

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 the Circumcision and Name of Jesus
January 1st, 2023

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“And when eight days were fulfilled for circumcising him, his name was called JESUS, which was so called 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 Kretzschmar
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Now Let Us Come Before Him”</i>	TLH 122
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
The Invocation		ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins		ASBH p. 8
Versicles	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
Confession and Absolution		ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
The Introit	<i>(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)</i>	ASBH p. 134
The Kyrie		ASBH p. 10
The Gloria in Excelsis		ASBH p. 10-13
The Salutation		ASBH p. 13
The Collect for the Day		ASBH p. 134
The Collect for the First Sunday after Christmas		ASBH p. 54
The Collect for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord		ASBH p. 53
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Galatians 3:23-29
The Gradual		ASBH p. 134
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 15
The Gospel		St. Luke 2:1-14
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“To the Name of Our Salvation”</i>	ASBH 7
The Sermon	<i>His Name Was Called JESUS</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		ASBH p. 18-19
	<i>(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>	
The General Prayer		ASBH p. 19-20
The Lord’s Prayer		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Help Us, O Lord! Behold, We Enter”</i>	TLH 120
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		ASBH p. 21
The Lavabo		ASBH p. 21
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 21
The Preface		ASBH p. 22
The Proper Preface		ASBH p. 23-27
The Sanctus and Benedictus		ASBH p. 27-28

The Lord’s Prayer		ASBH p. 29
The Verba Domini	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	ASBH p. 30
The Pax Domini	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	ASBH p. 31
The Agnus Dei	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	
The Hymn	<i>“The Newborn Child This Early Morn”</i>	ASBH 8
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
The Hymn	<i>“All Praise to Thee, Eternal God”</i>	TLH 80
The Salutation		ASBH p. 36
The Benedicamus		ASBH p. 37
The Benediction		ASBH p. 37
The Triple Amen	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 37
The Recessional Hymn	<i>“The Old Year Now hath Passed Away”</i>	TLH 125
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Herr Jesu Christ, dich”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther

Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar & Questions 92-97 (Of Sin, pages 66-67).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Christmas Season Schedule

January 6th

The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord

Private Confession 4:30 p.m.

Divine Service 5:00 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, Angelo, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Bill Kope, Barb Eisold, Ray Heilener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Bruce Carter, and Vito Gerardi.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, MO;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Josiah Scheck.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson and Jacob Henson.*
- For our catechumens, especially *Nikolas Likourentzos.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, especially, *Ana Heiser, Nikolas Likourentzos, Deacon Smithey, Sherrill Smithey, Bobby Eisold, Barb Eisold, and Bob Eisold.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred, Brennan David, and John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Nicholas Silva.*
- For *Nikolas Likourentzos* and *Ana Heiser* who announced their engagement to be married.
- 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 First Sunday after Christmas

	Morning	Evening
Today	2 Cor. 3; Luke 2:22-32	2 Corinthians 4; Hebrews 2:9-16
Monday:	2 Cor. 5; John 1:15-18	2 Corinthians 6; Micah 4:1-8
Tuesday:	2 Cor. 7; Luke 2:15-20	2 Corinthians 8; Isaiah 32:1-8
Wednesday:	2 Cor. 9; Luke 2:22-24	2 Corinthians 10; Isaiah 46:3-13
Thursday:	2 Cor. 11; Luke 2:25-32	2 Corinthians 12; Isaiah 49:1-13
Friday:	2 Cor. 13; Matt. 2:13-15	Galatians 1; Isaiah 55:1-13
Saturday:	Gal. 2; Luke 4:16-21	Galatians 3; James 4:13-17

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 121, 1-4	Psalms 111, 5-8
Monday:	Psalms 121, 9-11	Psalms 111, 12-17
Tuesday:	Psalms 121, 18	Psalms 111, 19-22
Wednesday:	Psalms 121, 23-25	Psalms 111, 26-30
Thursday:	Psalms 121, 31-32	Psalms 72, 33-34
Friday:	Psalms 96, 35	Psalms 72, 36-37
Saturday:	Psalms 96, 38	Psalms 86, 39-41

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: ASBH 7—“To the Name of Our Salvation”

Evening: ASBH 8—“The Newborn Child This Early Morn”

Calendar for the Week after the First Sunday after Christmas

Today: The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus/The First Sunday after Christmas (Commemorated)—White

New Year's Day

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

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

Monday: The Ninth Day of Christmas—White

Seminary Winter Quarter Resumes

Tuesday: The Tenth Day of Christmas—White

Wednesday: The Eleventh Day of Christmas—White

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

Thursday: The Twelfth Day of Christmas—White

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

4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The First Sunday after the Epiphany—Green

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible class

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.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

“Now it must indeed excite wonder that such things were proclaimed openly by Simeon in that public and sacred place with reference to that poor and insignificant Child, Whose mother was so humble and lowly and Whose father Joseph was not wealthy. How could such a Child be

considered the Savior of all men, the Light of the Gentiles and the glory and honour of all Israel? At present, after we have had so many proofs of Christ's greatness, these words do no longer seem so wonderful; but then, when nothing as yet was known of Jesus, they were indeed marvellous, and this lowly Child was very unlike the great and mighty being portrayed by Simeon. But Joseph and Mary believed it nevertheless, and just therefore they marveled. If they had not believed it, the words of Simeon would have appeared to them insignificant, untrue and worthless, and not at all wonderful. Therefore, the fact that they were marveling, shows that Joseph and Mary possessed a strong and sublime faith.” *From the Church Postil for the First Sunday after Christmas, 1522.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: St. Luke 2:21

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

Epistle: Isaiah 60:1-6

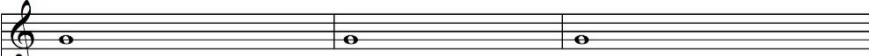
Gospel: St. Matthew 2:1-12

January 8th—The First Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord

Epistle: Romans 12:1-5

Gospel: St. Luke 2:41-52

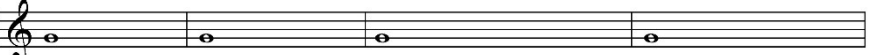
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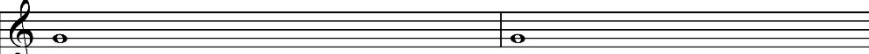
I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven
and Earth and of all things visible
and invisible,



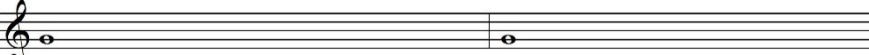
And in One Lord
+ Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten
Son of God, begotten of His Father
before all worlds,



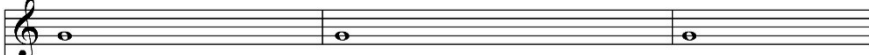
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made,



Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made;



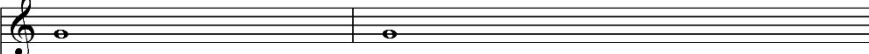
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from Heaven And was incarnate by the Holy
Ghost of the Virgin Mary



+ And was made man; And was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and
was buried;



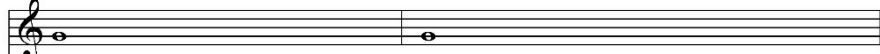
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures; And ascended into Heaven,



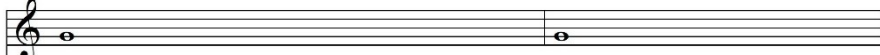
And sitteth on the right
hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to
judge both the quick and the dead;



Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost,




The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and
the Son,



Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.



And I believe one holy Christian and
Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for
the remission of sins,



And I look for the resurrection
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.