

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 Sunday after New Year
January 5th, 2025

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“Arise and take the young Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I tell thee.” St. Matthew 2:13

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Wo Gott zum Haus”</i>	Johann Pachelbel
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly”</i>	TLH 96
<i>Stand</i>		
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
The Invocation		ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
Versicles		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. 55
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. 55
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		1 Peter 4:12-19
The Gradual		ASBH p. 55
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
The Gospel		St. Matthew 2:13-23
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“The Newborn Child This Early Morn”</i>	ASBH 8
The Sermon	<i>Flee into Egypt</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		ASBH p. 18-19
<i>(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>		
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		ASBH p. 19-20
The Lord’s Prayer		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Now Let Us Come Before Him”</i>	TLH 122
The Lavabo	<i>(During Hymn)</i>	ASBH p. 21
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		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 Star Proclaims the King Is Here”</i>	TLH 131
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”</i>	TLH 361
<i>Stand</i>		
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
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“St. Agnes”</i>	Sam Batt Owens

Recitation of the Catechism

Christian Questions with Their Answers (pages 34-38) & Questions 36-37 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The Second Table. Introduction, pages 49-50).

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, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Katie, Dan, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser, Rev. Mark Mueller, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Rev. Jerald Dulas, Tanya Dulas, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Glen Madden, Becky Phillips, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Rachel Epperson, Tammy Wilson, John Crossley, Marlin Palm, Jamey Hochstein, Isaac Wigington, Jack Newton, Graham Hardaway, Chuck Webber, 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, *Charity Ev. Lutheran Church, Burlson, TX;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Dr. Kent A. Heimbigner.*
- That the Lord might send *Faithful Laborers* into His harvest.
- For *St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Seminary* and our seminarians, *Duncan Geldenhuys* and *Jonathon Teo Zin Han.*
- For our catechumens, especially *Gabriel Bunch.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Deacon and Sherrill Smithey,* and *Bob, Barbara, and Bobby 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 those celebrating a birthday this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for week after the Sunday after New Year

	Morning	Evening
Today	1 Cor. 5; Matt. 3:1-12	1 Corinthians 6; Romans 3:19-22
Monday:	1 Cor. 7; Luke 3:1-9	1 Corinthians 8; Genesis 1:1-31
Tuesday:	1 Cor. 9; Luke 3:10-14	1 Corinthians 10; Genesis 2:1-25
Wednesday:	1 Cor. 11; Mark 1:1-8	1 Corinthians 12; Genesis 4:1-26
Thursday:	1 Cor. 13; Mark 1:9-11	1 Corinthians 14; Genesis 5:1-32
Friday:	1 Cor. 15; Luke 3:21-22	1 Corinthians 16; Genesis 6:9-22
Saturday:	2 Cor. 1; Luke 3:23-38	2 Corinthians 2; Genesis 7:1-24

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 121, 31-32	Psalms 72, 33-34
Monday:	Psalms 96, 35	Psalms 72, 36-37
Tuesday:	Psalms 96, 38	Psalms 72, 39-41
Wednesday:	Psalms 96, 42-44	Psalms 72, 45-48
Thursday:	Psalms 96, 49	Psalms 72, 50-51
Friday:	Psalms 96, 52-54	Psalms 72, 55-57
Saturday:	Psalms 96, 58-59	Psalms 86, 60-63

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: How One Should Be Taught to Pray

Friday: The Table of Duties

Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 8—"The Newborn Child This Early Morn"

Evening: TLH 122—"Now Let Us Come Before Him"

Calendar for the week after the Sunday after New Year

Today: The Sunday after New Year—White

The Twelfth Day of Christmas

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

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

4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Catechesis

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Catechesis

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: 1:00 p.m. Divine Service in Athens, GA

Next Sunday: The First Sunday after Epiphany—Green

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

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

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The diocesan seminary is on their Christmas break. Classes will resume tomorrow. The Winter Quarter will continue until February 21st. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"Here we ask, why did not Christ lead these wise men to Bethlehem by the star instead of allowing His birth, which was now known, to be learned from the Scriptures? This was done that He might teach us to adhere to the Scriptures and not depend on our own wisdom nor the teaching of any man. The Scriptures have been given for a purpose. In them He desires to be found, and nowhere else. Whoever despises and rejects these shall and will never find Him. We have also heard, in Luke 2:12, that the angel also gave the shepherds a sign, but not to Mary nor to Joseph nor to any other men, no matter how pious they were, but gave to them only the swaddling clothes and the manger in which He was wrapped and laid; that is, the

writings of the prophets and the law; in these He is wrapped, they contain Him, they speak only of Him and bear witness of Him; they are His sure sign, as He says Himself. 'Ye search the Scriptures because ye think that in them ye have eternal life; and these are they which bear witness of Me.' John 5:39. And Paul says: 'A righteousness of God hath been manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets.' Rom. 3:21. Furthermore, we have also heard that Simeon and Anna represent the Scriptures, which manifest Christ and bear Him in their arms. And according to Luke 16:29-31, Abraham would not grant the request of Dives in hell that Lazarus be sent to his brothers, but points to the Scriptures, saying: 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. If they bear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if one rise from the dead.'" *From the Church Postil for the Festival of the Epiphany of the Lord, 1522.*

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.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today— The Second Sunday after Christmas

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Gospel: St. Matthew 2:13-23

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

Epistle: Isaiah 60:1-6

Gospel: St. Matthew 2:1-12

January 12th—The First Sunday after Epiphany

Epistle: Romans 12:1-5

Gospel: St. Luke 2:41-52