

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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Invocavit
February 18th, 2024

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*“Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him
only shalt thou serve.” St. Matthew 4:10*

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

Stand

The Hymn “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall” ASBH 49

Silent Prayer (Prayers are located on back cover) ASBH p. 7

The Invocation ASBH p. 7

The Confession of Sins ASBH p. 8

Versicles (All may kneel) ASBH p. 8

Confession and Absolution ASBH p. 8-9

Stand (if kneeling)

The Introit (Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri) ASBH p. 67

The Kyrie ASBH p. 10

The Salutation ASBH p. 13

The Collect for the Day ASBH p. 67

The Collect for the Season of Lent ASBH p. 66

The Collect for the Festival of Martin Luther, Confessor and Doctor
ASBH p. 141

Collect Amen ASBH p. 14

Sit

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

The Gradual ASBH p. 67

The Sentence for the Season of Lent ASBH p. 41

Stand

The Gospel St. Matthew 4:1-11

The Creed (All may bow at the words “And was made man.”) ASBH p. 17

Sit

The Hymn “O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day” ASBH 20

The Sermon Then Was Jesus Led Up of the Spirit

Stand

The Offertory ASBH p. 18-19

(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)

The General Prayer ASBH p. 19-20

The Lord’s Prayer ASBH p. 20

Sit

The Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” ASBH 22

Stand

The Exhortation ASBH p. 21

The Lavabo ASBH p. 21

Silent Prayer (Prayers are located on back cover) 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 (All may bow when the Pastor genuflects) ASBH p. 30

The Pax Domini (All may bow and cross themselves) ASBH p. 31

The Agnus Dei (All may kneel) ASBH p. 31-32

Sit

The Distribution (Prayers are located on back cover)

The Hymn “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table” TLH 315

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis ASBH p. 33-35

The Thanksgiving and Collect ASBH p. 35-36

The Hymn “Lord, Keep Us in Thy Word and Work” INSERT

The Salutation ASBH p. 36

The Benedicamus ASBH p. 37

The Benediction ASBH p. 37

The Triple Amen (Second Setting) ASBH p. 37

Sit

Recitation of the Catechism

How One Should Be Taught to Pray (pages 27-29) & Questions 254-259 (Part III, The Lord’s Prayer. The Sixth Petition, pages 120-122).

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, Angelo, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Becky Phillips, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Barbara Lucas, Carol Laflay, Tammy Wilson, 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. James Ev. Lutheran Mission, Knoxville, TN;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Dcn. Floyd P. Smithey, Jr.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Nikolas and Ana Likourentzos; Deacon and Sherrill Smithey; Kenny Earickson;* and *Bobby, Barb, 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 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 Invocavit Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today	Num. 9-10; Luke 22:24-32	Numbers 11-12 James 1:2-15
Monday:	Num. 13-14; Luke 9:28-62	Numbers 15-16; Numbers 3:5-13
Tuesday:	Num. 17-18; Luke 10:1-22	Numbers 19-20; Numbers 10:11-36
Wed.:	Num. 21-22; Luke 10:38—11:13	Numbers 23-24; Numbers 11:1-35
Thursday:	Num. 25-26; Luke 11:29-36	Numbers 27-28; Numbers 12:1-15
Friday:	Num. 29-30; Luke 11:37-54	Numbers 31-32; Numbers 13:1-25
Saturday:	Num. 33-34; Luke 12:1-34	Numbers 35-36; Numbers 13:26-33

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 32, 89	Psalms 16, 90-92
Monday:	Psalms 32, 93-95	Psalms 16, 96-100
Tuesday:	Psalms 32, 101-102	Psalms 16, 103-104
Wednesday:	Psalms 32, 105	Psalms 16, 106
Thursday:	Psalms 32, 107	Psalms 16, 108-111
Friday:	Psalms 32, 112-115	Psalms 16, 116-118
Saturday:	Psalms 32, 119:1-40	Psalms 25, 119:41-88

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: How One Should Be Taught to Pray
Friday: The Table of Duties
Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 20—"O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day"

Evening: ASBH 22—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Calendar for the Week after Invocavit Sunday

Today: Invocavit/The Festival of Martin Luther, Confessor and Doctor (Commemorated)—Violet

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

Monday: *President's Day*

Tuesday: Vince Bost's Baptismal Anniversary

Wednesday: Ember Day—Violet

4:30 p.m. Private confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday: *Washington's Birthday*

Friday: Ember Day—Violet

**Saturday: The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle/Ember Day
(Commemorated)—Red
*South Carolina Primary***

Next Sunday: Reminiscere—Violet

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

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

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"This is also the reason that the Evangelist with great care places it first: Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness, that He might there fast and be tempted, so that no one might imitate His example of their own choice and make of it a selfish, arbitrary, and pleasant fasting; but instead wait for the Spirit, who will send him enough fastings and temptations. For whoever, without being led by the Spirit, wantonly resorts to the danger of hunger or to any temptation, when it is truly a blessing of God that he can eat and drink and have other comforts, tempts God. We should not seek want and temptation, they will surely come of themselves; we ought then do our best and act honestly. The text reads: Jesus was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness; and not: Jesus Himself chose to go into the wilderness. 'For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons

of God.' Rom 8:14. God gives His blessings for the purpose that we may use them with thanksgiving, and not that we may let them lie idle, and thus tempt Him; for He wishes it, and forces us to fast by the Spirit or by a need which we cannot avoid." *From Martin Luther's Sermon for Invocavit.*

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—Invocavit/The Festival of Martin Luther, Confessor and Doctor (Commemorated)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel: St. Matthew 4:1-11

February 21st—Ember Day

Epistle: Exodus 24:12-18

Gospel: St. Matthew 12:38-50

February 23rd—Ember Day

Lesson: Ezekiel 18:20-28

Gospel: St. John 5:1-15

**February 24th—The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle/Ember Day
(Commemorated)**

Epistle: Acts 1:15-26

Gospel: St. Matthew 11:25-30

February 25th—Reminiscere

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

Gospel: St. Matthew 15:21-28

Season

##. Lord, Keep Us in Thy Word and Work

Martin Luther, 1541

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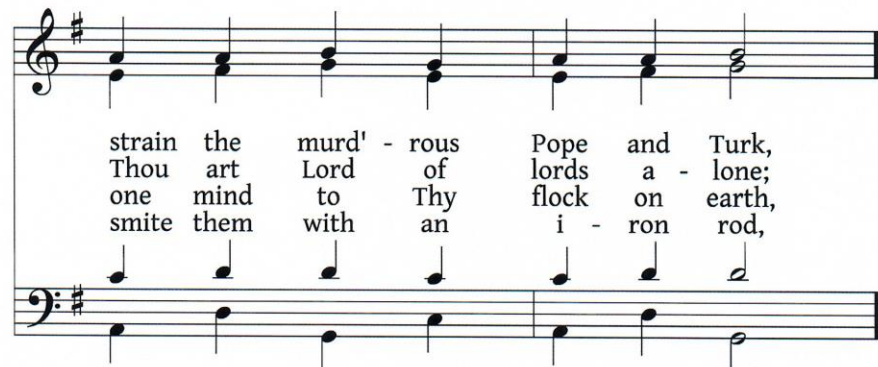
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863

"Geistliche Lieder"


Wittenburg, 1543



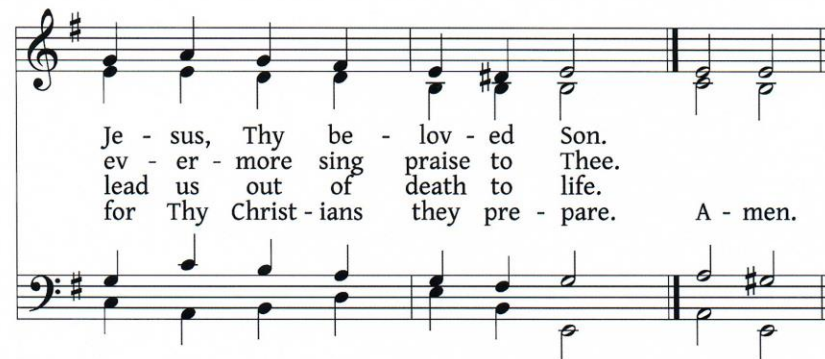
1. Lord, keep us in Thy Word and work, Re -
 2. Lord Je - sus Christ, Thy pow' er make known, For
 3. Thou Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Give
 4. De - stroy their coun - sels, Lord our God, And



strain the murd' - rous Pope and Turk,
 Thou art Lord of lords a - lone;
 one mind to Thy flock on earth,
 smite them with an i - ron rod,



Who fain would tear from off Thy throne Christ
 Shield Thy poor Christ - en - dom, that we May
 Stand by us in our fi - nal strife, And
 And let them fall in - to the snare Which



Je - sus, Thy be - lov - ed Son.
 ev - er - more sing praise to Thee.
 lead us out of death to life.
 for Thy Christ - ians they pre - pare. A - men.

5. So that at last they may perceive
 That, Lord our God, Thou still dost live,
 And dost deliver mightily
 All those who put their trust in Thee.