

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 Festival of the Reformation of the Church
October 31st, 2021

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“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

St. Matthew 11:15

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Ein’ feste Burg”</i>	Samuel Scheidt
The Ringing of the Bell		
Processional Hymn	<i>“Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”</i>	TLH 258

(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	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16

Stand (if kneeling)

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 Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity Sunday		
The Collect for the Day		INSERT

Sit

The Epistle		Revelation 14:6-7
The Gradual		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20

Stand

The Holy Gospel		St. Matthew 11:12-15
The Nicene Creed	<i>(Bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	INSERT

Sit

The Hymn	<i>“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”</i>	TLH 262
The Sermon	<i>He Who Has Ears to Hear!</i>	

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	<i>“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”</i>	TLH 387
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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	<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

Sit

The Distribution *(Prayers are located on back cover.)*

The Hymn	<i>“We All Believe in One True God”</i>	TLH 251 (2 nd Tune)
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Stand

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

Sit

The Postlude	<i>“Nun freut euch”</i>	Michael Praetorius
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Recitation of the Catechism The Sacrament of the Altar

Announcements

An Excerpt from Martin Luther's Sermons

“We have often said that the Gospel or Kingdom of God is nothing else than a state or government, in which there is nothing but forgiveness of sins. And wherever there is a state or government in which sins are not forgiven, no Gospel or Kingdom of God is found there. Therefore, we must clearly distinguish these two kingdoms from each other, in which sins are rebuked, and sins are forgiven, or in which our right is demanded, and our right is pardoned. In the Kingdom of God, where God rules with the Gospel, there is no demand for right and dues, but all is pure forgiveness, pardon and giving, no anger, no punishment, but all is pure brotherly service and kindness.” *From the Church Postil for the Twenty-Second 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, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, William Noegel, Bruce Carter, John Burton, Dale Heimbigner, Ed Payne, James Hagen, Doug DiBiase, Paul Meadows, Vito Gerardi, 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, *Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Malone, TX;* and her pastors, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser* and the *Rev. Dcn. Anthony Oncken.*
- 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.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	2 Esdras 13-14; Matt. 18:1-20	2 Esdras 15-16; Ephesians 4:30-32
Monday:	Ezek. 1-2; Matt. 18:1-22	Ezekiel 3-4; Micah 4:9—5:1
Tuesday:	Ezek. 5-6; Mark 9:33-50	Ezekiel 7-8; Isaiah 49:14-21
Wednesday:	Ezek. 9-10; Luke 17:20-37	Ezekiel 11-12; Isaiah 2:10-21
Thursday:	Ezek. 13-14; Rom. 8:24-39	Ezekiel 15-16; Isaiah 63:1-6
Friday:	Ezek. 17-18; Mark 12:1-12	Ezekiel 19-20; Joel 2:1-11
Saturday:	Ezek. 21-22; Matt. 25:14-30	Ezekiel 23-24; Joel 2:12-27

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 148	Psalms 36, 149-150
Monday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 1-4	Psalms 36, 5-8
Tuesday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 9-11	Psalms 36, 12-17
Wednesday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 18	Psalms 36, 19-22
Thursday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 23-25	Psalms 36, 26-30
Friday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 31-32	Psalms 36, 33-34
Saturday:	Psalms 119, Part XX, 35	Psalms 18:20-31, 36-37

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.VIII.20-30
Tues.: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.VIII.31-43
Wed.: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.VIII.44-53
Thurs.: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.VIII.54-63
Friday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord.VIII.64-75

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 321—"O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee"

Evening: TLH 317—"Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great"

Calendar for the Week after the Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

Today: The Festival of the Reformation of the Church/The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity Sunday (Commemorated)—

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10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Simpsonville, SC

10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

11:15 a.m. Bible class in Simpsonville, SC

11:15 a.m. Bible class in Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

Oktoberfest, Helen, GA

Monday: The Festival of All Saints—White

6:30 p.m. Private Confession

7:00 p.m. Divine Service

Oktoberfest, Helen, GA

Tuesday: Election Day

Oktoberfest, Helen, GA

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Divine Service in Fort Myers, FL (Pastor Stefanski)

8:15 p.m. Bible class in Fort Myers, FL (Pastor Stefanski)

Oktoberfest, Helen, GA

Thursday: First Frost Date

Oktoberfest, Helen, GA

Friday: Oktoberfest, Helen, GA

Saturday: Noon – 5 p.m. Greenville Craft Beer Festival

Oktoberfest, Helen, GA

Next Sunday: The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

Daylight Saving Time Ends

10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Simpsonville, SC

10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

11:15 a.m. Budget Planning Meeting in Simpsonville, SC

11:15 a.m. Bible class in Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

3:00 p.m. Divine Service & Bible Class in Augusta, GA
Oktoberfest, Helen, GA

Annual Budget Planning Meeting

The annual budget planning meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, November 7th, 2021 after the Divine Service. The budget planning committee is made up of the Pastor, Deacon, Trustee, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary. The proposed budget will be made available to the rest of the parish after the meeting, and will be considered for approval at our next parish meeting on December 5th, 2021.

The Lutheran Herald

The November 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 Festival of the Reformation of the Church/The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity Sunday (Commemorated)

Epistle: Revelation 14:6-7

Gospel: St. Matthew 11:12-15

November 1st—The Festival of All Saints

Epistle: Revelation 7:2-17

Gospel: St. Matthew 5:1-12

November 7th—The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: St. Matthew 24:15-28

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION OF THE CHURCH

October 31st, 2021



Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: THE LORD || of hosts is | with | us; *

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

P: || Therefore we will not fear, even 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 we will not fear, even 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, merciful Father, who madest the light to shine out of darkness, we thank Thee that Thou hast shown mercy unto us and our fathers, and by means of Thy servant Martin Luther hast restored the pure light of Thy Gospel: keep us, we beseech Thee, in sound doctrine, that we may steadfastly believe and worthily follow Thy saving Word, and finally, by its holy comfort, depart in peace and joy; 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: || Great is the Lord, and greatly to be | praised | - *

In the city of our God, in His | ho- | ly | moun- | tain.

P: || Walk about Zion, count her towers; mark well her bulwarks,
consider her | *pal-a-* | ces; *

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

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! For this is God, our God forever and | ev- | er; *

He will be our guide even to death. | Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 48:1,
12-13; 14*)

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—⁷ saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

St. Matthew 11:12-15

¹¹ “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant:

Congregation:

I be - lieve in one God, The 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 Begot - 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 I believe in the Ho - ly Ghost, The Lord and Giv - er of Life,
 Who pro - ceedeth 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 I be - lieve one ho - ly Christ - ian
 and Apo - sto - lic Church. I acknowledge one Bap - tism
 for the re - mis - sion of sins,
 And I 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.

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 ev'ry 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 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 ours remaineth. Amen.

TLH 387 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

Martin Luther, 1523

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,
How His right arm the vict'ry won;
Right dearly it hath cost Him.
2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay,
Death brooded darkly o'er me,
Sin was my torment night and day,
In sin my mother bore me;
Yea, deep and deeper still I fell,
Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.
3. My own good works availed me naught,
No merit they attaining;
Free will against God's judgment fought,
Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left naught but death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.
4. But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of His mercies great,
He planned my soul's salvation.
A father's heart He turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently:
He gave His dearest Treasure.
5. He spoke to His beloved Son:

'Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown,
And bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free,
Slay bitter death for him that he
May live with Thee forever.

6. The Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my Brother.
No garb of pomp or power He wore,
A servant's form, like mine, He bore,
To lead the devil captive.

7. To me He spake: Hold fast to Me,
I am thy Rock and Castle;
Thy Ransom I Myself will be,
For thee I strive and wrestle;
For I am with thee, I am thine,
And evermore thou shalt be Mine;
The Foe shall not divide us.

8. The Foe shall shed My precious blood,
Me of My life bereaving.
All this I suffer for thy good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the victory win,
My innocence shall bear thy sin;
So art thou blest forever.

9. Now to My Father I depart,
The Holy Spirit sending
And, heavenly wisdom to impart,
My help to thee extending.
He shall in trouble comfort thee,
Teach thee to know and follow Me,
And in all truth shall guide thee.

10. What I have done and taught, teach thou,
My ways forsake thou never;
So shall My kingdom flourish now
And God be praised forever.
Take heed lest men with base alloy
The heavenly treasure should destroy;
This counsel I bequeath thee. Amen.

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 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.