

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.

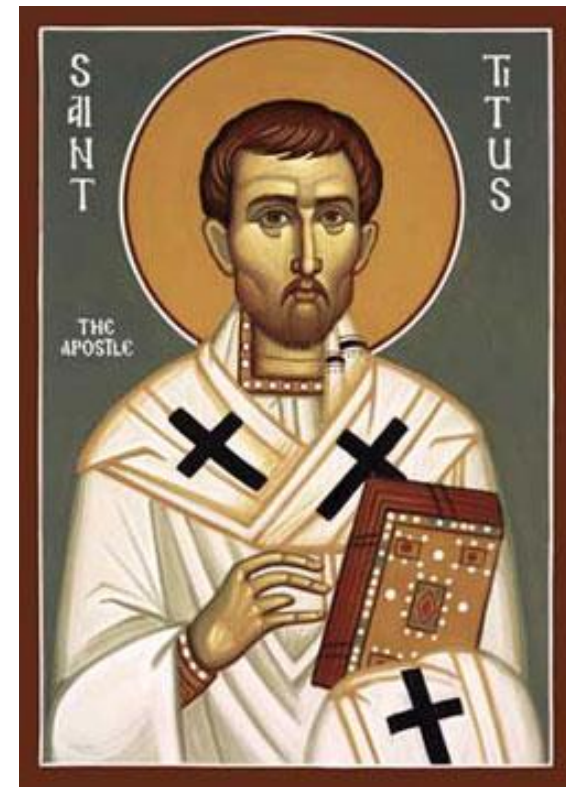
A Prayer after Communion

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 St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor
January 26th, 2025

Sts. Peter & Paul Ev. Luth. Church, U.A.C.

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“The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest.”

St. Luke 10:2

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	“Kommt her zu mir”	Henry V. Gerike
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Processional Hymn	“Dear Lord, to Thy True Servants Give”	TLH 482
<i>Stand</i>		
Silent Prayer	(Prayers are located on back cover)	ASBH p. 7
The Invocation		ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins	(All may kneel)	ASBH p. 8
Versicles		ASBH p. 8
Confession and Absolution		ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
The Introit	(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)	ASBH p. 138
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. 138
The Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany		ASBH p. 59
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Acts 20:17-35
The Gradual		ASBH p. 138
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	(Second Setting)	ASBH p. 15
The Gospel		St. Luke 10:1-9
The Creed	(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	“Lord of the Church, We Humbly Pray”	ASBH 76
The Sermon	<i>The Harvest Indeed Is Plenteous</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		ASBH p. 18-19
	(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)	
The General Prayer		ASBH p. 19-20
The Lord’s Prayer		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	“God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons”	TLH 483
The Lavabo	(During Hymn)	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	(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)	ASBH p. 30

The Pax Domini	(All may bow and cross themselves)	ASBH p. 31
The Agnus Dei	(All may kneel)	ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution	(Prayers are located on back cover)	
The Hymn	“Lord Jesus, Who Art Come”	TLH 485
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	“How Beauteous Are Their Feet”	TLH 487
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		ASBH p. 36
The Benedicamus		ASBH p. 37
The Benediction		ASBH p. 37
The Triple Amen	(First Setting)	ASBH p. 37
The Recessional Hymn	“Send, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit”	TLH 491
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	“Werde munter”	Johann Pachelbel

Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (pages 19-21) & Questions 62-72 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The Second Table. The Eighth Commandment, pages 58-60).

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, 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, *Iglesia Confesional de Colombia, Medellin, Antioquia, Colombia;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Carlos Mario Marin.*
- 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, especially *John Landt.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for week after the Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 36, 120-125	Psalms 33, 126-132
Monday:	Psalms 36, 133-135	Psalms 33, 136-139
Tuesday:	Psalms 36, 140-141	Psalms 33, 142-143
Wednesday:	Psalms 36, 144	Psalms 33, 145
Thursday:	Psalms 36, 146	Psalms 33, 147
Friday:	Psalms 36, 148	Psalms 33, 149-150
Saturday:	Psalms 36, 1-4	Psalms 97, 5-8

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: How One Should Be Taught to Pray

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 Festival of St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor/The Third Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Simpsonville, SC

Monday: John Landt’s Birthday

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Catechesis

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Catechesis

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The Festival of the Presentation of our Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary/The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord—White

Groundhog Day

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Simpsonville, SC 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 Friday, February 21st. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“But since they stick so fast in reason, we must assail them with their own wisdom. ‘Tell me, why do you baptize a man when he has come to the age of reason?’ You answer: ‘He hears God’s Word and believes.’ I ask: ‘How do you know that?’ You answer: ‘He professes it with his mouth.’ What shall I say? How, if he lies and deceives? You cannot see his heart. Very well, then you baptize for no other reason than for what the man shows himself to be externally, and you are uncertain of his faith, and must believe that if he has not more within in his heart than you perceive without, neither his hearing, nor his profession, nor his faith will help him;

for it may all be a delusion and no true faith. Who then are you, that you say external hearing and profession are necessary to baptism; where these are wanting one must not baptize? You yourself must confess that such hearing and profession are uncertain, and not enough for one to receive baptism. Now upon what do you baptize? How will you justify your actions when you thus bungle baptism and bring it into doubt? Is it not the fact that you must come and say that it is not becoming for you to know or do more than that he whom you are to baptize be brought to you and ask baptism from you; and you must believe or commit the matter to God, whether he inwardly truly believes or not? In this way you are excused and baptize aright. Why then will you not do the same for the children, whom Christ commands to be brought to Him and promises to bless? But you wish first to have the outward hearing and profession, which you yourself acknowledge is uncertain and not sufficient for baptism on the part of the one to be baptized. And you let go the sure word of Christ, in which He bids the little children to be brought unto Him, on account of your uncertain external hearing.” *From the Church Postil for the Third Sunday after Epiphany of 1525.*

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 Festival of St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor/The Third Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord

Epistle: Acts 20:17-35

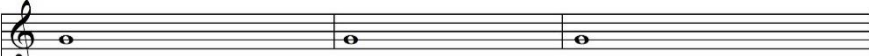
Gospel: St. Luke 10:1-9

February 2nd—The Festival of the Presentation of our Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary/The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord

Epistle: Malachi 3:1-4

Gospel: St. Luke 2:22-32

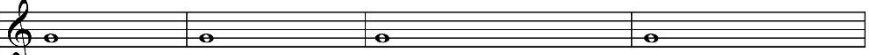
The Nicene Creed



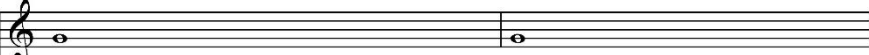
I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven
and Earth and of all things visible
and invisible,



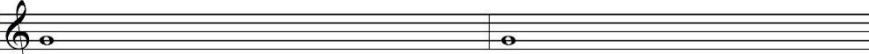
And in One Lord
+ Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten
Son of God, begotten of His Father
before all worlds,



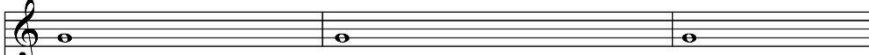
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made,



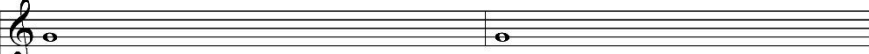
Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made;



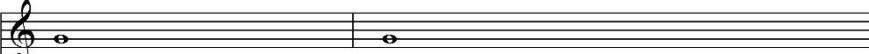
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from Heaven And was incarnate by the Holy
Ghost of the Virgin Mary



+ 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,



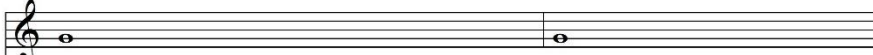
And sitteth on the right
hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to
judge both the quick and the dead;



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.