

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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Laetare
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“Jesus therefore took the loaves; and having given thanks, He distributed to them that were set down; likewise also of the fishes as much as they would.”

St. John 6:11

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

Stand

The Hymn “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness” TLH 305

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. 73

The Kyrie ASBH p. 10

The Salutation ASBH p. 13

The Collect for the Day ASBH p. 73

The Collect for the Season of Lent ASBH p. 66

Collect Amen ASBH p. 14

Sit

The Epistle Galatians 4:21-31

The Gradual ASBH p. 73

The Sentence for the Season of Lent ASBH p. 41

Stand

The Gospel St. John 6:1-15

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

Sit

The Hymn “Christ, the Life of All the Living” ASBH 23

The Sermon As Much As They Would

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 Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread” TLH 312

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 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” TLH 311

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis ASBH p. 33-35

The Thanksgiving and Collect ASBH p. 35-36

The Hymn “O Lord, We Praise Thee” TLH 313

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 Lord’s Prayer (pages 15-19) & Questions 288-291 (Part IV, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Thirdly, What the Power of Baptism Is, pages 130-131).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

March 24th—**Palmarum:** 10:00 am. Divine Service & Bible Class in Simpsonville, SC & 3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

March 25th—**Holy Monday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

March 26th—**Holy Tuesday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

March 27th—**Holy Wednesday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

March 28th—**Maundy Thursday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

March 29th—**Good Friday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

March 30th—**The Vigil of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord:**

4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Divine Service

March 31st—**The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord:**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible Class

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

April 1st—**Easter Monday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

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, Tammy Wilson, and Vito Gerardi.*
- For *Carol Laflay* who is near death.
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Tony, WI; Pure Blessings Lutheran Church, Brandon, WI; and Apologia Ev. Lutheran Mission, Deer Park WI;* and their pastors, the *Rev. Jeffrey Ahonen* and the *Rev. Dcn. Jacob Henson.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Nikolas and Ana Likourentzos; Deacon and Sherrill Smithy; 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, especially *Nikolas Likourentzos.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after Oculi Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today	Joshua 23-24; John 6:36-51	Judges 1-2; 2 Peter 1:2-11
Monday:	Judges 3-4; Luke 23:26-56	Judges 5-6; Deuteronomy 9:1-29
Tuesday:	Judges 7-8; Matt. 26:1-35	Judges 9-10; Deuteronomy 10:1-22
Wednesday:	Judges 11-12; Mt. 26:36-75	Judges 13-14; Deuteronomy 11:1-32
Thursday:	Judges 15-16; Matt. 27:1-38	Judges 17-18; Deuteronomy 28:1-14
Friday:	Judges 19-20; Mt. 27:39-66	Judges 21; Deuteronomy 28:15-68
Saturday:	Ruth 1-2; Mark 14:1-31	Ruth 3-4; Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 46, 52-54	Psalms 139, 55-57
Monday:	Psalms 46, 58-59	Psalms 139, 60-63
Tuesday:	Psalms 46, 64-65	Psalms 139, 66-68
Wednesday:	Psalms 46, 69	Psalms 139, 70-72
Thursday:	Psalms 46, 73	Psalms 139, 74-76
Friday:	Psalms 46, 77	Psalms 139, 78
Saturday:	Psalms 46, 79-80	Psalms 27, 81-83

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 23—"Christ, the Life of All the Living"
Evening: TLH 312—"Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread"

Calendar for the Week after Oculi Sunday

Today: 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

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: Nikolas Likourentzos' Birthday

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: Judica (*Passion Sunday*)/The Festival of St. Patrick,
Bishop and Confessor (Commemorated)—Violet**

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

Easter Lilies

Please consider donating an Easter lily (or two) to help decorate our sanctuary for the Easter season. Easter lilies may be brought to the church during Holy Week. We will keep them in the back until the Easter Vigil.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"The five loaves signify the outward, natural word formed by the voice and understood by man's senses; for the number five signifies outward things pertaining to the five senses of man by which he lives; as also the five and five virgins illustrate in Mt 25:1. These loaves are in the basket, that is, locked up in the Scriptures. And a lad carries them, that means the servant class and the priesthood among the Jews, who possessed the sayings of God, which were placed in their charge and entrusted to them, Rom 3:2, although they did not enjoy them. But that Christ took these into

His own hands, and they were thereby blessed and increased, signifies that by Christ's works and deeds, and not by our deeds or reason, are the Scriptures explained, rightly understood and preached. This He gives to His disciples, and the disciples to the people. For Christ takes the Word out of the Scriptures; so all teachers receive it from Christ and give it to the people, by which is confirmed what Matthew 23:10 says: 'For one is your master, even the Christ,' who sits in heaven, and He teaches all only through the mouth and the word of preachers by His Spirit, that is, against false teachers, who, teach their own wisdom." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Laetare.*

Parish Assembly Meeting

The next scheduled parish meeting is TODAY 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—Laetare

Epistle: Galatians 4:21-31
Gospel: St. John 6:1-15

March 13th—Midweek Lenten Vespers

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:2-11
Gospel: St. John 6:36-51

**March 17th—Judica (*Passion Sunday*)/The Festival of St. Patrick,
Bishop and Confessor (Commemorated)**

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-15
Gospel: St. John 8:46-59