

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.



Septuagesima Sunday
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“For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that was a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard.”
St. Matthew 20:1

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Es ist das Heil”</i>	Jacobus Kloppers
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”</i>	ASBH 35
<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. 63
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. 63
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5
The Gradual		ASBH p. 63
<i>Stand</i>		
The Gospel	<i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>	St. Matthew 20:1-16
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Salvation unto Us Has Come”</i>	ASBH 16
The Sermon	<i>He Sent Them into His Vineyard</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>“I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”</i>	INSERT
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

Sit

The Distribution	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	
The Hymn	<i>“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Seek Ye Who Will Some Other Way”</i>	INSERT
<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>“Such’, wer da will”</i>	Paul Kickstat

Recitation of the Catechism

The Preface to the Small Catechism (pages 3-8) & Questions 231-235 (Part III).
The Lord’s Prayer. The Second Petition, pages 114-115.

Announcements

ASBH = *Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement*.

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

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Dan, Katie, Kelly, Vince Bost, Brandon Dennie, Rachel Epperson, Vito Gerardi, Graham Hardaway, Michelle Harris, Peggy Holder, Judy Horn, Glen Madden, Paul Meadows, Barbara Miller, Mike Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Jack Newton, Becky Phillips, Betty Ramsey, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Chuck Webber, Gerald Weerts, and Tammy Wilson.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser*.
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Ironwood, MI*; and her pastor, the *Rev. Jeffrey Ahonen*.
- That the Lord might send *Faithful Laborers* into His harvest.
- For *St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Seminary* and our seminarians, *Duncan Geldenhuys* and *Jonathan Teo Zin Han*.
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Bob, Barbara, and Bobby Eisold*, and *Deacon and Sherrill Smithey*.
- For those struggling with addiction, especially *Thomas Allred* and *John Monahan*.
- For all those who serve in the military.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for Week after Septuagesima Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today	Gen. 1-3; Matt. 25:14-30	Genesis 4-6; Acts 17:22-34
Monday:	Gen. 7-9; Mark 5:21-43	Genesis 10-12; Exodus 5:1-23
Tuesday:	Gen. 13-15; Mark 6:1-29	Genesis 16-18; Exodus 6:1-13
Wednesday:	Gen. 19-21; Mark 6:30-56	Genesis 22-24; Exodus 11:1-10
Thursday:	Gen. 25-27; Mark 7:1-30	Genesis 28-30; Exodus 12:1-28
Friday:	Gen. 31-33; Mark 8:10—9:1	Genesis 34-36; Exodus 12:29-42
Saturday:	Gen. 37-39; Mark 9:2-32	Genesis 40-42; Exodus 13:1-22

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 23, 1-4	Psalms 143, 5-8
Monday:	Psalms 23, 9-11	Psalms 143, 12-17
Tuesday:	Psalms 23, 18	Psalms 143, 19-22
Wednesday:	Psalms 23-25	Psalms 143, 26-30
Thursday:	Psalms 23, 31-32	Psalms 143, 33-34
Friday:	Psalms 23, 35	Psalms 143, 36-37
Saturday:	Psalms 23, 38	Psalms 25, 39-41

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Large Catechism, IV.71—V.7

Tuesday: The Large Catechism, V.8-30

Wednesday: The Large Catechism, V.31-48

Thursday: The Large Catechism, V.49-74

Friday: The Large Catechism, V.75-87

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

Sunday: The Ten Commandments

Monday: The Apostles' Creed

Tuesday: The Lord's Prayer

Wednesday: Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession

Thursday: The Sacrament of the Altar

Friday: How One Should Be Taught to Pray

Saturday: The Table of Duties

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 16—“Salvation unto Us Has Come”

Evening: INSERT—“I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

Calendar for the Week after Septuagesima Sunday

Today: Septuagesima Sunday—White

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

NO SERVICE in Simpsonville, SC

Monday: The Festival of the Presentation of our Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary—White

5:00 p.m. Vespers

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. Pastor Teaches Psalms Class

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: 6:00 p.m. Pastor Teaches Psalms Class

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Sexagesima Sunday—Violet

Superbowl Sunday

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

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The Diocesan seminary continues their Winter Quarter of their second year. Classes will continue until Friday, February 27th. I am teaching the class on the Psalms this quarter. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

The Lutheran Herald

The February 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

“Therefore we must not consider this parable in every detail, but confine ourselves to the leading thought, that which Christ designs to teach by it. We should not consider what the penny or shilling means, not what the

first or the last hour signifies; but what the householder had in mind and what he aims to teach, how he desires to have his goodness esteemed higher than all human works and merit, yea, that his mercy alone must have all the praise. Like in the parable of the unrighteous steward, Lk 16:5f., the whole parable in its details is not held before our eyes, that we should also defraud our Lord; but it sets forth the wisdom of the steward in that he provided so well and wisely for himself and planned in the very best way, although at the injury of his Lord. Now whoever would investigate and preach long on that parable about the doctors, what the book of accounts, the oil, the wheat and the measure signify, would miss the true meaning and be led by his own ideas which would never be of any benefit to anyone. For such parables are never spoken for the purpose of being interpreted in all their minutia. For Paul compared Christ to Adam in Rom 5:18, and says, Adam was a figure of Christ; this Paul did because we inherited from Adam sin and death, and from Christ life and righteousness. But the lesson of the parable does not consist in the inheritance, but in the consequence of the inheritance. That just like sin and death cling to those who are born of Adam and descend by heredity, so do life and righteousness cling to those who are born of Christ, they are inherited. Just as one might take an unchaste woman who adorns herself to please the world and commit sin, as a figure of a Christian soul that adorns itself also to please God, but not to commit sin as the woman does.”

From Martin Luther’s Sermon for Septuagesima, 1525.

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—Septuagesima Sunday

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5

Gospel:

St. Matthew 20:1-16

February 2nd—The Festival of the Presentation of our Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Epistle:

Malachi 3:1-4

Gospel:

St. Luke 2:22-32

February 8th—Sexagesima Sunday

Epistle:

2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

Gospel:

St. Luke 8:4-15

182. I Leave All Things to God's Direction

Ich halte Gott in allem stille
Salomo Franck, 1685
Tr., August Crull, †1923

1. I leave all things to God's direction,
2. My God hath all things in His keeping,
3. The will of God shall be my pleasure,
4. God knows what must be done to save me,

He lov - eth me in weal and woe;
He is the ev - er faith - ful Friend,
While here on earth is mine a - bode;
His love for me will nev - er cease,

His will is good, true His af - fec - tion,
He grants me laugh - ter af - ter weep - ing,
My will is wrong be - yond all mea - sure,
For He up - on His palms did grave me

Wer nur den lieben Gott
Georg Neumark, 1640

With ten - der love His heart doth glow.
And all His ways in bless - ings end.
It doth not will what pleas - eth God.
With pur - est gold of liv - ing grace.

My For - tress and my Rock is He:
His love en - dures my e - ter - nal - ly:
The Chris - tian's max - im e'er must be:
A - way, my own will, off with thee!

What pleas - eth God, that pleas - eth me.
What pleas - eth God, that pleas - eth me.
What pleas - eth God, that pleas - eth me.
What pleas - eth God, that pleas - eth me. A - men.

5. My God desires the soul's salvation,
Me also He desires to save;
Therefore, with Christian resignation,
All earthly troubles I will brave.
His will be done eternally:
What pleaseth God, that pleaseth me.

217. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared

Herr Jesu Christ, du hast bereit' t

Samuel Kinner, 1638

Tr., Emanuel Cronenwett, 1880, ad.

Herr Jesu Christ, du hast bereit' t

Peter Sohren, 1668

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, Thou hast pre - pared
 2. Al - though Thou didst to heav'n as - cend,
 A feast for our sal - va - tion, It is Thy
 Where an - gel hosts are dwell - ing, And in Thy
 bod - y and Thy blood; And at Thy in - vi -

ta - tion As wea - ry souls, with sin op - prest,
 cell - ing, And tho' Thy peo - ple shall not see

We Thy come to Thee for
 need - ed rest, ma - jes - ty
 For Till com - fort, and for par - don. A-men.

3. Yet, Savior, Thou art not confined
 To any habitation,
 But Thou art present ev'rywhere
 And with Thy congregation.
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
 Unmoved by any daring hand
 Or subtle craft and cunning.

4. We eat this bread and drink this cup,
 Thy precious Word believing
 That Thy true body and Thy blood
 Our lips are here receiving.
 This word remains forever true,
 And there is naught Thou canst not do;
 For Thou, Lord, art almighty.

5. Tho' reason cannot understand
 Yet faith this truth embraces;
 Thy body, Lord, is ev'rywhere
 At once in many places.
 How this can be I leave to Thee,
 Thy Word alone sufficeth me,
 I trust its truth unfailing.

6. Lord, I believe what Thou hast said,
 Help me when doubts assail me;
 Remember that I am but dust
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Thy Supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

7. Grant that we worthily receive
 Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving o'er our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Thy grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.

8. For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this Sacrament may be
 A blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

##. Seek Ye Who Will Some Other Way

Such', wer da will, ein ander Ziel

Georg Weissel, 1623

Tr., Herman H. Brueckner, 1925

Such', wer da will

Johann Stobäus, 1613, ad.

5. Turn not from me Thy kindly face,
Regard my lowly station,
And help me bear my daily cross,
Thou Fount of consolation.
From ev'ry burden grant relief,
Restore my soul from ev'ry grief,
And praise be Thine forever.