

**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)*  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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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

<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”</i>	TLH 145
<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. 74
<b>The Kyrie</b>		ASBH p. 10
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 13
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		ASBH p. 74
<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>		Hebrews 9:11-15
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 74
<b>The Sentence for the Season of Lent</b>		ASBH p. 41
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. John 8:46-59
<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>“Lord Jesus Christ, True God and Man”</i>	ASBH 24
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>Before Abraham Was Born, I AM</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>“Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light”</i>	TLH 148
<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>“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”</i>	TLH 309
<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, to Thee I Make Confession”</i>	TLH 326
<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>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 38
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>Recitation of the Catechism</b>		
The Preface to the Small Catechism (pages 3-8) & Questions 184-193 (Part II. The Creed. The Third Article. Of Sanctification. Of the Church, pages 98-101).		

### Announcements

*ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.  
TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal*

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 13 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Palmarum:</b>	10:00 am. Divine Service
April 14 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Holy Monday:</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 15 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Holy Tuesday:</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 16 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Holy Wednesday:</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 17 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Maundy Thursday:</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 18 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Good Friday:</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 19 <sup>th</sup> — <b>The Vigil of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord/The Festival of Philip Melanchthon, Confessor (Commemorated):</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Divine Service
April 20 <sup>th</sup> — <b>The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord:</b>	10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible Class
April 21 <sup>st</sup> — <b>Easter Monday:</b>	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, Patricia Wood, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Katie, Dan, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, 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, Eleanor Cannon, David Benson, 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, *Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, Ironwood, MI;* and her pastors, the *Rev. Jeffrey Ahonen* and the *Rev. Dcn. Jacob Henson.*
- 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 Judica (*Passion*) Sunday

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

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

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 110, 35	Psalms 27, 36-37
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 110, 38	Psalms 27, 39-41
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 110, 42-44	Psalms 27, 45-48
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 110, 49	Psalms 27, 50-51
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 110, 52-54	Psalms 27, 55-57
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 110, 58-59	Psalms 27, 60-63
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 110, 64-65	Psalms 66-68

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.177-194  
**Tuesday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.195-212  
**Wednesday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.213-226  
**Thursday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.227-248  
**Friday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.249-256

### 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 24—"Lord Jesus Christ, True Man and God"

**Evening:** TLH 148—"Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light"

**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 Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

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

**Monday:** 5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Ormond Beach, FL

**Tuesday:** 5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Pawleys Island, SC

**Wednesday: Midweek Lenten Vespers**

5:00 p.m. Vespers

6:00 p.m. Private confession

**Thursday:** *Augusta Master's Tourney*

7:00 p.m. Catechesis

**Friday:** *Augusta Master's Tourney*

**Saturday:** *Augusta Master's Tourney*  
*Seminary Spring Break Begins*

**Next Sunday: Palmarum—Violet**

*Augusta Master's Tourney*  
*Greenville Craft Beer Festival*

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

**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 Seminary will continue its Spring Quarter until this Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Then they will take a three-week break for Holy Week, Easter, and the ELDoNA Synod and Colloquium. They will resume classes on May 5<sup>th</sup> and continue until June 6<sup>th</sup>. The summer quarter will begin on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the Seminary and her students in your prayers.

**An Excerpt from Luther's Writings**

"By these words He spoils it entirely, in that He does not only defend His

doctrine as right and good, which they attribute to the devil; but also ascribes such virtue to His teaching that it becomes a powerful emperor over Satan, death and sin, to give and sustain eternal life. Behold here, how divine wisdom and human reason conflict with one another. How can a human being grasp the thought, that a corporeal, an oral word should redeem forever from death? But let blindness run its course; we shall consider this beautiful saying. Christ is speaking here not of the word of the law, but of the Gospel, which is a discourse about Christ, who died for our sins etc. For God did not wish to impart Christ to the world in any other way; He had to embody Him in the Word and thus distribute Him, and present Him to everybody; otherwise Christ would have existed for Himself alone and remained unknown to us; He would have thus died for Himself. But since the Word places before us Christ, it thus places us before Him who has triumphed over death, sin and Satan. Therefore he who grasps and retains Christ, has thus also eternal deliverance from death. Consequently it is a Word of life, and it is true, that whoever keeps the Word shall never see death." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Judica.*

**The Lutheran Herald**

The April 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 near the entrance for your use and distribution.

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

**Today—Judica (*Passion*) Sunday**

**Epistle:** Hebrews 9:11-15

**Gospel:** St. John 8:46-59

**April 9<sup>th</sup>—Midweek Lenten Vespers**

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 1:21-31

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 10:32-42

**April 13<sup>th</sup>—Palmarum**

**Epistle:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 21:1-9

**The Passion According to St. Matthew** St. Matthew 26:1—27:66