

**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.

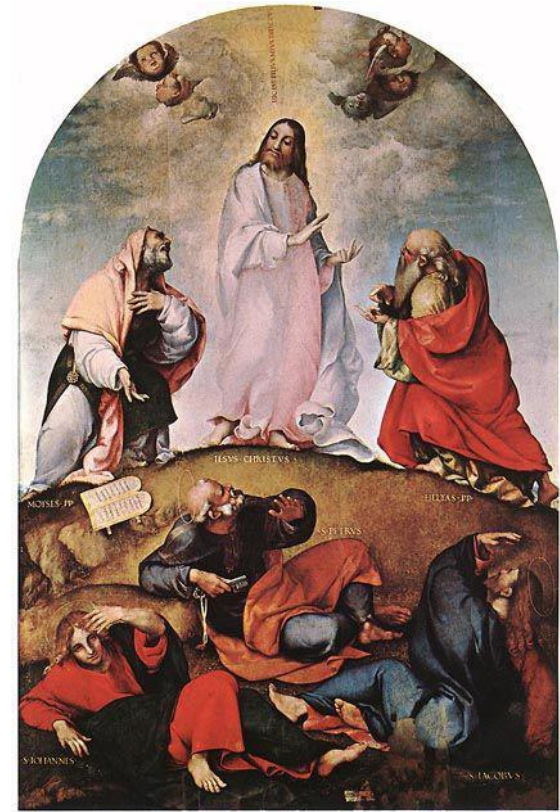
#### **A Prayer after Communion**

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 Transfiguration of our Lord  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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*“And He was transfigured before them; and His face did shine as the sun, and His garments became white as the light.” St. Matthew 17:2*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Valet will ich dir geben”</i>	Georg Friedrich Kaufmann
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Processional Hymn</b>	<i>“Come, Holy Ghost, in Love”</i>	TLH 227
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
<b>The Invocation</b>		ASBH p. 7
<b>The Confession of Sins</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
<b>Versicles</b>		ASBH p. 8
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
<b>The Introit</b>	<i>(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)</i>	ASBH p. 62
<b>The Kyrie</b>		ASBH p. 10
<b>The Gloria in Excelsis</b>		ASBH p. 10-13
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 13
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		ASBH p. 62
<b>The Collect for the Festival of St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor</b>		ASBH p. 140
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Lesson</b>		Isaiah 61:10-11
<b>The Epistle</b>		2 Peter 1:16-21
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 62
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Sequence Hymn</b>	<i>“The Alleluiatric Sequence”</i>	INSERT
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. Matthew 17:1-9
<b>The Creed</b>	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair”</i>	Δ ASBH 15
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>A Bright Cloud Overshadowed Them</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Offertory</b>		ASBH p. 18-19
	<i>(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>	
<b>The General Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 19-20
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“O Jesus, King of Glory”</i>	TLH 130
<b>The Lavabo</b>	<i>(During Hymn)</i>	ASBH p. 21
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Exhortation</b>		ASBH p. 21
<b>The Preface</b>		ASBH p. 22
<b>The Proper Preface</b>		ASBH p. 23-27
<b>The Sanctus and Benedictus</b>		ASBH p. 27-28

<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 29
<b>The Verba Domini</b>	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	ASBH p. 30
<b>The Pax Domini</b>	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	ASBH p. 31
<b>The Agnus Dei</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Distribution</b>	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“An Awe-full Mystery Is Here”</i>	TLH 304
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Nunc Dimittis</b>		ASBH p. 33-35
<b>The Thanksgiving and Collect</b>		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“’Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”</i>	TLH 135
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 36
<b>The Benedicamus</b>		ASBH p. 37
<b>The Benediction</b>		ASBH p. 37
<b>The Triple Amen</b>	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 37
<b>The Recessional Hymn</b>	<i>“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”</i>	TLH 349
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“Vater Unser”</i>	Michael Praetorius

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar (pages 25-26) & Questions 77-81 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The Second Table. The Tenth Commandment, pages 61-63).

### Announcements

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

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

## To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

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

**Lesson:** Isaiah 61:10-11  
**Epistle:** 2 Peter 1:16-21  
**Gospel:** St. Matthew 17:1-9

### February 16<sup>th</sup>—Septuagesima

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5  
**Gospel:** St. Matthew 20:1-16

## 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, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Glen Madden, Becky Phillips, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Rachel Epperson, Tammy Wilson, 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, *Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Harrison, AR; and Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Mission, Conway, AR; and their pastor, the Rev. Eric J. Stefanski.*
- 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 Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today</b>	Heb. 4; Matt. 11:25-27	Hebrews 5; 2 Corinthians 4:5-6
<b>Monday:</b>	Heb. 6; Matt. 21:10-46	Hebrews 7; Genesis 47:1-31
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Heb. 8; Matt. 23:1-39	Hebrews 9; Genesis 48:1-22
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Heb. 10; Mark 1:16-45	Hebrews 11; Exodus 1:1-22
<b>Thursday:</b>	Heb. 12; Mark 2:1-28	Hebrews 13; Exodus 2:1-25
<b>Friday:</b>	Prayer of Manasseh; Mk. 3:1-35	Prayer of Azariah; Exodus 3:1-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	Susanna; Mk. 5:1-20	Bel and the Dragon; Exodus 4:1-31

### Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 87, 49	Psalms 8, 50-51
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 87, 52-54	Psalms 8, 55-57
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 87, 58-59	Psalms 8, 60-63
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 87, 64-65	Psalms 8, 66-68
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 87, 69	Psalms 8, 70-72
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 87, 73	Psalms 8, 74-76
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 87, 77	Psalms 143, 78

### 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, 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 15—“O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair”

**Evening:** INSERT—“The Alleluatic Sequence”

## Calendar for the week after the Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord

**Today: 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

**Monday:** 5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Pawleys Island, SC

**Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. Catechesis

**Wednesday:** *Lincoln’s Birthday*

**Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. Catechesis

**Friday:** *Valentine’s Day*

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: Septuagesima Sunday—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL 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 21<sup>st</sup>. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

## An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and God was the Word. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.”*

*“All things were made through Him”* – Augustine turns these words to good account against the Arians, who are given to pervert, to attenuate, to gloss and interpret so speciously all passages dealing with Christ’s deity. St. Augustine really presses them hard with this passage. And Arius found it impossible to surmount this obstacle, no matter how he perverted and glossed the words. They are indeed so clear that he could not circumvent them or twist them in any way.

“Thus this text is a strong and valid attestation of the divinity of Christ. St. John includes every creature in his expression, for he says: ‘All things [for he who uses the word ‘all’ does not exclude anything] were

made by the Word, who was in the beginning.’ Now Creator and creature are two distinct entities. He, the Word, already existed in the beginning when all things were made.

“From this fact the evangelist concludes that He not only antedated all creatures, but also that He was a co-worker and equal Creator of all things with the Father. In token and proof of this the work now shows and praises its Master. All that is made, is made through Him; He is the Creator of all creatures. Thus, so far as Their divine nature is concerned, there is no difference between Him and the Father.

“We shall speak of the Holy Spirit later, when this subject is suggested by the text. According to His divine nature, He is the true God, who was in the beginning and was with God. This He actively demonstrated in the work of creation; for all creatures, angels, heaven, and earth were made by Him. In the fifth chapter of John, Christ declares (5:17): ‘My Father is working still, and I am working.’ And the text clearly asserts that He is coequal Creator: ‘All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.’

“In the third chapter of Ephesians Paul says (3:9): ‘God created all things through Jesus Christ.’ And in Colossians (1:15-16): ‘He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures; for in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth.’ And in Hebrews (1:2): ‘God has appointed the Son to be the heir of all things, and through Him He also created the world.’

“With these and kindred passages the article pertaining to the deity of Christ has been defended and maintained at all times in the church against all heretics. And it will assuredly also be preserved against the devil and his blasphemous followers until the end of the world. That we may not doubt but know and believe that our dear Lord and Savior, born of the Virgin Mary, is also the real, true, and natural God and Creator together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, we are assured here that the Father creates all things through the Son.” *From Martin Luther’s Sermons on the Gospel of St. John, chapter 1:1-3.*

## 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](http://eldona.org). There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

# The Alleluiatic Sequence

Notker Balbulus, †912

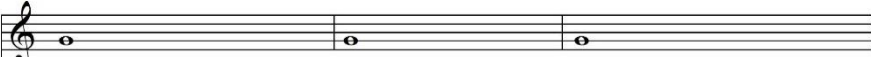
1. The strain upraise of joy and praise, Halle - lu - jah!  
 2. And the choirs that dwell on high  
 3. They through the fields of Para - - - - - dise that roam,  
 4. The planets glittering on their heav'n - ly way,  
 5. Ye clouds that onward sweep, ye winds on pin - ions light,  
 6. Ye floods and ocean billows, ye storms and win - ter snow,  
 7. First let the birds, with painted plum - age gay  
 8. Then let the beasts of earth, with vary - ing strain,  
 9. Here let the mountains thunder forth so - - - - - nor - - - - - ous  
 10. Thou jubilant abyss of o - - - - - cean, cry  
 11. To God, Who all cre - - - - - a - - - - - tion made,  
 12. This is the strain, the eternal strain, the Lord of all things loves,  
 13. Wherefore we sing, both heart and voice a wak - - - - - ing  
 14. Now from all men be out - - - - - poured  
 15. Praise be done to the Three in One.

1. To the glory of their King shall the ransomed peo - ple sing.  
 2. Shall re-echo through the sky,  
 3. The blessed ones, repeat through that bright home,  
 4. The shining constellations, join and say,  
 5. Ye thunders, echoing loud and deep, ye lightnings, wild - ly bright,  
 6. Ye days of cloudless beauty, hoar frost and sum - mer glow,  
 7. Exalt their great Creator's praise and say,  
 8. Join in creation's hymn, and cry a - gain,  
 9. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 10. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 11. The frequent hymn be du - ly paid,  
 12. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 13. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 14. Hallelujah to the Lord;  
 15. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!

1. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 2. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 3. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 4. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 5. In sweet con - - - - - sent u - - - - - nite  
 6. Ye groves that wave in spring, and glorious for - - - - - ests, sing  
 7. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 8. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 9. There let the valleys sing in gentler cho - - - - - rus  
 10. Ye tracts of earth and conti - - - - - nents, re - - - - - ply  
 11. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 12. This is the song, the heavenly song, that Christ Him - self ap - - - - - proves,  
 13. And children's voices echo, answer mak - - - - - ing,  
 14. With Hallelujah ev - - - - - er - - - - - more  
 15. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!

1. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 2. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
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 5. your Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
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 12. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 13. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah!  
 14. the Son and Spirit we adore.  
 15. Halle - - - - - lu - - - - - jah! A - - - - - men.

# 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,

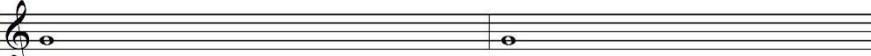
Very God of Very God,

Begotten, not made,



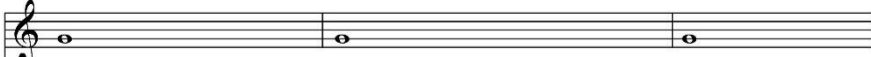
Being of one substance with the Father,

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;

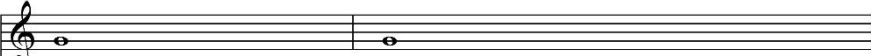
And was crucified also for us  
under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and  
was buried;



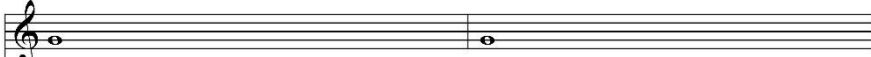
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures;

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;



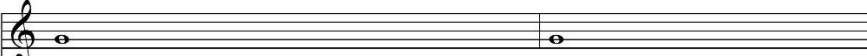
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,



The Lord and Giver of Life,

Who proceedeth from the Father and  
the Son,



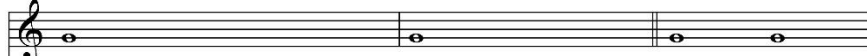
Who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,

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.