

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
February 23rd, 2025

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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	(<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		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>Bring Forth Fruit with Patience</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
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>Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray</i> ”	TLH 446
<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
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	“ <i>Es woll’ Gott uns gnädig sein</i> ”	Donald Johns

Recitation of the Catechism

The Table of Duties (pages 29-34) & Questions 92-97 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. Of Sin, pages 66-67).

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, 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, *St. Patrick Ev. Lutheran Church, Chipley, FL;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Brandon Warr.*
- 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 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 24, 112-115	Psalms 25, 116-118
Monday:	Psalms 68, 119:1-40	Psalms 68, 119:41-88
Tuesday:	Psalms 24, 119:89-128	Psalms 25, 119:129-176
Wednesday:	Psalms 24, 120-125	Psalms 25, 126-132
Thursday:	Psalms 24, 133-135	Psalms 25, 136-139
Friday:	Psalms 24, 140-144	Psalms 25, 145-150
Saturday:	Psalms 24, 1-4	Psalms 27, 5-8

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Augsburg Confession, XXIV.1-41
Tuesday: The Augsburg Confession, XXV.1-13
Wednesday: The Augsburg Confession, XXVI.1-20
Thursday: The Augsburg Confession, XXVI.21-45
Friday: The Augsburg Confession, XXVII.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 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 Sunday—Violet

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

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

Monday: The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle—Red

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Catechesis

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Catechesis
Vince Bost’s Baptismal Anniversary

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

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

The seminary is currently on their winter break and will begin the Spring Quarter on Monday, March 3rd. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“The fourth class are those who lay hold of and keep the Word in a good and honest heart, and bring forth fruit with patience, those who hear the Word and steadfastly retain it, meditate upon it and act in harmony with it. The devil does not snatch it away, nor are they thereby led astray, moreover the heat of persecution does not rob them of it, and the thorns of pleasure and the avarice of the times do not hinder its growth; but they bear fruit by teaching others and by developing the kingdom of God, hence they also do good to their neighbour in love; and therefore Christ adds, ‘they bring forth fruit with patience.’ For these must suffer much on account of the Word, shame and disgrace from fanatics and heretics, hatred and jealousy with injury to body and property from their persecutors, not to mention what the thorns and the temptations of their own flesh do, so that it may well be called the Word of the cross; for he who would keep it must bear the cross and misfortune, and triumph.

“He says: ‘In honest and good hearts.’ Like a field, that is without

a thorn or brush, cleared and spacious, as a beautiful clean place: so a heart is also cleared and clean, broad and spacious, that is without cares and avarice as to temporal needs, so that the Word of God truly finds lodgment there. But the field is good, not only when it lies there cleared and level, but when it is also rich and fruitful, possesses soil and is productive, and not like a stony and gravelly field. Just so is the heart that has good soil and with a full spirit is strong, fertile and good to keep the Word and bring forth fruit with patience.” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon from his Church Postil for Sexagesima Sunday, 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—Sexagesima

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

Gospel: St. Luke 8:4-15

February 24th—The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle

Epistle: Acts 1:15-26

Gospel: St. Matthew 11:25-30

March 2nd—Quinquagesima (*Esto mihi*)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel: St. Luke 18:31-43