

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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Sexagesima Sunday
February 8th, 2026

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“The sower went forth to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; ... And other fell on the rock; ... And other fell amidst the thorns; ... And other fell into the good ground.”
St. Luke 8:5-8

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Herzlich tut mich”</i>	Johann Pachelbel
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear”</i>	Δ INSERT
<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. 64
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. 64
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9
The Gradual		ASBH p. 64
<i>Stand</i>		
The Gospel	<i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>	St. Luke 8:4-15
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”</i>	Δ ASBH 17
The Sermon	<i>The Sower Went Forth to Sow</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>“Preserve to Us the Treasure”</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 *(Prayers are located on back cover)*

The Hymn *“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humby Pray”* INSERT

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis ASBH p. 33-35

The Thanksgiving and Collect ASBH p. 35-36

Sit

The Hymn *“Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word”* INSERT

Stand

The Salutation ASBH p. 36

The Benedicamus ASBH p. 37

The Benediction ASBH p. 37

The Triple Amen *(First Setting)* ASBH p. 37

Sit

The Postlude *“Erhalt uns, Herr”* Michael Praetorius

Recitation of the Catechism

The Apostles’ Creed (pages 13-15) & Questions 242-247 (Part III. The Lord’s Prayer. The Fourth Petition, pages 116-118).

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, *Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MN;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- 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 Sexagesima Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today	Gen. 43-44; Mark 4:26-32	Genesis 45-46; 2 Timothy 3:10—4:5
Monday:	Gen. 47-48; Mark 10:1-31	Genesis 49-50; Exodus 14:1-31
Tuesday:	Ex. 1-2; Mark 10:32-52	Exodus 3-4; 15:1-21
Wednesday:	Ex. 5-6; Mark 11:1-33	Exodus 7-8; 15:22—16:36
Thursday:	Ex. 9-10; Mark 12:13-44	Exodus 11-12; 17:1-16
Friday:	Ex. 13-14; Luke 4:14-44	Exodus 15-16; 19:1-25
Saturday:	Ex. 17-18; Luke 5:12-39	Exodus 19-20

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 111, 42-44	Psalms 25, 45-48
Monday:	Psalms 111, 49	Psalms 25, 50-51
Tuesday:	Psalms 111, 52-54	Psalms 25, 55-57
Wednesday:	Psalms 111, 58-59	Psalms 25, 60-63
Thursday:	Psalms 111, 64-65	Psalms 25, 66-68
Friday:	Psalms 111, 69	Psalms 25, 70-72
Saturday:	Psalms 111, 73	Psalms 27, 74-76

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: A Brief Exhortation to Confession, 1-17
Tuesday: A Brief Exhortation to Confession, 18-35
Wednesday: The Augsburg Confession, Preface. 1-24
Thursday: The Augsburg Confession, I.1—V.4
Friday: The Augsburg Confession, VI.1—XII.10

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 17—"May God Bestow on Us His Grace"

Evening: INSERT—"Preserve to Us the Treasure"

Calendar for the Week after Sexagesima Sunday

Today: Sexagesima Sunday—Violet

Superbowl Sunday

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

Monday: The Festival of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor—White

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

Wednesday: 2 p.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL (Pastor M. Henson)

Thursday: ***Lincoln's Birthday***

6:00 p.m. Pastor Teaches Psalms Class

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: ***St. Valentine's Day***

Next Sunday: Quinquagesima Sunday (*Esto mihi*)—Violet

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

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

"Here we see why it is no wonder there are so few true Christians, for all the seed does not fall into good ground, but only the fourth and small part; and that they are not to be trusted who boast they are Christians and praise the teaching of the Gospel; like Demas, a disciple of St. Paul, who forsook him at last, 2 Tim 4:10; like the disciples of Jesus, who turned their backs to Him. Jn 6:66. For Christ Himself cries out here: 'He that

hath ears to hear, let him hear,' as if He should say: 'O, how few true Christians there are;' one dare not believe all to be Christians who are called Christians and hear the Gospel, more is required than that.

"All this is spoken for our instruction, that we may not go astray, since so many misuse the Gospel and few lay hold of it aright. True it is unpleasant to preach to those who treat the Gospel so shamefully and even oppose it. For preaching is to become so universal that the Gospel is to be proclaimed to all creatures, as Christ says in Mk 16:15: 'Preach the Gospel to the whole creation;' and Ps 19:4: 'Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.' What business is it of mine that many do not esteem it? It must be that many are called but few are chosen. For the sake of the good ground that brings forth fruit with patience, the seed must also fall fruitless by the wayside, on the rock and among the thorns; inasmuch as we are assured that the Word of God does not go forth without bearing some fruit, but it always finds also good ground; as Christ says here, some seed of the sower falls also into good ground, and not only by the wayside, among the thorns and on stony ground. For wherever the Gospel goes you will find Christians. 'My word shall not return unto me void.' Is 55:11." *From Martin Luther's Sermon from his Church Postil for Sexagesima Sunday, 1525.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Sexagesima Sunday

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

Gospel: St. Luke 8:4-15

February 9th—The Festival of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Gospel: St. Matthew 5:13-19

February 15th—Quinquagesima Sunday (*Esto mihi*)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel: St. Luke 18:31-43

224. Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear

Johannes Olearius, 1671

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort

Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880

"Geistliche Lieder"

Wittenburg, 1543

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some lines having multiple verses. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

1. Lord, o - pen Thou my heart to hear,
2. Thy Word can move the in - most heart,
Δ3. Now to the Tri - une God a - lone,

And by Thy Word to me draw near,
And health to soul and sense im - part:
Three per - sons on one bliss - ful throne,

Let me that Word still pure re - tain,
To this my soul its com - fort owes,
Un - ceas - ing praise and glo - ry be

Let me Thy child and heir re - main.
This peace and bless - ed - ness be - stows.
In time and through e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

##. Preserve to Us the Treasure

Erhalt uns deine Lehre
Andreas Gryphius, 1676, ab.
Tr., John T. Mueller, 1918

Herzlich tut mich
Hans L. Hassler, 1601

1. Pre - serve to us the trea - sure

Of Thy pure Word, dear Lord.

In - crease Thy king - dom's mea - sure,

Strength to Thy Church af - ford.

Keep us in faith for-ev - er, Our hope's true bea-con light;

And let Thy gos - pel ev - er

Shine thro' sin's drea - ry night. A - men.

2. Preserve Thy Name and glory,
Resist the hind'ring foe;
To all who come before Thee,
True living faith bestow;
Convert each erring nation,
Illumine each gloomy heart;
Thou Light of sure salvation,
The saving light impart.

3. Preserve, O Lord, Thy Zion,
From Satan's wrath and pow'r,
Who roaring like a lion,
Thy sheep now would devour.
Awaken, Lord, and lead us
To pastures, safe and good;
Dear Shepherd, ever feed us
With Thine own precious food.

4. Preserve, O Lord, forever
Thy Word most graciously;
Of Thine own glory ever
A mirror let it be.
Shed forth its light to guide us,
Its wisdom strength impart;
Its comfort sweet abide us,
Its grace revive the heart.

5. Preserve upon the furious,
The wild, tempestuous sea,
Our craft, which seeks the glorious,
Eternal port with Thee.
Direct its course, embolden
The hand that plies the oar;
Till we shall see the golden,
The heav'nly, peaceful shore.

220. Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

Henry E. Jacobs, 1910

Herr Jesu Christ, dich
"Cantionale Germanicus"
Dresden, 1628

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major and 6/8 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is a simple, homophonic setting with a clear melody in the treble and a supporting bass line.

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray

That we may feed on Thee to-day; Be - neath these forms of

bread and wine En - rich us with Thy grace di-vine. A-men.

2. The chastened peace of sin forgiv'n,
The fellowship of heirs of heav'n,
Grant as we share this wondrous food,
Thy body broken and Thy blood.

4. One bread, one cup, one body, we,
United by our life in Thee,
Thy love proclaim till Thou shalt come
To bring Thy scattered loved ones home.

3. Our trembling hearts cleave to Thy Word;
All Thou hast said Thou dost afford,
All that Thou art we here receive,
And all we are to Thee we give.

5. Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
To keep us steadfast to that Day,
That each may be Thy welcomed guest,
When Thou shalt spread Thy heav'nly feast.

##. Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word

Walte, walte nah und fern
Jonathon F. Bahnmeier, 1827
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858


Hochster Priester
"Musikalischer Christenschatz"
Basel, 1745



1. Spread, O spread, thou might - y Word,
2. Tell them how the Fa - ther's will
3. Tell of our Re - deem - er's love,
4. Tell them of the Spir - it giv'n



Spread the king - dom of the Lord,
Made the world, and keeps it still,
Who for - ev - er doth re - move
Now to guide us up to heav'n,



Where - so - e'er His breath has giv'n
How He sent His Son to save
By His ho - ly sac - ri - fice
Strong and ho - ly, just and true,



Life to be - ings meant for heav'n.
All who help and com - fort crave.
All the guilt that on us lies.
Work - ing both to will and do. A - men.

5. Word of Life, most pure and strong,
Lo, for Thee the nations long;
Spread, till from its dreary night
All the world awakes to light.

6. Up! The rip'ning fields ye see,
Mighty shall the harvest be;
But the reapers still are few,
Great the work they have to do.

7. Lord of Harvest, let there be
Joy and strength to work for Thee
Till the nations, far and near,
See Thy light, and learn Thy fear.