

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 Epiphany of our Lord
January 6th, 2023

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“And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.” St. Matthew 2:10

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“O Welt, ich muss dich lassen”</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Arise and Shine in Splendor”</i>	TLH 126
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. 56
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. 56
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Isaiah 60:1-6
The Gradual		ASBH p. 56
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 15
The Gospel		St. Matthew 2:1-12
The Announcement of the Movable Dates for 2023		
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”</i>	ASBH 9
The Sermon	<i>They Rejoiced with Exceeding Great Joy</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>“Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men”</i>	ASBH 10
<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>“An Awe-Full Mystery Is Here”</i>	TLH 304
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
The Hymn	<i>“Come Rejoicing, Praises Voicing”</i>	TLH 82
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>“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”</i>	ASBH 58
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Wie schön leuchtet”</i>	Michael Praetorius

Recitation of the Catechism

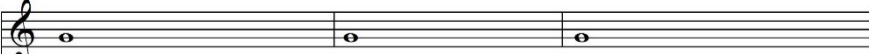
How One Should Be Taught to Pray & Questions 98-101 (Part II, The Creed, pages 67-68).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

The Nicene Creed



I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,

Maker of Heaven
and Earth

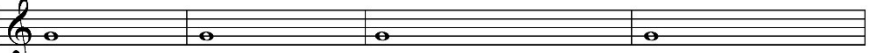
and of all things visible
and invisible,



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,

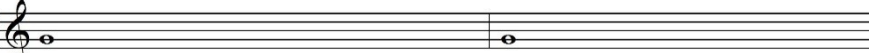
Very God of Very God,

Begotten, not made,



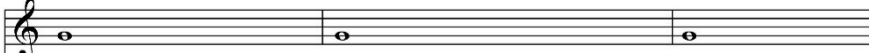
Being of one substance with the Father,

By Whom all things were made;



Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from Heaven

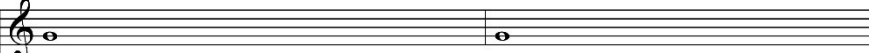
And was incarnate by the Holy
Ghost of the Virgin Mary



+ And was made man;

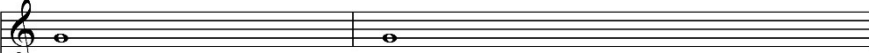
And was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate.

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;



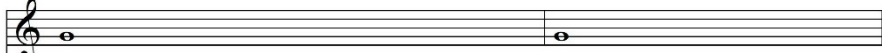
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,



The Lord and Giver of Life,

Who proceedeth from the Father and
the Son,



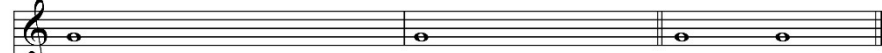
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,

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.