

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 Feast of the Nativity of our Lord
December 25th, 2021

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“Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy!” St. Luke 2:10b

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	“Gelobet sei’st du, Jesu”	Johann Pachelbel
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	“A Great and Mighty Wonder”	TLH 76

(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.)

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	<i>(Bell is rung throughout)</i>	TLH p. 17-19
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Titus 2:11-14
The Gradual		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”	Δ INSERT
The Holy Gospel		St. Luke 2:1-14
The Athanasian Creed		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	“O Jesus Christ, All Praise to Thee”	INSERT
The Sermon	<i>A Multitude of the Heavenly Host</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	“All Praise to Thee, Eternal God”	TLH 80
<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
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The Proper Preface		TLH p. 25
The Sanctus and Benedictus	<i>(Bell is rung throughout)</i>	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 Hymns:	“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”	TLH 85
	“Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One”	TLH 104
<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	“O Gladsome Light, O Grace”	TLH 101
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	“Vom Himmel hoch”	Johann Gottfried Walther
Announcements		

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

Christmas Season Schedule

December 26th	<i>The First Sunday after Christmas/The Festival of St. Stephen, Protomartyr and Deacon (Commemorated)</i>
	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	<i>The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
	Divine Service 5:00 p.m. Myrtle Beach, SC
December 28th	<i>Holy Innocents’ Day</i>
January 1st	<i>The Festival of the Circumcision of Our Lord</i>
	Private Confession 9:30 a.m.
	Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
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 FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 25th, 2021



Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: UN- TO || us a Child is born, unto us a | Son | is | **giv-** - | en; *

And the government will be upon | His | shoul- | **der.** -

P: || His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, | the | Might- | y - | God, *

The Everlasting Father, the | Prince | of | **Peace.** -

P: || Oh, sing to the | Lord | a | **new** - | song!*

For He has done mar- | ve- | lous | **things;** - (*Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1*)

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

P: || Unto us a Child is born, unto us a | Son | is | **giv-** - | en; *

And the government will be upon | His | shoul- | **der.** -

P: || His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, | the | Might- | y - | God, *

The Everlasting Father, the | Prince | of | **Peace.** - (*Isaiah 9:6*)

Collect

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the new Birth of Thine Only-Begotten Son in the flesh may set us free who are held in the old bondage under the yoke of sin; 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: || All the ends of the earth have seen the salva- | tion | of | **our** - | God. *

Shout joyfully to the Lord, | all | the | **earth.** -

P: || The Lord has made known | His | sal- | **va-** - | tion; *

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of | the | na- | **tions.** -

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! Oh come, let us | sing | to | **the** - | Lord! *

Let us worship and bow down before Him. | Al- | le- | lu- | **ia!** - (*Psalms 98:3b, 4a, 2; 95:1a, 6a, c*)

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

OR

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; They rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. ⁵ For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, and garments rolled in blood, will be used for burning and fuel of fire. ⁶ For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

St. Luke 2:1-14

¹ And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. ³ So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. ⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. ⁶ So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. ⁷ And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸ Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. ¹⁰ Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. ¹¹ For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

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 Athanasian Creed

Quicumque vult

Psalm Tone VI Flex



WHO- SO - || ever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he
 hold the cath- | o- | lic | faith. *

Which faith except everyone do keep whole and undefiled, without
 doubt he shall perish ev- | er- | **last-** - | ing- | ly.

AND **THE** - || catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and
 Trinity in | Un- | i- | ty, *

Neither confounding the Persons nor divid- | ing | **the** - | Sub- |
 stance.

FOR **THERE** - || is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and
 another of the | Ho- | ly | Ghost. *

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost
 is all one: the glory equal, the Majesty | co- | **e-** - | ter- | nal.

SUCH **AS** - || the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the | Ho- | ly |
 Ghost. *

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate, and the Holy | Ghost | **un-** -
 | cre- | ate.

THE **FA-** - || ther incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the
 Holy Ghost incompre- | hen- | si- | ble. *

The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy | Ghost | **e-** - | ter-
 | nal.

AND **YET** - || they are not three Eternals, but one | E- | ter-
 | nal. *

As there are not three Uncreated nor three Incomprehensibles, but
 one Uncreated and one Incom- | pre- | **hen-** - | si- | ble.

SO **LIKE-** - || wise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy
 Ghost | al- | might- | y. *

And yet they are not three Almighty, but | one | **Al-** - | might- | y.

SO **THE** - || Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy | Ghost | is |
 God. *

And yet they are not three | Gods, | **but** - | one | God.

SO **LIKE-** - || wise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Ho- | ly | Ghost
 | Lord. *

And yet not three | Lords, | **but** - | one | Lord.

FOR **LIKE** - || as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be both | God | and | Lord, *

So are we forbidden by the catholic religion, to say, there be three | Gods, | **or** - | three | Lords.

THE **FA**- - || ther is made of none, neither created nor | be- | got- | ten. *

The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created, | but | **be**- - | got- | ten.

THE **HO**- - || ly Ghost is of the Father and | of | the | Son, *

neither made nor created nor begotten, | but | **pro**- - | ceed- | ing.

SO **THERE** - || is one Father, not three Fath -ers; (+) one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Ghost, not three | Ho- | ly | Ghosts. *

And in this Trinity none is before or after other; none is greater or less | than | **a**- - | no- | ther;

BUT **THE** - || whole three Persons are coeternal together and coequal, so that in all things, as is afore -said, (+) the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to | be | wor- | shiped. *

He, therefore, that will be saved must thus think of | the | **Tri**- - | ni- | ty.

FUR- **THER**- - || more, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord | Je- | sus | Christ. *

For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, | is | **God** - | and | Man;

GOD **OF** - || the Substance of the Father, begotten before the *worlds*; (+) and Man of the substance of His Mother, born | in | the | world; *

Perfect God and perfect Man, of a reasonable soul and human | flesh | **sub**- - | sist- | ing;

E- **QUAL** - || to the Father as touching His God -head (+) and inferior to the Father as touching | His | man- | hood. *

Who, although He be God and Man, yet He is not | two, | **but** - | one | Christ:

ONE, **NOT** - || by conversion of the Godhead into *flesh*, (+) but by taking of the manhood | in- | to | God; *

One altogether; not by confusion of Substance, but by uni- | ty | **of** - | Per- | son.

FOR **AS** - || the reasonable soul and flesh is one *man*, (+) so God and Man | is | one | Christ; *

Who suffered for our salvation; descended into hell; rose again the third | day | **from** - | the | dead;

HE **AS**- - || cended into heaven; He sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty -y; (+) from whence He shall come to judge the quick | and | the | dead. *

At Whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies and shall give an account | of | **their** - | own | works.

AND **THEY** - || that have done good shall go into life everlast -ing; (+) and they that have done evil, into ever- | last- | ing | fire. *

This is the catholic faith; which except a man believe faithfully and firmly, he cannot | be | **saved**. - | A- | men.

ELH 184 – O Jesus Christ, All Praise to Thee

1. O Je - sus Christ, all praise to Thee, Thou Who art pleased a
 2. The e' ter - nal - Fa - ther's on - ly Son Now takes a man - ger
 3. He Whom the world can not en - close In Ma - ry's bo - som

man to be; To dwell with men Thou dost not scorn, And an - gels shout to
 for His throne: The ev - er - last - ing fount of good, As - sumes our mor - tal
 doth re - pose; To be a lit - tle child He deigns Who all things by Him -

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. 8.
 see Thee born, Hal - le - lu - jah. le - lu - jah. A - men.
 flesh and blood. Hal - le - lu - jah.
 self sus - tains. Hal - le - lu - jah.

4. The eternal Light to us descends,
 It brightness to the Earth it lends,
 And purely shines upon our night,
 To make us children of the light.
 Hallelujah.

6. In poorest guise to us He came,
 Himself He bears our sin and shame,
 That, as His heirs in Heaven above,
 We may with angels share His love.
 Hallelujah.

5. The only Son, true God confessed,
 To His own world now comes a Guest;
 And through this vale of tears our Guide,
 Doth in His Heaven our home provide.
 Hallelujah.

7. His love to show, surpassing thought:
 God's Son this wondrous work hath
 wrought;
 Then let us all unite to raise
 Our song of glad, unceasing praise.
 Hallelujah.