

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.



The Festival of the Circumcision of our Lord
January 1st, 2022

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“And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.” St. Luke 2:21

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Ich sterbe täglich”</i>	Paul Kretschmar
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Now Let Us Come Before Him”</i>	TLH 122
<i>(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>		
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		
The Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas		
The Collect for New Year’s Day		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Galatians 3:23-29
The Gradual		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	<i>“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”</i>	Δ INSERT
The Holy Gospel		St. Luke 2:21
The Nicene Creed	<i>(Bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“To the Name of Our Salvation”</i>	TLH 116
The Sermon	<i>The Name Given by the Angel</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		TLH p. 22-23
The General Prayer		LSBH p. 115-116
<i>Sit (An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter”</i>	TLH 120
<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>“All Praise to Thee, Eternal God”</i>	TLH 80
<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>“The Old Year Now hath Passed Away”</i>	TLH 125
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Herr Jesus Christ, dich”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther

Announcements

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

Christmas Season Schedule

January 2nd	<i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i>
	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	<i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i>
	Private Confession 6:30 p.m.
	Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD
January 1st, 2022



Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: O LORD, || our Lord, how excellent is Your name | in | all | **the** -
| earth, *

Who have set Your glory above | the | heav- | **ens!** -

P: || What is man that You are | mind- | ful | **of** - | him, *

And the son of man that You | vi- | sit | **him?** -

P: || You, O Lord, | are | our | **Fa**- | ther; *

Our Redeemer from everlasting | is | Your | **name.** - (*Psalm 8:1, 4; Isaiah 63:16b*)

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

P: || O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name | in | all | **the** - |
earth, *

Who have set Your glory above | the | heav- | **ens!** -

P: || What is man that You are | mind- | ful | **of** - | him, *

And the son of man that You | vi- | sit | **him?** - (*Psalm 8:1, 4*)

Collect

O Lord God, who for our sakes, hast made Thy blessed Son our Savior subject to the Law, and caused Him to endure the circumcision of the flesh: Grant us the true circumcision of the spirit, that our hearts may be pure from all sinful desires and lusts; through the same, Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || Save us, O God of our salvation; Gather us together, and deliver us | from | the | **Gen**- | tiles, *

To give thanks to Your | ho- | ly | **name.** -

P: || You, O LORD, are our Father; | Our | Re- | **deem**- | er *

From Everlasting | is | Your | **name.** -

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! My mouth shall speak the | praise | of | **the** -
| LORD, *

And all flesh shall bless His holy name forever and ever.

Al- | le- | lu- | **ia!** - (*1 Chronicles 16:35; Isaiah 63:16; Psalm 145:21*)

Galatians 3:23-29

²³ But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

²⁴ Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵ But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

St. Luke 2:21

²¹ And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

Sequence Hymn—Of the Father's Love Begotten



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the world be - gan to be,
 2. Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed When the Vir - gin full of grace,
 3. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;
 4. This is He whom Heav'n - taught sing - ers Sang of old with one ac - cord:



He is Al - pha and O - me - ga, He the Source, the End - ing He,
 By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, Bare the Sav - ior of our race,
 Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King.
 Whom the Scriptures of the Pro - phets Prom - ised in their faith - ful word.



Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,
 And the Babe, the world's re - deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face,
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 Now He shines, the Long ex - pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

Δ 5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
 And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
 And unending praises be,
 Honor, glory, and dominion,
 And eternal victory
 Evermore and evermore. Amen.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant:

Congregation:



We be - lieve in one God, 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 + Jesus Christ,



the only begotten - 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,



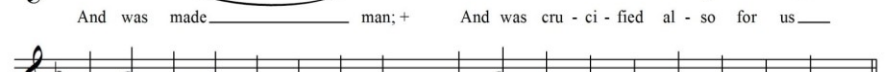
and for our sal - va - tion, came down from heav - en,



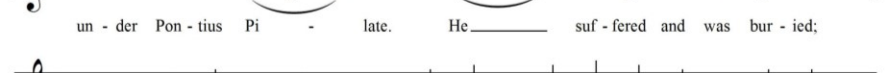
+ And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Mar - y,



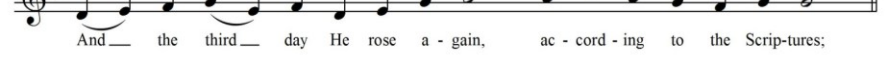
And was made man; + And was cru - ci - fied al - so for us



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 we believe in the Ho - ly Ghost, The Lord and Giv - er of Life,

Who proceedeth 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 we be-lieve one Ho - ly cath-o-lic

And Aposto - lic Church. We confess one Bap-tism

for the re - mis - - - sion of sins,

And we 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.