

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 Presentation of our Lord and
the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
February 2nd, 2025

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“And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought Him up to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord.” St. Luke 2:22

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Mit Fried’ und Freud”</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Oh, Enter, Lord, Thy Temple”</i>	TLH 228
<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. 139
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. 139
The Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany		ASBH p. 60
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Malachi 3:1-4
The Gradual		ASBH p. 139
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 15
The Gospel		St. Luke 2:22-32
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”</i>	ASBH 77
The Sermon	<i>Every Male that Openeth the Womb</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>“To the Name of Our Salvation”</i>	ASBH 7
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>“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”</i>	TLH 314
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Thou Light of Gentile Nations”</i>	TLH 138
<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
The Recessional Hymn	<i>“How Blest Are They Who Hear God’s Word”</i>	TLH 48
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Herr Jesu Christ, dich”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walter

Recitation of the Catechism

The Office of the Keys and Confession (pages 21-25) & Questions 73-76 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The Second Table. The Ninth Commandment, pages 60-61).

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, *St. Luke Ev. Lutheran Church, Kenai, AK; and Homer Ev. Lutheran Mission, Homer, AK; and their pastor, the Rev. Timothy H. Tolar.*
- 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 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

	Morning	Evening
Today:	1 Tim. 4; Matt. 14:22-23	1 Timothy 5; Romans 4:16-25
Monday:	1 Tim. 6; Matt. 11:11-24	2 Timothy 1; Genesis 33:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Tim. 2; Matt. 12:1-21	2 Timothy 3; Genesis 35:1-21
Wednesday:	2 Tim. 4; Matt. 12:22-50	Titus 1; Genesis 37:1-36
Thursday:	Titus 2; Matt. 13:1-23	Titus 3; Genesis 39:1-23
Friday:	Philemon; Matt. 14:1-36	Hebrews 1; Genesis 40:1-23
Saturday:	Heb. 2; Matt. 15:1-20	Hebrews 3; Genesis 41:1-37

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 2, 9-11	Psalms 97, 12-17
Monday:	Psalms 2, 18	Psalms 97, 19-22
Tuesday:	Psalms 2, 23-25	Psalms 97, 26-30
Wednesday:	Psalms 2, 31-32	Psalms 97, 33-34
Thursday:	Psalms 2, 35	Psalms 97, 36-37
Friday:	Psalms 2, 38	Psalms 97, 39-41
Saturday:	Psalms 2, 42-44	Psalms 8, 45-48

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, 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 13—"Lord, Hear the Voice of My Complaint"

Evening: TLH 383—"Seek Where You May to Find a Way"

Calendar for the week after the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Today: 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)

Monday: No Events Scheduled

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 Transfiguration of our Lord/The Festival of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor—White

Superbowl Sunday

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

3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

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

"Therefore God bestows faith to the end that it should deal not with ordinary things, but with things no human being can master as death, sin, the world and Satan. For the whole world united is unable to stand before death, but flees from and is terrified by it, and is also conquered by it; but faith stands firm, opposes death that devours everything, and triumphs over it and even swallows the insatiable devourer of life. In like manner no one can control or subdue the flesh, but it reigns everywhere in the world, and what it wills must be done, so that the whole world thereby is carnal; but faith lays hold of the flesh and subdues and bridles it, so that it must become a servant. And in like manner no one can endure the rage,

persecution, and blasphemy, infamy, hatred and envy of the world; everyone retreats and falls back exhausted before it, it gets the upper hand over all and triumphs; and if they are without faith it mocks them besides and treads all under its feet, and takes pleasure and delight in doing so.

Further, who could conquer Satan with his innumerable, subtle suggestions and temptations, by which he hinders the truth and God's Word, faith and hope, and starts so many false doctrines, sects, seductions, heresies, doubts, superstitions and innumerable abominations? The whole world compared with him is like a spark of fire compared with a fountain of water. All must be here subject to him; as we also see, hear and understand. But it is faith that keeps him busy, and it not only stands before him invulnerable, but also reveals his roguery and puts him to shame, so that his deception fails and he faints and falls; as now takes place with his indulgences and his papacy. Just so no one can allay and quiet the least sin, but it bites and devours the conscience, so that nothing avails even if the whole world were to comfort and support such a person, he must be cast down into perdition. Here faith is a hero, it appeases all sins, even if they were as many as the whole world had committed." *From Martin Luther's Sermon for the Fourth Sunday after Epiphany from the Church Postil, 1525.*

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.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—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

February 9th—The Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord/The Festival of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor

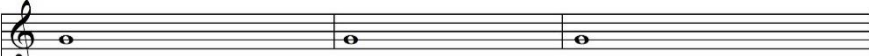
Epistle:

2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel:

St. Matthew 17:1-9

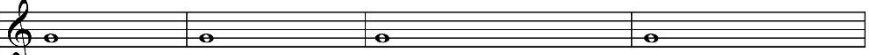
The Nicene Creed



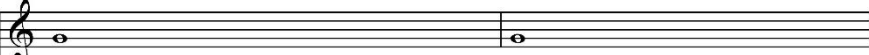
I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven
and Earth and of all things visible
and invisible,



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



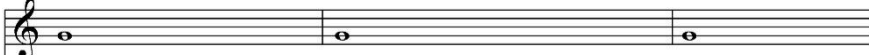
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made,



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



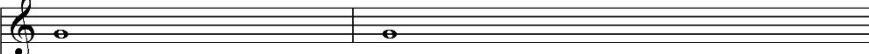
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from Heaven And was incarnate by the Holy
Ghost of the Virgin Mary



+ And was made man; And was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and
was buried;



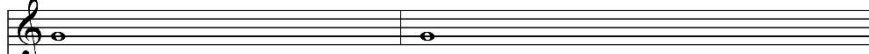
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures; And ascended into Heaven,



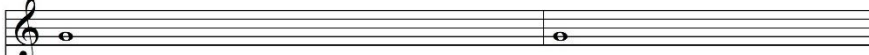
And sitteth on the right
hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to
judge both the quick and the dead;



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.