

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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Oculi
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“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth.” St. Luke 11:17

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

Stand

The Hymn “All Depends on Our Possessing” TLH 425

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. 72

The Kyrie ASBH p. 10

The Salutation ASBH p. 13

The Collect for the Day ASBH p. 72

The Collect for the Season of Lent ASBH p. 66

Collect Amen ASBH p. 14

Sit

The Epistle Ephesians 5:1-9

The Gradual ASBH p. 72

The Sentence for the Season of Lent ASBH p. 41

Stand

The Gospel St. Luke 11:14-28

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

Sit

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

The Sermon *How Shall His Kingdom Stand?*

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 “Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation” TLH 258

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 “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” TLH 367

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

The Ten Commandments (pages 9-12) & Questions 271-281 (Part IV, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism. First, What Baptism Is, pages 125-128).

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, Bruce Carter, Rachel Epperson, 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, *Charity Ev. Lutheran Church, Burleson, TX;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Kent Heimbigner.*
- For *Pastor Carlos Marin and his family*, who lost much of their belongings in a house break in.
- 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 Oculi Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today	Deut. 29-30; John 8:42-51	Deuteronomy 31-32; Revelation 2:1-7
Monday:	Deut. 33-34; Luke 18:15-30	Joshua 1-2; Numbers 22:2-41
Tuesday:	Josh. 3-4; Luke 19:1-40	Joshua 5-6; Numbers 23:1-30
Wednesday:	Josh. 7-8; Luke 20:1—21:4	Joshua 9-10; Numbers 24:1-13
Thursday:	Josh. 11-12; Lk. 21:37—22:38	Joshua 13-14; Numbers 27:12-23
Friday:	Josh. 15-16; Luke 22:39-71	Joshua 17-18; Deuteronomy 5:1-33
Saturday:	Josh. 19-20; Luke 23:1-25	Joshua 21-22; Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 43, 18	Psalms 86, 19-22
Monday:	Psalms 43, 23-25	Psalms 86, 26-30
Tuesday:	Psalms 43, 31-32	Psalms 86, 33-34
Wednesday:	Psalms 43, 35	Psalms 86, 36-37
Thursday:	Psalms 43, 38	Psalms 86, 39-41
Friday:	Psalms 42-44	Psalms 86, 45-48
Saturday:	Psalms 43, 49	Psalms 139, 50-51

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Augsburg Confession, XXVII.27-48
Tuesday: The Augsburg Confession, XXVII.49—XXVIII.11
Wednesday: The Augsburg Confession, XXVIII.12-38
Thursday: The Augsburg Confession, XXVIII.39-60
Friday: The Augsburg Confession, XXVIII.61—Conclusion.17

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 22—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Evening: TLH 258—"Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation"

Calendar for the Week after Oculi Sunday

Today: Oculi—Violet

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

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: Midweek Lenten Vespers—Violet

5:00 p.m. Divine Service
6:00 p.m. Private confession

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: 7:00 p.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers,
FL

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Laetare—Rose

Daylight Saving Time Begins

10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Simpsonville, SC
11:15 a.m. Parish Assembly Meeting
3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"What then were these blasphemers able to say to such clear arguments? They were put to silence, but their hearts were hardened, so that they did not heed His words. A hardened heart will not be instructed, no matter how plainly and clearly the truth is presented; but the faith of the righteous is strengthened when they see that the ground of their faith is right and good. And for the sake of such we must answer those whose hearts are hardened, and put them to silence. Even though they will not be converted nor keep silence still it serves to reveal their hardened hearts, for the longer they talk the more foolish they become, and they are caught in their folly, and their cause is robbed of the appearance of being right and good, as Solomon also says in Prov. 26:5: 'Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.' That is, answer him according to his folly that his folly may be put to shame for the sake of others, that they

may not follow him and be deceived, thinking that he is right. Otherwise, where no such condition exists, it is better to keep silent, as Solomon also says in the same chapter, verse 4: 'Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.'" *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Oculi.*

Parish Assembly Meeting

The next scheduled parish meeting is next Sunday, March 10th, 2024, after the Divine Service. Please make arrangements to be there. Non-members are welcome to attend in an observatory role.

The Lutheran Herald

The March 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—Oculi

Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-9

Gospel: St. Luke 11:14-28

March 6th—Midweek Lenten Vespers

Epistle: Revelation 2:1-7

Gospel: St. John 8:42-51

March 10th—Laetare

Epistle: Galatians 4:21-31

Gospel: St. John 6:1-15