

**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  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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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

<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”</i>	ASBH 49
<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. 67
<b>The Kyrie</b>		ASBH p. 10
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 13
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		ASBH p. 67
<b>The Collect for the Season of Lent</b>		ASBH p. 66
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		2 Corinthians 6:1-10
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 67
<b>The Sentence for the Season of Lent</b>		ASBH p. 41
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. Matthew 4:1-11
<b>The Creed</b>	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“O Christ, Who Art the Light and Day”</i>	ASBH 20
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>It Is Written</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>“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”</i>	ASBH 22
<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>“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”</i>	TLH 315
<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>“Lord, Keep Us in Thy Word and Work”</i>	INSERT
<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
<i>Sit</i>		

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Ten Commandments (pages 9-12) & Questions 108-115 (Part II. The Creed. The First Article. Of Creation, pages 72-75).

### 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, 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, Richard Noegel, 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. Michael and All Angels Ev. Lutheran Mission, Augusta, GA;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Jerald Dulas.*
- 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 Invocavit Sunday

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

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

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 32, 49	Psalms 16, 50-51
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 32, 52-54	Psalms 16, 55-57
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 32, 58-59	Psalms 16, 60-63
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 32, 64-65	Psalms 16, 66-68
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 32, 69	Psalms 16, 70-72
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 32, 73	Psalms 16, 74-76
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 32, 77	Psalms 25, 78

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, Greeting.1—I.2  
**Tuesday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, II.1-14  
**Wednesday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, II.15-41  
**Thursday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, II.42-52  
**Friday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, IV.1-21

### 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 Sunday—Violet**

### *Daylight Saving Time Begins*

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

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

**Monday: Seminary Spring Quarter Begins**

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

**Wednesday: Ember Day—Violet**

4:30 p.m. Private confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

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

**Friday: Ember Day—Violet**

**Saturday: Ember Day—Violet**

**Next Sunday: Reminiscere Sunday—Violet**

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

11:15 a.m. Parish Meeting

## St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The Seminary is currently on their winter break and will begin the Spring Quarter Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the Seminary and her students in your prayers.

## An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"The Scriptures present to us two kinds of true fasting: one, by which we try to bring the flesh into subjection to the spirit, of which St. Paul speaks in 2 Cor. 6:5: 'In labours, in watchings, in fastings.' The other is that which we must bear patiently, and yet receive willingly because of our need and poverty, of which St. Paul speaks in 1 Cor. 4:11: 'Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst,' and Christ in Matt. 9:15: 'When the Bridegroom shall be taken away from them, then will they fast.' This kind of fasting Christ teaches us here while in the wilderness alone without anything to eat, and while He suffers His penury without murmuring. The first kind of fasting, one can end whenever he wills, and can satisfy it by food; but the other kind we must observe and bear until God Himself changes it and satisfies us. Hence it is much more precious than the first,

because it moves in greater faith." *From Martin Luther's Sermon for Invocavit.*

## 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](http://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 Sunday**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 4:1-11

**March 12<sup>th</sup>—Ember Day**

**Epistle:** Exodus 24:12-18

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 12:38-50

**March 14<sup>th</sup>—Ember Day**

**Lesson:** Ezekiel 18:20-28

**Gospel:** St. John 5:1-15

**March 15<sup>th</sup>—Ember Day**

**Lesson:** Deuteronomy 26:12-19

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 5:14-23

**March 16<sup>th</sup>—Reminiscere Sunday**

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 15:21-28

Season

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

Martin Luther, 1541

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort

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.