;
Was crucified for sinful men
And raised by God to life again.

3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who sweet grace and comfort giveth
And with the Father and the Son
In eternal glory liveth;
Who the Church, His own creation,
Keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation
Daily come thro' Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
In bliss with God eternally. Amen.

TLH 524 “In Thee, Lord, have I Put My Trust”

Adam Reusner, 1533

1. In Thee, Lord, have I put my trust;
Leave me not helpless in the dust,
Let me not be confounded.
Let in Thy Word My faith, O Lord,
Be always firmly grounded.

2. Bow down Thy gracious ear to me
And hear my cries and prayers to Thee,
Haste Thee for my protection;
For woes and fear Surround me here.
Help me in mine affliction.

3. My God and Shield, now let Thy pow'r
Be unto me a mighty tow'r

Whence bravely I defend me
Against the foes That round me close.
O Lord, assistance lend me.

4. Thou art my Strength, my Shield, my Rock,
My Fortress that withstands each shock,
My Help, my Life, my Treasure.
Whate'er the rod, Thou art my God;
Naught can resist Thy pleasure.

5. The world for me has falsely set
Full many a secret snare and net
To tempt me and to harm me.
Lord, make them fail, Do Thou prevail,
Let their disguise not charm me.

6. With Thee, Lord, have I cast my lot;
O faithful God, forsake me not,
To Thee my soul commending.
Lord, be my Stay, Lead Thou the way
Now and when life is ending.

Δ 7. All honor, praise, and majesty
To Father, Son, and Spirit be,
Our God forever glorious,
In whose rich grace We'll run our race
Till we depart victorious. Amen.

TLH 292 “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

Nikolaus Selnecker *et alia*, 1611

1. Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide;
Nor let Thy Word, that heav'nly light,
For us be ever veiled in night.

2. In these last days of sore distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That pure we keep, till life is spent,
Thy holy Word and Sacrament.

3. Lord Jesus, help, Thy Church uphold,
For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.
Oh, prosper well Thy Word of grace
And spread its truth in ev'ry place!

4. Oh, keep us in Thy Word, we pray;
The guile and rage of Satan stay!
Oh, may Thy mercy never cease!
Give concord, patience, courage, peace.

5. O God, how sin's dread works abound!
Throughout the Earth no rest is found,
And falsehood's spirit wide has spread,

And error boldly rears its head.

6. The haughty spirits, Lord, restrain
Who o'er Thy Church with might would reign
And always set forth something new,
Devised to change Thy doctrine true.

7. And since the cause and glory, Lord,
Are Thine, not ours, to us afford
Thy help and strength and constancy.
With all our heart we trust in Thee.

8. A trusty weapon is Thy Word,
Thy Church's buckler, shield and sword.
Oh, let us in its power confide
That we may seek no other guide!

9. Oh, grant that in Thy holy Word
We here may live and die, dear Lord;
And when our journey endeth here,
Receive us into glory there. Amen.

TLH 594 "When My Last Hour Is Close at Hand"

Sts. 1-4, Nikolaus Herman, 1562; St. 5, Unknown, 1575

1. When my last hour is close at hand,
Lord Jesus Christ, attend me;
Beside me then, O Savior, stand
To comfort and defend me.
Into Thy hands I will commend
My soul at this my earthly end,
And Thou wilt keep it safely.

2. My sins, dear Lord, disturb me sore,
My conscience cannot slumber;
But tho' as sands upon the shore
My sins may be in number,
I will not quail, but think of Thee;
Thy death, Thy sorrow, borne for me,
Thy sufferings, shall uphold me.

3. I am a branch in Thee, the Vine,
And hence the comfort borrow
That Thou wilt surely keep me Thine
Thro' fear and pain and sorrow;
And when I die, I die to Thee,
Thy precious death hath won for me
The life that never endeth.

4. Since Thou the power of death didst rend,
In death Thou wilt not leave me;
Since Thou didst into Heaven ascend,
No fear of death shall grieve me.

For where Thou art, there shall I be
That I may ever live with Thee;
That is my hope when dying.

5. My spirit I commend to Thee
And gladly hence betake me;
Peaceful and calm my sleep shall be,
No human voice can wake me.
But Christ is with me through the strife,
And He will bear me into life
And open Heaven before me. 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.