

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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord
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“Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant shall be healed.” St. Matthew 8:8

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“O du Leibe”</i>	Hans Klotz
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations”</i>	TLH 498
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. 59
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. 59
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Romans 12:16b-21
The Gradual		ASBH p. 59
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
The Gospel		St. Matthew 8:1-13
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Why Art Thou Cast Down, My Soul?”</i>	ASBH 12
The Sermon	<i>When He Was Come Down</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>“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”</i>	ASBH 50
<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>“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”</i>	TLH 523
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, mein’s”</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach

Recitation of the Catechism

The Preface to the Small Catechism, (pages 3-8) & Questions 116-118 (The First Article, Of Creation, pages 75-76).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

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, Denise Heiser, 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, *St. Patrick Ev. Lutheran Church, Chipley, FL;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Brandon Warr.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson and Jacob Henson.*
- For our catechumen, *Nikolas Likourentzos.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *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 *Anastasia Heiser* who are engaged to be married.
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *John Landt.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week, especially *Pastor Dulas.*

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after the Third Sunday after Epiphany

	Morning	Evening
Today:	1 Timothy 4; Luke 17:5-10	1 Timothy 5; Hebrews 11:1-16
Monday:	1 Timothy 6; Matt. 8:14-22	2 Timothy 1; Genesis 25:19-34
Tuesday:	2 Timothy 2; Matt. 8:28-34	2 Timothy 3; Genesis 27:1-45
Wednesday:	2 Timothy 4; Matt. 9:9-17	Titus 1; Genesis 27:46—28:22
Thursday:	Titus 2; Matt. 9:27-38	Titus 3; Genesis 29:1-20
Friday:	Philemon; Matt. 10:1-16	Hebrews 1; Genesis 31:1-18
Saturday:	Heb. 2; Matt. 10:17—11:1	Hebrews 3; Genesis 32:3-32

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 36, 107	Psalms 33, 108-111
Monday:	Psalms 36, 112-115	Psalms 33, 116-118
Tuesday:	Psalms 36, 119:1-40	Psalms 33, 119:41-88
Wednesday:	Psalms 36, 119:89-128	Psalms 33, 119:129-176
Thursday:	Psalms 36, 120-125	Psalms 33, 126-132
Friday:	Psalms 36, 133-135	Psalms 33, 136-139
Saturday:	Psalms 36, 140-141	Psalms 8, 142-143

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Large Catechism, III.99-124
Tuesday:	The Large Catechism, IV.1-18
Wednesday:	The Large Catechism, IV.19-34
Thursday:	The Large Catechism, IV.35-51
Friday:	The Large Catechism, IV.52-70

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 12—“Why Art Thou Cast Down, My Soul?”

Evening: ASBH 50—“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

Calendar for the Week after the Third Sunday after Epiphany

Today: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany—Green

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible class in Fort Myers, FL

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: The Festival of St. Timothy, Bishop and Confessor—White

Wednesday: The Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul—White

Thursday: The Festival of St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor—White

Friday: John Landt’s Birthday

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord—White

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

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

In the entire Gospel Christ made everything depend on faith when He said, “All things are possible to him who believes” [Mark 9:23], and again, “Be it done for you as you have believed” [Matt. 8:13]. Therefore, it is true that although the priest may be jesting, nevertheless, if I receive his absolution in earnest and have faith, the result does not depend on what he does, but on faith. I said this in order to show how important and necessary a part of repentance faith is.

Everything depends on it. And although faith is not possible without contrition, as I said above when I showed that the infusion of faith and grace is accompanied by a great turmoil, yet, if it were possible to have faith without contrition, faith alone would be sufficient. For God did not make the offer of His grace dependent on contrition or any other work but only on faith, when He said, “He who believes will be saved” [Mark 16:16]. *From the Church Postil for the Third Sunday after Epiphany.*

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—The Third Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord

Epistle: Romans 12:16b-21

Gospel: St. Matthew 8:1-13

January 24th—The Festival of St. Timothy, Bishop and Confessor

Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: St. Luke 14:26-33

January 25th—The Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul

Epistle: Acts 9:1-22

Gospel: St. Matthew 19:27-30

January 26th—The Festival of St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor

Epistle: Acts 20:17-35

Gospel: St. Luke 10:1-9

January 29th—The Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: St. Matthew 17:1-9