

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 Second Sunday after Christmas
January 2nd, 2022

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“Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word.”

St. Matthew 2:13

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Wo Gott zum Haus”</i>	Johann Pachelbel
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians Loudly”</i>	TLH 96

(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.)

<i>Stand</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 3)</i>	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
The Collect for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord		

<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		1 Peter 4:12-19
The Gradual		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Matthew 2:13-23
The Nicene Creed	<i>(Bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	TLH p. 22

<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Now Let Us Come Before Him”</i>	TLH 122
The Sermon	<i>An Angel of the Lord Appeared to Joseph</i>	

<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		TLH p. 22-23

<i>Sit</i>		
The Installation of Church Officers for 2022		
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		LSBH p. 115-116
<i>Sit</i>	<i>(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>	

The Hymn	<i>“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”</i>	TLH 131
<i>Stand</i>		
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

<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover.)</i>	
The Hymn	<i>“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”</i>	TLH 85

<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 Jesus, King Most Wonderful”</i>	TLH 361
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31

<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“St. Agnes”</i>	Sam Batt Owens

Recitation of the Catechism
The Ten Commandments & Questions 93-108 (The Third Commandment, pages 67-70).

Announcements

Christmas Season Schedule

January 5th	<i>The Eve of the Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i> Divine Service & Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL (Pastor Stefanski) 7:00 p.m.
January 6th	<i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i> Private Confession 6:30 p.m. Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

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, Barb Eisold, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, William Noegel, Bruce Carter, John Burton, 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, *Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Rogers, AR;* and her pastors, the *Rev. Randy Moll* and the *Rev. Dcn. Martin Jackson.*
- 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 Second Sunday after Christmas

	Morning	Evening
Today	1 Cor. 5; Matthew 2:16-18	1 Corinthians 6; Isaiah 42:1-9
Monday:	1 Cor. 7; Matt. 2:19-23	1 Corinthians 8; Isaiah 61:1-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor. 9; Matt. 3:1-12	1 Corinthians 10; Isaiah 56:1-8
Wednesday:	1 Cor. 11; Luke 3:1-9	1 Corinthians 12; Isaiah 12:1-6
Thursday:	1 Cor. 13; Mark 1:9-11	1 Corinthians 14; Genesis 5:1-32
Friday:	1 Cor. 15; Luke 3:21-22	1 Corinthians 16; Genesis 6:9-22
Saturday:	2 Cor. 1; Luke 3:23-38	2 Corinthians 2; Genesis 7:1-24

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 121, 9-11	Psalms 111, 12-17
Monday:	Psalms 121, 18	Psalms 111, 19-22
Tuesday:	Psalms 121, 23-25	Psalms 111, 26-30
Wednesday:	Psalms 121, 31-32	Psalms 111, 33-34
Thursday:	Psalms 96, 35	Psalms 72, 36-37
Friday:	Psalms 96, 38	Psalms 72, 39-41
Saturday:	Psalms 96, 42-44	Psalms 86, 45-48

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Large Catechism, I.265-278
Tuesday: The Large Catechism, I.279-296
Wednesday: The Large Catechism, I.297-310
Thursday: The Large Catechism, I.311-323
Friday: The Large Catechism, I.324—II.8

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 131—"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

Evening: TLH 265—"Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord"

Calendar for the Week after the Second Sunday after Christmas

Today: The Second Sunday after Christmas—White

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

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

3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

Monday: The Tenth Day of Christmas—White

Seminary Winter Quarter Resumes

Tuesday: The Eleventh Day of Christmas—White

Noon - Pastor teaches Seminary Psalms class

Wednesday: The Twelfth Day of Christmas—White

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

Thursday: The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord—White

6:30 p.m. Private Confession

7:00 p.m. Divine Service

Friday: 9:30 a.m. Pastor teaches Seminary Psalms class

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The First Sunday after Epiphany—Green

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

The Lutheran Herald

The January 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 Second Sunday after Christmas

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Gospel: St. Matthew 2:13-23

January 6th—The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord

Epistle: Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel: St. Matthew 2:1-12

January 9th—The First Sunday after Epiphany

Epistle: Romans 12:1-5

Gospel: St. Luke 2:41-52

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"Now the thought of the Evangelist is this: When Christ was born under Herod, the first foreign king, and the time of the prophecy was fulfilled, this wonderful sign occurred. He Whom His own people and fellow citizens would neither seek nor acknowledge was sought by such strangers and foreigners for many days. To Him Whom the learned and the priests would not acknowledge and worship, came the wise men and astrologers. It was indeed a great shame for the whole Jewish land and people that Christ was born in their midst, and they should first become aware of it through these heathen people living so far away. At least in Jerusalem, the capitol city, they should have known about it. An earnest admonition to seek and to acknowledge Christ was given them. But their neck was an iron sinew and their brow brass as Isaiah says 48:4. 'Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the East, and are come to worship Him.'" *From the Church Postil for the Festival of the Epiphany of the Lord, 1522.*

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 2nd, 2022



Introit

P: || YOUR TEST- || imonies | are | ver- | y - | sure; *

Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, | for- | ev- | er. -

P: || Your throne is estab- | lished | from | of - | old; *

You are from ev- | er- | last- | ing. -

P: || The Lord reigns, He is clothed | with | ma- | jes- - | ty; *

The Lord is clothed, He has girded Him- | self | with |
strength. - (*Psalm 93:5, 2, 1*)

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

P: || Your testimonies | are | ver- | y - | sure; *

Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, | for- | ev- | er. -

P: || Your throne is estab- | lished | from | of - | old; *

You are from ev- | er- | last- | ing. - (*Psalm 93:5, 2*)

Collect

Almighty and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the Name of Thy Beloved Son, we may be made to abound in good works; 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.



Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || You are fairer than | the | sons | of - | men; *

Grace is poured u- | pon | Your | lips. -

P: || My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my
composition con- | cern- | ing | the - | King; *

My tongue is the pen of a read- | y | writ- | er. -

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord reigns, He is clothed | with | ma- |
jes- - | ty; *

The Lord is clothed; He has girded Himself with strength.

Al- | le- | lu- | ia! - (*Psalms 45:2a, 1; 93:1*)

1 Peter 4:12-19

¹² Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴ If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. ¹⁵ But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. ¹⁶ Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. ¹⁷ For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸ Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" ¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

St. Matthew 2:13-23

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." ¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵

and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." ¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." ¹⁹ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." ²¹ Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. ²³ And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."