

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.

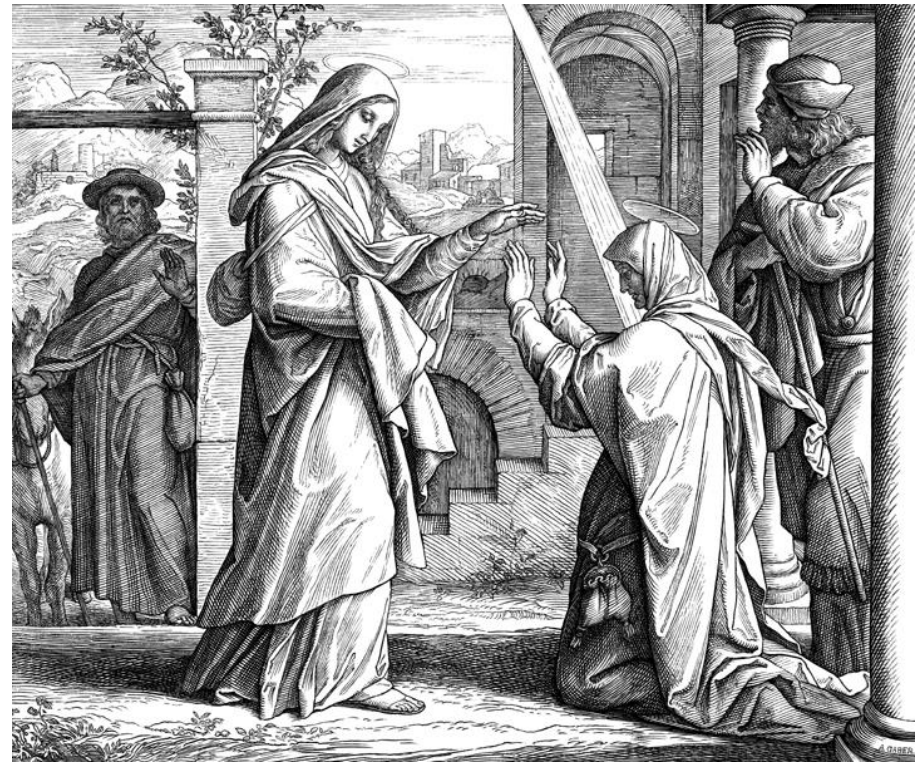
A Prayer after Communion

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 Visitation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
July 2nd, 2021

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“But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” St. Luke 1:43

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Herr Jesu Christ, dich”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”</i>	Δ TLH 3
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 Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday		
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Isaiah 11:1-5
The Gradual		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Luke 1:39-56
The Nicene Creed	<i>(Bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“My Soul doth Magnify the Lord”</i>	TLH 275
The Sermon	<i>When Elizabeth Heard the Greeting</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>		
The Hymn	<i>“Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One”</i>	TLH 104
<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>“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”</i>	TLH 305
<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 Lord, We Praise Thee”</i>	TLH 313
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
The Recessional Hymn	<i>“If God Had Not Been on Our Side”</i>	TLH 267
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Wo Gott zum Haus”</i>	Johann Pachelbel
The Recitation of the Catechism	The Sacrament of the Altar	
Announcements		

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

THE FESTIVAL OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
July 2nd, 2021



Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: THE RICH || among the people will seek your | fav- | or. *
She shall be brought to the King in robes of | man- | y | col- |
ors;

P: || The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought
to | You. | - *

With gladness and rejoicing | they | shall | be | brought.

P: || My heart is overflowing with a good | theme; | - *
I recite my composition con- | cern- | ing | the | King. (*Psalm*
45:12b, 14-15a; 1)

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

P: || The rich among the people will seek your | fav- | or. *
She shall be brought to the King in robes of | man- | y | col- |
ors;

P: || The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought
to | You. | - *

With gladness and rejoicing | they | shall | be | brought. (*Ps.*
45:12b, 14-15a)

Collect

Almighty God, Who hast dealt wonderfully with Thy handmaiden,
the Blessed Virgin Mary, and hast chosen her to be the mother of
Thy Son, and hast graciously made known that Thou regardest the
poor and lowly and the despised: Grant us grace in all humility and
meekness to receive Thy Word with hearty faith, and so to be made
one with Thy dear Son; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the
Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || Kings' daughters are among Your honorable | wo- | men; *
At Your right hand stands the queen in | gold | from | O- |
phir.

P: || The royal daughter is all glorious within the | pal- | ace; *
Her clothing is | wo- | ven | with | gold.

P: || She shall be brought to the King in robes of many | col- | ors; *
The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall | be |
brought | to | You. (*Psalm 45:9, 13-14*)

Isaiah 11:1-5

¹ There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. ³ His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; ⁴ But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

St. Luke 1:39-56

³⁹ Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears,

the babe leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." ⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. ⁴⁸ For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. ⁴⁹ For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. ⁵⁰ And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵² He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, ⁵⁵ as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever." ⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to her house.

TLH 3 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

Unknown, 1651

1. Lord Jesus Christ, be present now,
Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Thy Spirit send with grace divine,
And let Thy truth within us shine.
2. Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise,
Our souls to Thee in worship raise,
Make strong our faith, increase our light
That we may know Thy Name aright:
3. Until we join the hosts that cry,
“Holy art Thou, O Lord, most high!”
And in the light of that blest place
Fore’er behold Thee face to face.
- Δ 4. Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity! Amen.

TLH 275 “My Soul doth Magnify the Lord”

Unknown, 1535

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord,
My spirit shall in God rejoice;
My low estate He did regard,
Exalting me by gracious choice.
2. Henceforth all men shall call me blest,
For great things He hath done to me.
The mighty God is now my Guest;
The Holy One hath set me free.
3. His mercy is on all who fear,
Who trust in Him from age to age;
His arm of strength to all is near,
The proud He scatt’rèth though they rage.
4. The strong He casteth from their seat
And raiseth men of low degree;
To hungry souls He giveth meat,
The rich depart in poverty.
5. He helped His servant Israel;
Remembering His eternal grace,
As from of old He did foretell
To Abraham and all his race.
6. So praise with me the Holy One,
Who cometh in humility.
Divine Redeemer, God’s own Son,

Eternal glory be to Thee! Amen.

TLH 104 “Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One”

Coelius Sedulius, about 450; German version,
Martin Luther, 1524, abridged

1. Now praise we Christ, the Holy One,
The blessed Virgin Mary’s Son,
Far as the glorious sun doth shine,
E’en to the world’s remote confine.
2. He Who Himself all things did make
A servant’s form vouchsafed to take
That He as man mankind might win
And save His creatures from their sin.
3. The grace and pow’r of God the Lord
Upon the mother was outpoured;
A virgin pure and undefiled
In wondrous wise conceived a child.
4. The noble mother bore a Son,—
For so did Gabriel’s promise run, —
Whom John confessed and leaped with joy
Ere yet the mother knew her Boy.
5. Upon a manger filled with hay
In poverty content He lay;
With milk was fed the Lord of all,
Who feeds the ravens when they call.
6. The heavenly choirs rejoice and raise
Their voice to God in songs of praise.
To humble shepherds is proclaimed
The Shepherd Who the world hath framed.
7. All honor unto Christ be paid,
Pure Offspring of the favored maid,
With Father and with Holy Ghost,
Till time in endless time be lost. Amen.

TLH 305 “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

Johann Franck, 1649

1. Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,
Leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the daylight’s splendor,
There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous supper founded.
High o’er all the heav’ns He reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him
And with loving rev'ence greet Him;
For with words of life immortal
Now He knocketh at thy portal.
Haste to ope the gates before Him,
Saying, while thou dost adore Him,
"Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee,
And I nevermore will leave Thee."

3. He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of Heaven
God to us hath freely given.
Tho' the wealth of Earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the fits here offered:
Christ's true body, for thee riven,
And His blood, for thee once given.

4. Ah, how hungers all my spirit
For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,
Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted,
For this cup of life have thirsted,
For the Friend Who here invites us
And to God Himself unites us.

5. In my heart I find ascending
Holy awe, with rapture blending,
As this mystery I ponder,
Filling all my soul with wonder,
Bearing witness at this hour
Of the greatness of God's power;
Far beyond all human telling
Is the power within Him dwelling.

6. Human reason, though it ponder,
Cannot fathom this great wonder
That Christ's Body e'er remaineth
Though it countless souls sustaineth,
And that He His Blood is giving
With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded
Are by God alone expounded.

7. Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring,—
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from Heaven,
For our good, Thy glory, given.

8. Lord, by love and mercy driven
Thou hast left Thy throne in Heaven
On the cross for us to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Thy blood in sadness.
By this blood, redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise Thee with thanksgiving.

9. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee,
Let me gladly here obey Thee.
By Thy love I am invited,
Be Thy love with love requited;
From this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Though the gifts Thou here dost give me
As Thy guest in Heaven receive me. Amen.

TLH 313 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"

St. 1, Unknown, about 1400; 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 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.