

**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.

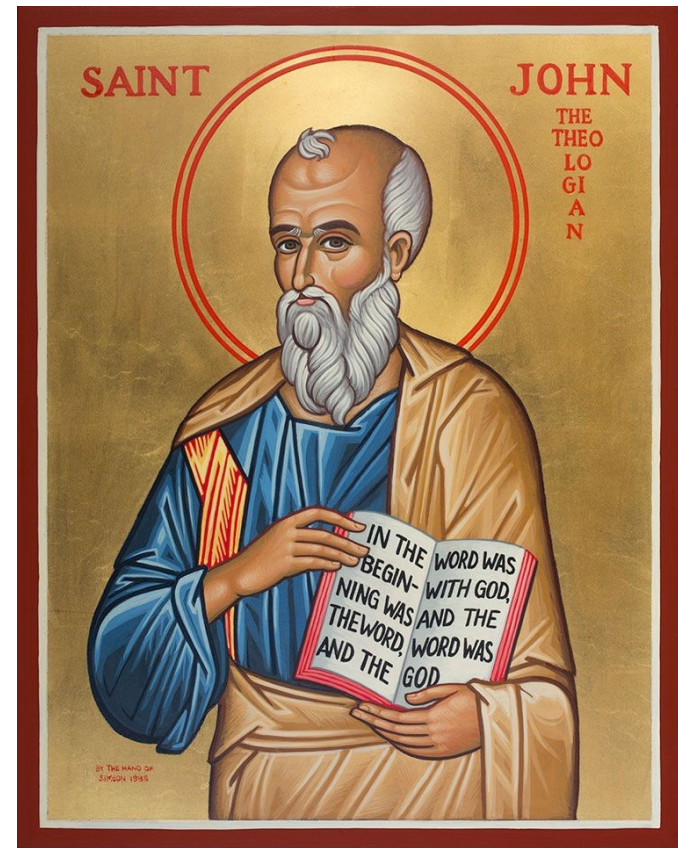
#### **A Prayer after Communion**

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 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist  
December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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*“If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?” St. John 21:23*

## The Order of Divine Service

**The Prelude**      *“Lobt God, ihr Christen”*      Johann Gottfried Walther

**The Ringing of the Bell**

*Stand*

**The Processional Hymn**    *“This Night a Wondrous Revelation”*      TLH 88

*(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**      *(All may kneel)*      TLH p. 15

**Confession and Absolution**      TLH p. 16

*Stand (if kneeling)*

**The Introit**      *(Tone 8)*      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**

*Sit*

**The Epistle**      1 John 1:1-10

**The Gradual**      INSERT

*Stand*

**The Sequence Hymn**    *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*    Δ    INSERT

**The Holy Gospel**      St. John 21:19-24

**The Nicene Creed**    *(Bow at the words “And was made man.”)*    INSERT

*Sit*

**The Hymn**      *“Word Supreme, Before Creation”*      TLH 271

**The Sermon**      *We Know That His Testimony Is True*

*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**      *“Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men”*      TLH 105

*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**      *“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”*      TLH 97

*Stand*

**The Post-Communion Canticle**      TLH p. 29-30

**The Thanksgiving**      TLH p. 30

**The Post-Communion Collect**      TLH p. 31

**The Hymn**      *“We Christians May Rejoice Today”*      TLH 107

**The Salutation**      TLH p. 31

**The Benedicamus**      TLH p. 31

**The Benediction**      TLH p. 31

**Silent Prayer**

*Sit*

**The Postlude**      *“O Jesu Christ, dein Kripplein”*      Rudolf Moser

### Recitation of the Catechism

Christian Questions with Their Answers & Questions 76-92 (The Second Commandment, pages 65-67).

### Announcements

### Christmas Season Schedule

**December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**      *Holy Innocents’ Day*  
*The Festival of the Circumcision of Our Lord*  
Private Confession 9:30 a.m.  
Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

**January 2<sup>nd</sup>**      *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 6<sup>th</sup>**      *The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord*  
Private Confession 6:30 p.m.  
Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

# THE FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021



## Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: I KNOW || whom I have be- | lieved | - \*

And am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have  
committed to Him | un- | til | that | Day.

P: || There is laid up for me the crown of | *righteous-* | ness, \*

Which the Lord, the righteous Judge, | will | give | to | me.

P: || O LORD, You have searched me and | known | me. \*

You know my sitting down and | my | ris- | ing | up. (*2 Timothy*  
*1:12; 4:8a; Psalm 139:1-2a*)

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

P: || I know whom I have be- | lieved | - \*

And am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have  
committed to Him | un- | til | that | Day.

P: || There is laid up for me the crown of | *righteous-* | ness, \*

Which the Lord, the righteous Judge, | will | give | to | me. (*2*  
*Timothy 1:12; 4:8a*)

## Collect

Merciful Lord, we beseech Thee to cast the bright beams of Thy light upon Thy Church, that it being instructed by the doctrine of Thy blessed Apostles, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may attain at length to the light of everlasting life; through 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: || Their sound has gone out to all the | earth, | - \*

And their words to the | ends | of | the | world.

P: || The heavens declare the glory of | God; | - \*

And the firmament shows | His | hand- | i- | work.

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! I chose you and ap- | *pointed* | you \*

That you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit  
should remain. | Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Romans 10:18; Psalm 19:1; St. John*  
*15:16*)

## 1 John 1:1-10

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—<sup>2</sup> the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us—<sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And these things we write to you that your joy may be full. <sup>5</sup> This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

## St. John 21:19-24

<sup>19</sup> This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.” <sup>20</sup> Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” <sup>21</sup> Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what about this man?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.” <sup>23</sup> Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?” <sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.

## 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 praise 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,



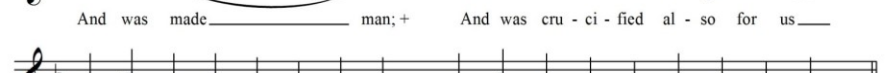
and for our sal - va - tion, came down from heav - en,



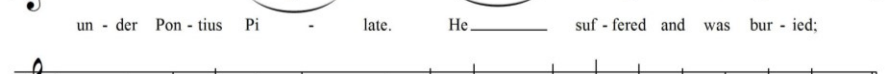
+ And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Mar - y,



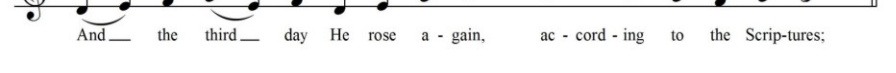
And was made man; + And was cru - ci - fied al - so for us



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.