

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
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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>“Erhalt uns, Herr”</i>	Michael Praetorius
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear”</i>	Δ TLH 5
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
The Invocation		ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins		ASBH p. 8
Versicles	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	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 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
The Sentence for the Season		ASBH p. 41
<i>Stand</i>		
The Gospel		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 His Seed</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>“One Thing’s Needful; Lord, This Treasure”</i>	TLH 366
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		ASBH p. 21
The Lavabo		ASBH p. 21
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	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
The Hymn	<i>“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”</i>	TLH 446
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>“Es woll’ Gott uns gnädig sein”</i>	Donald Johns

Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, (pages 19-21) & Questions 139-145 (The Second Article, Of Redemption, pages 83-85).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

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

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Katie, Dan, Angelo, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Bill Kope, Barb Eisold, Ray Heilener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Bruce Carter, Denise Heiser, Richard Noegel, 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, *Saints Peter and Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Simpsonville, SC; St. Michael and All Angels Ev. Lutheran Mission, Augusta, GA; All Saints Ev. Lutheran Mission, Pawleys Island, SC; St. Bartholomew Ev. Lutheran Mission, Fort Myers, FL; and St. James the Elder Ev. Lutheran Mission, Knoxville, TN; and their pastors, the Rev. Jerald P. Dulas and the Rev. Dcn. Floyd P. Smithey, Jr.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson and Jacob Henson.*
- For our catechumen, *Nikolas Likourentzos.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Ana Heiser, Nikolas Likourentzos, Deacon Smithey, Sherrill Smithey, Bobby Eisold, Barb Eisold, and Bob 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 *Nikolas Likourentzos* and *Anastasia Heiser* who are engaged to be married.
- For those near death, especially *Bishop Heiser's mother.*
- For those celebrating a birthday this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the 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; Exodus 15:1-21
Wednesday:	Ex. 5-6; Mark 11:1-33	Exodus 7-8; Exodus 15:22—16:36
Thursday:	Ex. 9-10; Mark 12:13-44	Exodus 11-12; Exodus 17:1-16
Friday:	Ex. 13-14; Luke 4:14-44	Exodus 15-16; Exodus 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 24, 64-65	Psalms 25, 66-68
Monday:	Psalms 24, 69	Psalms 25, 70-72
Tuesday:	Psalms 24, 73	Psalms 25, 74-76
Wednesday:	Psalms 24, 77	Psalms 25, 78
Thursday:	Psalms 24, 79-80	Psalms 25, 81-83
Friday:	Psalms 24, 84-85	Psalms 25, 86-88
Saturday:	Psalms 24, 89	Psalms 27, 90-92

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Augsburg Confession, XIII.1—XVII.5
Tuesday:	The Augsburg Confession, XVIII.1—XX.11
Wednesday:	The Augsburg Confession, XX.12-40
Thursday:	The Augsburg Confession, XXI.1—XXII.12
Friday:	The Augsburg Confession, XXIII.1-26

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:	The Prayers

Friday: The Table of Duties

Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 17—“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

Evening: TLH 366—“One Thing’s Needful; Lord, This Treasure”

Calendar for the Week after Sexagesima Sunday

Today: Sexagesima—Violet

Lincoln’s Birthday

Superbowl Sunday

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

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

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: *Valentine’s Day*

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: Seminary Winter Quarter Ends

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

Saturday: The Festival of Martin Luther, Confessor and Doctor—White

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

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

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible class in Fort Myer, FL and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

Confirmation of Nikolas Likourentzos (Knoxville, TN)

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

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

“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.... 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 for Sexagesima, 1525.*

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—Sexagesima

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

Gospel: St. Luke 8:4-15

February 18th—The Festival of Martin Luther, Confessor and Doctor

Epistle: Romans 10:5-17

Gospel: St. John 15:1-11

February 19th—Quinquagesima (*Esto mihi*)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel: St. Luke 18:31-43