

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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Populus Sion
December 5th, 2021

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*“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My Words
will not pass away.” St. Luke 21:33*

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

The Hymn "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" TLH 67

(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 6) INSERT

The Kyrie TLH p. 17

The Salutation TLH p. 19

The Collect for the Day INSERT

Sit

The Epistle Romans 15:4-13

The Gradual INSERT

The Triple Hallelujah (First Setting) TLH p. 20

Stand

The Holy Gospel St. Luke 21:25-36

The Nicene Creed (Bow at the words "And was made man.") TLH p. 22

Sit

The Hymn "The Day is Surely Drawing Near" TLH 611

The Sermon There Will Be Signs

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 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" TLH 446

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 "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" INSERT

Stand

The Post-Communion Canticle TLH p. 29-30

The Thanksgiving TLH p. 30

The Post-Communion Collect TLH p. 31

The Hymn "When Sinners See Their Lost Condition" TLH 65

The Salutation TLH p. 31

The Benedicamus TLH p. 31

The Benediction TLH p. 31

Sit

Recitation of the Catechism

The Lord's Prayer & Questions 14-24 (The Origin and Structure of the Bible, pages 52-53).

Announcements

Christmas Season Schedule

December 24th *The Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord*
Private Confession 6:30 p.m.
Candlelight Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

December 25th *The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord*
Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

December 26th *The First Sunday after Christmas/The Festival of St. Stephen, Protomartyr and Deacon (Commemorated)*
Divine Service & Bible Class 10:00 a.m. in Simpsonville, SC
Divine Service & Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL (Pastor Stefanski) 10:00 a.m.

December 27th *The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*
Divine Service 5:00 p.m. Myrtle Beach, SC

December 28th *Holy Innocents' Day*

January 1st *The Festival of the Circumcision of Our Lord*
Private Confession 9:30 a.m.
Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

January 2nd *The Second Sunday after Christmas*
Divine Service & Bible Class in Simpsonville, SC 10:00 a.m.
Divine Service & Bible Class in Knoxville, TN 10:00 a.m.
Divine Service & Bible Class 3:00 p.m. Augusta, GA

January 6th *The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord*
Private Confession 6:30 p.m.
Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

“But to believers that day will be comforting and sweet. That day will be the highest joy and safety to the believer, and the deepest terror and anguish to the unbeliever; just as also in this life the truths of the Gospel are exceedingly sweet to the godly and exceedingly hateful to the wicked. Why should the believer fear and not rather exceedingly rejoice since he trusts in Christ Who comes as judge to redeem him and to be his everlasting portion.” *From the Church Postil for Populus Sion, 1522.*

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, 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, *Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Douglas Handrich.*
- 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 Populus Sion

| | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Today | Isaiah 17-18; Luke 1:26-35 | Isaiah 19-20; Romans 2:1-16 |
| Monday: | Isaiah 21-22; Acts 17:16-24 | Isaiah 23-24; 1 Chronicles 17:1-27 |
| Tuesday: | Isaiah 25-26; 1 John 4:9-16 | Isaiah 27-28; 2 Chronicles 7:11-22 |
| Wednesday: | Isaiah 29-30; Col. 1:1-8 | Isaiah 31-32; Isaiah 11:1-10 |
| Thursday: | Isaiah 33-34; Phil. 2:12-18 | Isaiah 35-36; Jeremiah 23:2-8 |
| Friday: | Isaiah 37-38; Phil. 3:12-16 | Isaiah 39-40; Jeremiah 30:1-22 |
| Saturday: | Isaiah 41-42; Col. 3:1-11 | Isaiah 43-44; Jeremiah 33:14-26 |

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

| | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Today: | Psalms 28, 31-32 | Psalms 91, 33-34 |
| Monday: | Psalms 28, 35 | Psalms 91, 36-37 |
| Tuesday: | Psalms 28, 38 | Psalms 91, 39-41 |
| Wednesday: | Psalms 28, 42-44 | Psalms 91, 45-48 |
| Thursday: | Psalms 28, 49 | Psalms 91, 50-51 |
| Friday: | Psalms 28, 52-54 | Psalms 91, 55-57 |
| Saturday: | Psalms 28, 58-59 | Psalms 98, 60-63 |

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

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| Monday: | The Large Catechism, Preface.1-10 |
| Tuesday: | The Large Catechism, Preface.11—Short Preface.6 |
| Wednesday: | The Large Catechism, Intro.1-28 |
| Thursday: | The Large Catechism, I.1-15 |
| Friday: | The Large Catechism, I.16-29 |

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

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| 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 611—"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

Evening: TLH 446—"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

Calendar for the Week after Populus Sion

Today: Populus Sion—Violet

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

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

11:15 a.m. Parish Meeting in Simpsonville, SC

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

Monday: The Festival of St. Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor—White

Tuesday: The Festival of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor—White

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Noon-1 p.m. Pastor Dulas Teaches Seminary Psalms Class

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Vespers

8:00 p.m. Private Confession

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Pastor Dulas Teaches Seminary Psalms Class

Saturday: Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL
Kringle Holiday Village, Fluor Field, Greenville, SC

Next Sunday: Gaudete—Rose

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible class in Fort Myers, FL

Kringle Holiday Village, Fluor Field, Greenville, SC

The Lutheran Herald

The December 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>.

Parish Assembly Meeting

The parish meeting is TODAY, December 5th after Divine Service. The items of new business are the approval of the proposed budget for 2022, confirming the selection of the church officers for 2022, and discussion of moving the designated funds into an interest-bearing account. Please make every effort to be there.

Midweek Advent Vespers

This year's Midweek Advent Vespers continue this Wednesday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. We will continue to look at the first chapter of the Evangelist St. Luke's Gospel. Private confession will follow Vespers.

Poinsettias for Christmas Season

Please consider donating a poinsettia plant to decorate our sanctuary for the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany. You may start bringing them on *Rorate coeli*, Sunday, Dec. 19th.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Populus Sion

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: St. Luke 21:25-36

December 6th—The Festival of St. Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor

Epistle: Hebrews 7:23-27

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:14-23

December 7th—The Festival of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Gospel: St. Matthew 5:13-19

December 12th—Gaudete

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: St. Matthew 11:2-10

POPULUS SION

December 5th, 2021



Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: DAUGH- TER - || — | of | Zi- | on, *

Behold, surely your salva- | tion | is - | com- | ing.

P: || The Lord will cause His glorious voice | to | be | heard, *

And you shall have | glad- | ness - | of | heart.

P: || Give ear, O Shepherd of | Is- | ra- | el, *

You who lead Ja- | cob | like - | a | flock. (*Isaiah 62:11; 30:30, 29a, b; Psalm 80:1a, 3, 14, 17*)

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

P: || Daughter | of | Zi- | on, *

Behold, surely your salva- | tion | is - | com- | ing.

P: || The Lord will cause His glorious voice | to | be | heard, *

And you shall have | glad- | ness - | of | heart. (*Isaiah 62:11; 30:30, 29a, b*)

Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Thine only-begotten Son, so that by His coming we may be enabled to serve Thee with pure minds; 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.

Collect for the Season of Advent

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins, and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever, one God, world without end.



Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God | will | shine | forth: *

Our | — | God - | shall | come.

P: || Gather My saints together | un- | to | Me, *

Those who have made a covenant with Me | by | sa- - | cri- | fice.

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! The powers of heaven will | be | shak- | en. *

Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. | Al- | le- - | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 50:2-3a, 5; St. Luke 21:26c-27*)

Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. ⁵ Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, ⁶ that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. ⁸ Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, ⁹ and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: “For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name.” ¹⁰ And again he says: “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!” ¹¹ And again: “Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!” ¹² And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope.” ¹³ Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

St. Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations,

with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.” ²⁹ Then He spoke to them a parable, “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. ³⁴ But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel (Tune TLH 62)

1. Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of Hell Thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. Oh, come, oh, come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

6. Oh, come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, by Thy might;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

7. Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease;
And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.