**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 Prelude

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

Stand

The Hymn “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest” Δ TLH 233

The Confiteor

  The Invocation and Address TLH p. 15
  Versicles TLH p. 15
  Confession and Absolution TLH p. 16

The Introit (Tone 2) INSERT

The Kyrie TLH p. 17

The Gloria in Excelsis TLH p. 17-19

The Collect for the Day INSERT

The Collect for the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Sit

The Lesson Ezekiel 34:11-16

  After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.
  R: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle 1 Peter 2:21-25

The Greater Alleluia INSERT

Stand

The Sequence Hymn “Christians, To the Paschal Victim” INSERT

The Holy Gospel St. John 10:11-16

The Nicene Creed (Replace “Christian” with “catholic”) TLH p. 22

Sit

The Hymn “The Lord’s My Shepherd; I’ll Not Want” TLH 436

The Sermon I Know My Sheep

Stand

The Offertory “Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God” TLH p. 22-23

Sit

The Recitation of the Catechism The Ten Commandments

Stand

The General Prayer TLH p. 23

Sit *

The Hymn “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” TLH 429

Stand

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

Sit

The Distribution

The Hymn “This Body in the Grave We Lay” TLH 596

Stand

The Post-Communion Canticle “The Nunc Dimittis” TLH p. 29-30

The Thanksgiving (“And His mercy endureth forever”) TLH p. 30

The Post-Communion Collect TLH p. 31

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The Hymn “Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode” TLH 437

Stand

The Salutation TLH p. 31

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The Benediction TLH p. 31

Silent Prayer

Sit

The Postlude “Was mein Gott will” Hermann Grabner

Announcements

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

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.
In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, Emily Benson, Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Katie, Dan, Judy Horn, Richard Noegel, Patricia Bachand, Tamara Jack, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Pat Stefanski, Flora Turenko, Ksenia Turenko, Roman Turenko, Johnny May Dean, Heather Kline, Martin Kope, Bill Kope, Sally Kope, William Noegel, Paula Handrich, Bruce Carter, Glenda Harris, 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, Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MN; and her pastor, the Rev. Mark Mueller.

- For our seminary, St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.

- For our seminarians, Ben Henson, Jacob Henson, John Heiser, and Roman Turenko.

- For all those who serve in the military, especially, Nicholas Silva.

- For those struggling with addiction, especially, Thomas Allred and John Monahan.

- For Silvia DiGregorio that her faith may be strengthened.

- 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 affected by the coronavirus.

- For those who are suffering unemployment.

- For those near death.

- For those celebrating a birthday this week.

- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.

- For those traveling this week.

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Daily Readings for the Week after Misericordias Domini

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Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

| Monday: | The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XI.1-10 |
| Tuesday: | The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XII.1-27 |
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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 436—“The Lord’s My Shepherd; I’ll Not Want”
Evening: TLH 429—“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

Calendar for the Week after Misericordias Domini
Today: Misericordias Domini—White
  10:00 a.m. Divine Service
  11:15 a.m. Bible class
Monday: The Festival of Philip Melanchthon, Confessor—White
Tuesday: No Events Scheduled
Wednesday: No Events Scheduled
Thursday: Earth Day
Friday: No Events Scheduled
Saturday: No Events Scheduled
Next Sunday: Jubilate/The Festival of St. Mark, Evangelist (Commemorated)—White
  10:00 a.m. Divine Service
  11:15 a.m. Bible class
  3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA
  4:15 p.m. Bible class in Augusta, GA

The Lutheran Herald
The April 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.

ELDoNA 2021 Youth and Family Camp
The ELDoNA Youth and Family Camp will be held in Kerrville, TX July 19th through 23rd. It will be held at the LaQuinta Inn in Kerrville. If you would like to attend please speak with Pastor.

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:
Today—Misericordias Domini
Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-25
Gospel: St. John 10:11-16

April 25th—Jubilate/The Festival of St. Mark, Evangelist (Commemorated)
Old Testament Lesson: Lamentations 3:18-26
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11-20
Gospel: St. John 16:16-23a

An Excerpt from Martin Luther’s Sermons
“You have heard that after His sufferings and death Christ our Lord arose from the dead and entered upon, and was enthroned in, an immortal existence. Not that He might sit up there in Heaven idly and find pleasure in Himself, but that He might take charge of the Kingdom of which the prophets and all the Scriptures have so fully spoken, and might rule as a King. Therefore, we should think of Him as being present and reigning among us continually, and never think of Him as sitting up there doing nothing, but rather that He from above fills and rules all things, as Paul says to the Ephesians (4:10), and especially that He is taking care of His Kingdom, which is the Christian faith, and that therefore His Kingdom among us here on Earth must prosper. This Kingdom, as we have said, is so constituted that we all must daily increase and grow in holiness, and it is not governed by any other power save the oral proclamation of the Gospel.” From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Misericordias Domini Sunday from 1523.
MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

April 18th, 2021

Introit
P: THE EARTH || is full of the goodness of the | Lord. | - *
   C: By the word of the Lord the heav- | ens | were | made. (Psalm 33:5b-6a)
P: || Rejoice in the Lord, O you | right- | eous! *
   C: For praise from the upright is | beau- | ti- | ful.
P: || Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who | fear | Him, *
   C: On those who hope in | His | mer- | cy.
P: || To deliver their soul from | death, | - *
   C: And to keep them alive | in | fa- | mine.
P: || Our soul waits for the | Lord; | - *
   C: He is our help | and | our | shield. (Psalm 33:1, 18-20)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)
P: || The earth is full of the goodness of the | Lord. | - *
   C: By the word of the Lord the heav- | ens | were | made. (Psalm 33:5b-6a)

Collect
God, Who by the humiliation of Thy Son didst raise up the fallen world, grant unto Thy faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom Thou hast delivered from the danger of everlasting death do Thou make partakers of eternal joys; 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.

(From Quasimodogeniti through Whitsunday the Gradual is replaced by the Greater Alleluia.)

Greater Alleluia
P: || Alle- | lu- | ia! *
   C: Al- | le- | lu- | ia!
P: || Then was the Lord Jesus known to | them | - *
   C: In the breaking of bread. Al- | le- | lu- | ia!
P: || I am the Good | Shep- | herd; *
   C: And I know My sheep, and am known by My own. Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (St. Luke 24:35b paraphrase; St. John 10:14)

Ezekiel 34:11-16
11 For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord GOD. 16 “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”

St. John 10:11-16
11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.”

1 Peter 2:21-25
21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth;” 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed
Christians, To the Paschal Victim

TLH 233 “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”
Ascribed to Rhabanus Maurus, died 856

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, 
Vouchsafe within our souls to rest; 
Come with Thy grace and heav’nly aid 
And fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

2. To Thee, the Comforter, we cry, 
To Thee, the Gift of God Most High, 
The Fount of life, the Fire of love, 
The soul’s Anointing from above.

3. The sev’nfold gifts of grace are Thine, 
O Finger of the Hand Divine; 
True promise of the Father Thou, 
Who dost the tongue with speech endow.

4. Thy light to every thought impart 
And shed Thy love in every heart; 
The weakness of our mortal state 
With deathless might invigorate.

5. Drive far away our wily Foe 
And Thine abiding peace bestow; 
If Thou be our protecting Guide, 
No evil can our steps betide.

6. Make Thou to us the Father known, 
Teach us the eternal Son to own 
And Thee, Whose Name we ever bless, 
Of both the Spirit, to confess.

7. Praise we the Father and the Son 
And Holy Spirit, with them One; 
If Thou be our protecting Guide, 
No evil can our steps betide.

Δ 7. Praise we the Father and the Son 
And Holy Spirit, with them One; 
And may the Son on us bestow 
The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.
**Sequence Hymn: “Christians, To the Paschal Victim”**
Unknown, ascribed to Wipo, about the 11th century

1. Christians, to the Paschal Victim
   Offer your thankful praises.

2. A Lamb the sheep redeemeth:
   Christ, Who only is sinless,
   Reconcileth sinners to the Father.

3. Death and Life have contended
   In that conflict stupendous;
   The Prince of Life Who died,
   Reigns immortal.

4. Speak, Mary, declaring
   What thou sawest wayfaring.

   The glory of Jesus’ resurrection.

6. “Bright angels attending,
   The shroud and napkin resting.

7. “Yea, Christ, my Hope, is arisen;
   To Galilee He goes before you.”

8. Happy they who hear the witness,
   Mary’s word believing
   Above the tales of Jew’ry, deceiving.

9. Christ indeed from death is risen,
   Our new life obtaining.
   Have mercy, Victor King, ever reigning.
   Amen. Hallelujah!

**TLH 429 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”**
Martin Schalling, c. 1567

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
   I pray Thee, ne’er from me depart,
   With tender mercies cheer me.
   Earth has no pleasure I would share,
   Yea, Heavn itself were void and bare
   If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
   And should my heart for sorrow break,
   My trust in Thee no one could shake.
   Thou art the Portion I have sought;
   Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
   Lord Jesus Christ,
   My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
   Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2. Yea, Lord, ‘twas Thy rich bounty gave
   My body, soul, and all I have
   In this poor life of labor.
   Lord, grant that I in ev’ry place
   May glorify Thy lavish grace
   And serve and help my neighbor.
   Let no false doctrine me beguile
   And Satan not my soul defile.
   Give strength and patience unto me
   To bear my cross and follow Thee.
   Lord Jesus Christ,
   My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
   In death Thy comfort still afford.

3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
   To Abram’s bosom bear me home,
   That I may die unfearing;
   And then from death awaken me
   That these mine eyes with joy may see,
   O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
   My Savior and my Fount of grace,
   Lord Jesus Christ,
   My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
   And I will praise Thee without end. Amen.

**TLH 436 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”**
Francis Rous, et. al., 1650

1. The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;
   He makes me down to lie
   In pastures green; He leadeth me
   The quiet waters by.

2. My soul He doth restore again
   And me to walk doth make
   Within the paths of righteousness,
   E’en for His own Name’s sake.

3. Yea, tho’ I walk in death’s dark vale,
   Yet will I fear no ill;
   For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
   And staff me comfort still.
**TLH 596 “This Body in the Grave We Lay”**
Michael Weisse, Sts. 1-7, 1531; Unknown author, St. 8

1. This body in the grave we lay
   There to await that solemn Day
   When God Himself shall bid it rise
   To mount triumphant to the skies.

2. And so to earth we now entrust
   What came from dust and turns to dust
   And from the dust shall rise that Day
   In glorious triumph o’er decay.

3. The soul forever lives with God,
   Who freely hath this grace bestowed
   And through His Son redeemed it here
   From ev’ry sin, from ev’ry fear.

4. All trials and all griefs are past,
   A blessed end has come at last.
   Christ’s yoke was borne with ready will;
   Who dieth thus is living still.

5. We have no cause to mourn or weep;
   Securely shall this body sleep
   Till Christ Himself shall death destroy
   And raise the blessed dead to joy.

6. For they who with Him suffered here
   Shall there be healed from woe and fear;
   And when eternal bliss is won,
   They’ll shine in glory like the sun.

7. Then let us leave this place of rest
   And homeward turn, for they are blest
   Who heed God’s warning and prepare
   Lest death should find them unaware.

8. So help us, Jesus, Ground of faith;
   Thou hast redeemed us by Thy death
   From endless death and set us free.
   We laud and praise and worship Thee. Amen.

**TLH 437 “Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”**
St. 1, Joachim Magdeburg, 1572; Sts. 2-3, Unknown

1. Who trusts in God, a strong abode
   In Heav’n and Earth possesses;
   Who looks in love to Christ above,
   No fear his heart oppresses.
   In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own
   Sweet hope and consolation,
   Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes,
   Our great and sure Salvation.