

**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** *A House Divided Against a House Falleth*

*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. 38

*Sit*

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Ten Commandments, (pages 9-12) & Questions 194-200 (Of the Forgiveness of Sins, pages 102-104).

### 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, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Katie, Dan, Angelo, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Barb Eisold, Belinda Goodson, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Bruce Carter, Denise Heiser, Mark Lewis, 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, *Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Rogers, AR;* and her pastors, the *Rev. Randy Moll* and the *Rev. Dcn. Martin Jackson.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson* and *Jacob Henson.*
- For our catechumen, *Zach McGaha.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Ana Heiser, Nikolas Likourentzos, Deacon Smithey, Sherrill Smithey, Bobby Eisold, Barb Eisold, 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* and *Joshua Johnson.*
- For *Nikolas Likourentzos* and *Anastasia Heiser* who are engaged to be married.
- For those near death.
- 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

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

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

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 43, 64-65	Psalms 86, 66-68
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 43, 69	Psalms 86, 70-72
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 43, 73	Psalms 86, 74-76
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 43, 77	Psalms 86, 78
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 43, 79-80	Psalms 86, 81-83
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 43, 84-85	Psalms 86-88
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 43, 89	Psalms 139, 90-92

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

<b>Monday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, IV.22-47
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, IV.48-74
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, IV.75-85
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, IV.86-102
<b>Friday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, IV.103-121

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Ten Commandments
<b>Monday:</b>	The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Sacrament of the Altar

**Thursday:** The Prayers

**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**

**Today: Oculi—Violet**

*Daylight Saving Time Begins*

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Parish 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. Vespers

6:00 p.m. Private confession

**Thursday:** No Events Scheduled

**Friday: The Festival of St. Patrick, Bishop and Confessor—White**

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

**Saturday:** Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

**Next Sunday: Laetare/The Festival of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Guardian of our Lord (Commemorated)—Rose**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

**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.

**Parish Assembly Meeting**

The next scheduled parish meeting is TODAY after the Divine Service. We will begin discussing the 10-year celebration of our parish's founding in July. Please make arrangements to be there. Non-members

may attend in an observatory role.

**An Excerpt from Luther's Writings**

"This is a beautiful Gospel from which we learn many different things, and in which nearly everything is set forth as to what Christ, His Kingdom and His Gospel are: what they accomplish and how they fare in the world. In the first place, like all the Gospels this one teaches us faith and love; for it presents Christ to us as a most loving Savior and Helper in every need and tells us that he who believes this is saved.... By this act, Christ draws us to Himself, leads us to look to Him for every blessing, and to go to Him in every time of need. He does this that we also, according to the nature of love, should do unto others as He does unto us. This is the universal and the most precious doctrine of this Gospel and of all the Gospels throughout the Church year. This poor man, however, did not come to Christ without the Word; for those who brought him to Christ must have heard His love preached and were moved thereby to trust in Him. We learn therefore that faith comes through the Word...." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Oculi.*

**To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:**

**Today—Oculi**

**Epistle:** Ephesians 5:1-9

**Gospel:** St. Luke 11:14-28

**March 17<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of St. Patrick, Bishop and Confessor**

**Epistle:** James 5:13-20

**Gospel:** St. Mark 9:17-29

**March 19<sup>th</sup>—Laetare/The Festival of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Guardian of our Lord (Commemorated)**

**Epistle:** Galatians 4:21-31

**Gospel:** St. John 6:1-15