

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 First Sunday after Epiphany
January 12th, 2025

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“How is it that ye sought Me? Knew ye not that I must be in My Father’s house?” St. Luke 2:49

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Lobt Gott, ihr Christen”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther	
The Ringing of the Bell			
The Hymn	<i>“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”</i>	Δ	TLH 16
<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. 57
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. 57
Collect Amen			ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>			
The Epistle			Romans 12:1-5
The Gradual			ASBH p. 57
<i>Stand</i>			
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>		ASBH p. 14
The Gospel			St. Luke 2:41-52
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>		ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>			
The Hymn	<i>“Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men”</i>		ASBH 10
The Sermon	<i>When He Was Twelve Years Old</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>“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”</i>		TLH 134
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>“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
<i>Sit</i>			
The Hymn	<i>“We Christians May Rejoice Today”</i>		TLH 107
<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>“O Jesu Christ, dein Kripplein”</i>		Rudolf Moser

Recitation of the Catechism

The Ten Commandments (pages 9-12) & Questions 45-48 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The Second Table. The Fifth Commandment, pages 52-53).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.
TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

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

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 the friends and family of *Jay Giese*, a cousin of Pastor Dulas, who died this past week.
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Tony, WI; Pure Blessing Ev. Lutheran Church, Brandon, WI; Apologia Ev. Lutheran Mission, Deer Park, WI;* and their pastors, the *Rev. Jeffrey Ahonen* and the *Rev. Dcn. Jacob Henson.*
- 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 First Sunday after Epiphany

	Morning	Evening
Today	2 Cor. 3; Mark 10:13-16	2 Corinthians 4; Ephesians 6:1-4
Monday:	2 Cor. 5; John 1:29-34	2 Corinthians 6; Genesis 8:1-22
Tuesday:	2 Cor. 7; John 1:35-42	2 Corinthians 8; Genesis 11:1-9
Wednesday:	2 Cor. 9; John 1:43-51	2 Corinthians 10; Genesis 12:1-20
Thursday:	2 Cor. 11; Luke 4:1-13	2 Corinthians 12; Genesis 13:1-18
Friday:	2 Cor. 13; Mark 1:12-15	Galatians 1; Genesis 14:8-24
Saturday:	Galatians 2; Matt. 4:12-17	Galatians 3; Genesis 15:1-21

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 67, 64-65	Psalms 86, 66-68
Monday:	Psalms 67, 69	Psalms 86, 70-72
Tuesday:	Psalms 67, 73	Psalms 86, 74-76
Wednesday:	Psalms 67, 77	Psalms 86, 78
Thursday:	Psalms 67, 79-80	Psalms 86, 81-83
Friday:	Psalms 67, 84-85	Psalms 86-88
Saturday:	Psalms 67, 89	Psalms 16, 90-92

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Large Catechism, II.9-24
Tuesday:	The Large Catechism, II.25-37
Wednesday:	The Large Catechism, II.38-54
Thursday:	The Large Catechism, II.55-70
Friday:	The Large Catechism, III.1-16

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 10—"Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men"

Evening: TLH 134—"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

Calendar for the week after the First Sunday after Epiphany

Today: The First Sunday after Epiphany—Green

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

Monday: 5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Pawleys Island, SC

Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Ormond Beach, FL

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

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Catechesis

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The Festival of St. Henry of Finland, Bishop and Martyr/The Second Sunday after Epiphany—Red

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL (Pastor Dulas) and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

Classes for the diocesan seminary are under way. The Winter Quarter will continue until February 21st. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"The import of this example of the Child Jesus is to show us how we, on account of our ignorance and blindness, are ever inclined to obey man rather than God. Whenever the question must be answered: Shall we disobey God or our parents and rulers? We must learn of Christ to say: I must be about My Father's business; otherwise I will gladly obey father and mother, rulers and governors, masters and matrons. In the case referred to, however, we must say: Dear father, dear mother, I have another Father, and His will must be done rather than yours. Mary and Joseph had forgotten this; hence they were reminded of it and instructed at this time." *From the House Postil for the First Sunday after Epiphany, 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 First Sunday after Epiphany

Epistle:

Romans 12:1-5

Gospel:

St. Luke 2:41-52

January 19th—The Festival of St. Henry of Finland, Bishop and Martyr/The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Epistle:

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Gospel:

St. Matthew 16:24-27