

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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Judica (Passion) Sunday
March 22nd, 2026

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“Verily, verily, I say unto you, ‘If a man keep My word, he shall never see death.’” St. John 8:51

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“O What Precious Balm and Healing”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
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. 74
The Kyrie		ASBH p. 10
The Salutation		ASBH p. 13
The Collect for the Day		ASBH p. 74
The Collect for the Season of Lent		ASBH p. 66
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Hebrews 9:11-15
The Gradual		ASBH p. 74
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sentence for the Season of Lent		ASBH p. 41
The Gospel	<i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>	St. John 8:46-59
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God”</i>	INSERT
The Sermon	<i>It Is My Father That Glorifieth Me</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>“Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great”</i>	INSERT
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>“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“When O’er My Sins I Sorrow”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		ASBH p. 36
The Benedicamus		ASBH p. 37
The Benediction		ASBH p. 37
The Triple Amen	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 38
<i>Sit</i>		

Recitation of the Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer (pages 13-19) & Questions 300-311 (Part V. The Office of the Keys, and Confession, pages 133-137).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

March 29 th —	Palmarum: 10:00 am. Divine Service
March 30 th —	Holy Monday: 4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
March 31 st —	Holy Tuesday: 4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 1 st —	Holy Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 2 nd —	Maundy Thursday: 4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 3 rd —	Good Friday: 4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 4 th —	The Vigil of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord: 4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Divine Service
April 5 th —	The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord: 10:00 a.m. Divine Service
April 6 th —	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, *Dan, Katie, Kelly, Vince Bost, Lori Chase, Brandon Dennie, Edward Dulas, Rachel Epperson, Vito Gerardi, Graham Hardaway, Michelle Harris, Peggy Holder, Judy Horn, Glen Madden, Paul Meadows, Barbara Miller, Mike Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Jack Newton, Orlin Palm, Becky Phillips, Betty Ramsey, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Chuck Webber, Gerald Weerts, and Tammy Wilson.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Malone, TX;* and her pastors, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser* and the *Rev. Dcn. Anthony Oncken.*
- That the Lord might send *Faithful Laborers* into His harvest.
- For *St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Seminary* and our seminarians, *Duncan Geldenhuys* and *Jonathan Teo Zin Han.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Bob, Barbara, and Bobby Eisold,* and *Deacon and Sherrill Smithey.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially *Thomas Allred* and *John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for Week after Judica (*Passion*) Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today	Jer. 1-3; Matt. 10:32-42	Jeremiah 4-6; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31
Monday:	Jer. 7-8; Mark 14:32-72	Jeremiah 9-10; 2:1-19
Tuesday:	Jer. 11-12; Mark 15:1-19	Jeremiah 13-14; Hosea 13:9-14
Wednesday:	Jer. 15-16; Mark 15:20-47	Jeremiah 17-18; Zephaniah 3:1-8
Thursday:	Jer. 19-20; John 12:1-19	Jeremiah 21-22; Micah 3:9-12
Friday:	Jer. 23-24; John 12:20-50	Jeremiah 25-26; Isaiah 66:1-9
Saturday:	Jer. 27-28; John 13:16-38	Jeremiah 29-30; Zechariah 9:1-17

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 110, 107	Psalms 27, 108-111
Monday:	Psalms 110, 112-115	Psalms 27, 116-118
Tuesday:	Psalms 110, 119:1-40	Psalms 27, 119:41-88
Wednesday:	Psalms 45, 119:89-128	Psalms 45, 119:129-176
Thursday:	Psalms 110, 120-125	Psalms 27, 126-132
Friday:	Psalms 110, 133-135	Psalms 27, 136-139
Saturday:	Psalms 110, 140-141	Psalms 67, 142-143

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.1-23
Tuesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.24-50
Wednesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.51-67
Thursday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.68-89
Friday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.90-107

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

Sunday: The Ten Commandments

Monday: The Apostles' Creed

Tuesday: The Lord's Prayer

Wednesday: Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession

Thursday: The Sacrament of the Altar

Friday: How One Should Be Taught to Pray

Saturday: The Table of Duties

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: INSERT—“Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God”

Evening: INSERT—“Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great”

Calendar for the Week after Judica (*Passion*) Sunday

Today: Judica (*Passion*) Sunday—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Simpsonville,
SC and Fort Myers, FL (Pastor Warr)

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

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: The Festival of the Annunciation of our Lord—White

4:30 p.m. Private confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday: *Augusta Master’s Tourney*

Friday: *Augusta Master’s Tourney*

Saturday: *Augusta Master’s Tourney*

Seminary Holy Week/Easter Break Begins

Next Sunday: Palmarum—Violet

Augusta Master’s Tourney

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

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.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The Diocesan seminary has one more week of classes in the Spring Quarter until their Holy Week/Easter Break. This Quarter they are taking Greek Readings, Creation and Redemption, Reformation, and Isaiah. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

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.

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“And from this we may well understand what Christ meant by the word ‘keep;’ it does not refer to such keeping as one keeps the law by good works; for this word of Christ must be kept in the heart by faith and not with the fist or by good works, as the Jews in this case understand it; they fearfully rage against Christ, that Abraham and the prophets are dead; they know nothing of what it is ‘to keep,’ ‘to die’ or ‘to live.’ And it is not called ‘to keep’ in vain; for there is a conflict and battle when sin bites, death presses, and hell faces us; then we are to be in earnest in holding firmly to the Word and let nothing separate us from it. Thus see now how Christ answers the Jews and praises His own teachings. ‘You say, My Word is of the devil and wish to sink it to the bottom of perdition; on the contrary I say to you that it has divine power in it, and I exalt it higher than the heaven of heavens, and above all creatures.’” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Judica.*

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—Judica (*Passion*) Sunday

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: St. John 8:46-59

March 25th—The Festival of the Annunciation of our Lord

Epistle: Isaiah 7:10-16

Gospel: St. Luke 1:26-38

March 29th—Palmarum

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-9

Passion Reading: St. Matthew 26:1—27:66

251. O What Precious Balm and Healing

Jesu, deine tiefen Wunden

Der am Kreuz

Johann Heerman after Bernard of Clairvaux, 1644

Johann B. König, 1738

Tr., composite, 1913

1. O what pre - cious balm and heal - ing,
 2. Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion
 3. If the world my heart en - ti - ces

Je - sus, in Thy wounds I find! Ev - 'ry hour that
 Prove too strong for flesh and blood, Lo! I think up -
 On the broad and eas - y road, And doth by its

I am feel - ing Pains of bod - y and of mind;
 on Thy Pas - sion, And the breach is soon made good:
 gay de - vic - es Si - lence ev - 'ry tho't of God,

Should some e - vil tho't rush in,
 Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
 When the heav - y load I see

And pro - voke my soul to sin,
 Think - ing I am off my guard,
 Which, dear Lord, was laid on Thee,

Tho'ts of Thy deep wounds, from sin - ning
 Christ, I say, for me was wound - ed,
 I can still each wild e - mo - tion,

Keep me in its first be - gin - ning.
 And the temp - ter flees con - found - ed.
 Calm and blest in my de - vo - tion.

[hymn continued on next page]

251. O What Precious Balm and Healing [cont.]

4. Yes, what - e'er may pain or - grieve me,
 5. Lord, on Thee a - lone I - stay me,
 6. Well of Life, if Thou art - nigh me,

Thy dear wounds can make me whole; When my heart sinks,
 Safe - ly hid be - neath Thy wing; Death can neith - er
 Spring - ing deep with - in my heart, When the last dread

they re - vive me, Life pours in up - on my soul:
 hurt nor slay me, Thy death took a - way his sting:
 hour shall try me, I can feel no in - ward smart:

May Thy com - fort ren - der sweet
 That I may hide in Thee have part,
 If I hide my - self in Thee,

Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet;
 Com - fort, strength - en, heal my heart;
 Not a foe can in - jure me;

Thou who by Thy death and Pas - sion
 Light, and life, and love be - stow - ing,
 He shall o - ver - come who hid - eth

Hast pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 All from Thy free mer - cy flow - ing.
 In Thy wounds, and there a - bid - eth. A - men.

Judica - 5th Sunday in Lent

24. Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God

P. Eber, 1565

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1861

Vater unser

Koephel, 1538

1. Lord Je - sus Christ, true man and God,
2. When comes the hour of fail - ing breath,
3. When all my mind is dark - ened o'er,

Who bor - est ang - uish, scorn, the rod, And diedst at
And I must wres - tle, Lord, with death, When from my
And hu - man help can do no more; Then come, Lord

last up - on the tree, To bring Thy Fa - ther's
sight all fades a - way, And when my tongue no
Je - sus! come with speed, And help me in my

grace to me; I pray Thee, through that bit - ter woe,
more can say, And when mine ears no more can hear,
hour of need; Lead me from this dark vale be - neath,

Let me, a sin - ner, mer - cy know.
And when my heart is racked with fear;
And short - en then the pangs of death. A - men.

4. Joyful my resurrection be,
Thou in the judgment plead for me,
And hide my sins, Lord, from Thy face,
And give me life, of Thy rich grace!
I trust Thee utterly, my Lord,
For Thou hast promised in Thy Word!

5. Dear Lord, forgive us all our guilt;
Help us to wait until Thou wilt
That we depart; and let our faith
Be brave, and conquer e'en in death;
Firm resting on Thy sacred Word,
Until we sleep in Thee, our Lord.

Festival of St. Mary Magdalene

95. Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great

Ach Gott und Herr, wie gross und schwer
Martin Rutilius, 1604 and J. Cross, 1627, cento
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

Ach Gott und Herr
"Andachts-Zymbeln"
Freyburg, 1655

1. A - las, my God, my sins are great,
2. And fled I hence in my de - spair
3. Lord, Thee I seek. I mer - it naught;
4. If pain and woe must fol - low sin,

My con - science doth up - braid me;
In some lone spot to hide me,
Yet pit - y and re - store me.
Then be my path still rough - er.

And now I find that in my strait
My griefs would still be with me there
Just God, be not Thy wrath my lot;
Here spare me not; if heav'n I win,

No man hath pow'r to aid me.
And peace still be de - nied me.
Thy Son hath suf - fered for me.
On earth I glad - ly suf - fer. A - men.

5. But curb my heart, forgive my guilt,
Make Thou my patience firmer;
For they must miss the good Thou wilt
Who at Thy chast'nings murmur.

6. Then deal with me as seems Thee best,—
Thy grace will help me bear it,
If but at last I see Thy rest
And with my Savior share it.

248. O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

O Jesu, söde Jesu, dig

Old Hundreth

Thomas Kingo, 1689

"Genevan Psalter," 1551

Tr., Arthur J. Mason, 1889

1. O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee
 2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:

My heart - felt thanks for - ev - er be,
 What wealth is come to me this day!

Who hast so lov - ing - ly be - stowed
 My Sav - ior dwells with - in my heart:

On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 How blest am I! How good Thou art! A - men.

Ash Wednesday

19. When O'er My Sins I Sorrow

Wenn meine Sünd' mich kränken

Wenn meine Sünd'

Justus Gesenius, 1646

Michael Prätorius, 1609

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863

1. When o'er my sins I sor - row, Lord,
 2. Oh, what a mar - v'lous of - f'ring! Be -
 3. My man - i - fold trans - gres - sion Hence -
 4. There - fore, I will for - ev - er Give

I will look to Thee, And hence my com - fort
 hold! the Mas - ter spares His ser - vants, and their
 forth can harm me none, For Je - sus' blood - y
 glo - ry un - to Thee, O Je - sus, lov - ing

bor - row, That Thou wast slain for me. -
 suf - f'ring And grief for them He bears.
 pas - sion For me God's grace hath won;
 Sav - ior, For what Thou'st borne for me. -

Yea, Lord, Thy pre - cious blood was spilt
 God stoop - eth from His throne on high,
 His pre - cious blood my debt hath paid;
 In songs of thanks I'll spend my breath

For me, O most un - wor - thy, To
 For me, His guil - ty crea - ture, He
 Of hell and all its tor - ments I
 For Thy sad cry, Thy suf - frings, Thy

take a - way my guilt. —
 deigns as man to die. —
 am no more a - fraid. —
 wrongs, Thy guilt - less death. — A - men.

5. Lord, let Thy woes, Thy patience,
 My heart with strength inspire
 To vanquish all temptations,
 And spurn all low desire;
 This thought I fain would cherish most—
 What pain my soul's redemption
 To Thee, O Savior cost!

6. Whate'er may be the burden,
 The cross here on me laid;
 Be shame or want my guerdon,
 I'll bear it with Thine aid;
 Give patience, give me strength to take
 Thee for my bright example,
 And all the world forsake.

7. And let me do to others
 As Thou hast done to me,
 Love all men as my brothers,
 And serve them willingly,
 With ready heart, nor seek my own,
 But as Thou, Lord, hast helped us,
 From purest love alone.

8. And let Thy cross upbear me
 With strength, when I depart;
 Tell me that naught can tear me
 From my Redeemer's heart,
 But since my trust is in Thy grace
 Thou wilt accept me yonder,
 Where I shall see Thy face!