

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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Misericordias Domini
April 14th, 2024

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“I AM the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd layeth down His life for the sheep.” St. John 10:11

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Belmont”</i>	Henry V. Gerike
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”</i>	Δ TLH 233
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
<i>Stand</i>		
The Invocation		ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins		ASBH p. 8
Versicles	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	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. 85
The Kyrie		ASBH p. 10
The Gloria in Excelsis		ASBH p. 10-13
The Salutation		ASBH p. 13
The Collect for the Day		ASBH p. 85
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		1 Peter 2:21-25
The Gradual		ASBH p. 85
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
<i>Stand</i>		
The Gospel		St. John 10:11-16
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”</i>	ASBH 31
The Sermon	<i>I AM the Good Shepherd</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>“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”</i>	TLH 429
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		ASBH p. 21
The Lavabo		ASBH p. 21
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	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>“Thy Table I Approach”</i>	TLH 310
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
The Hymn	<i>“Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”</i>	TLH 437
The Salutation		ASBH p. 36
The Benedicamus		ASBH p. 37
The Benediction		ASBH p. 37
The Triple Amen	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Was mein Gott will”</i>	Hermann Grabner

Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar (pages 25-26) & Questions 17-28 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The First Table. The Second Commandment, pages 44-47).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

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, Carol Laflay, Rachel Epperson, Tammy Wilson, 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, *Lamb of God Ev. Lutheran Church, Rogers, AR;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Martin Jackson.*
- 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, Barbara, 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.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week, especially *Pastor and Tanya Dulas.*

Announcements

Daily Readings for Week after Misericordias Domini Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today:	James 1; St. John 5:22-30	James 2; Hebrews 13:20-21
Monday:	James 3; St. John 5:1-17	James 4; Micah 2:12-13
Tuesday:	James 5; St. John 5:18-30	1 Peter 1; Isaiah 30:19-26
Wednesday:	1 Peter 2; St. John 5:31-47	1 Peter 3; Jeremiah 3:11-19
Thursday:	1 Peter 4; St. John 6:16-29	1 Peter 5; Ezekiel 34:1-11
Friday:	2 Peter 1; St. John 6:30-40	1 Peter 2; Ezekiel 34:12-22
Saturday:	2 Peter 3; St. John 6:41-59	1 John 1; Ezekiel 34:23-31

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 103, 73	Psalms 23, 74-76
Monday:	Psalms 103, 77	Psalms 23, 78
Tuesday:	Psalms 103, 79-80	Psalms 23, 81-83
Wednesday:	Psalms 103, 84-85	Psalms 23, 86-88
Thursday:	Psalms 103, 89	Psalms 23, 90-92
Friday:	Psalms 103, 93-95	Psalms 23, 96-100
Saturday:	Psalms 101-103	Psalms 146, 103-104

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.257-279
Tuesday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, VII/VIII.1-22
Wednesday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, VII/VIII.23-37
Thursday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, VII/VIII.38-50
Friday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, IX.1—X.4

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 31—“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Evening: TLH 429—“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

Calendar for the Week after Misericordias Domini Sunday

Today: Misericordias Domini—White

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

Pastor and Tanya Leave for ELDoNA Synod

Monday: *ELDoNA Synod and Colloquium*

Tax Day

Tuesday: *ELDoNA Synod and Colloquium*

Wednesday: *ELDoNA Synod and Colloquium*

Thursday: *ELDoNA Synod and Colloquium*

Friday: The Festival of Philip Melanchthon, Confessor—White

ELDoNA Synod and Colloquium

Arbor Day

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Jubilate—White

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

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“This proclamation is not of men, but Christ Himself sent it forth, and then put it into the hearts of the apostles and their successors so that they understood it, and into their mouths so that they spake and declared it. This is His kingdom, and so does He rule that all of His power is comprehended in and connected with the Word of God. They who hear and believe it belong to this kingdom, and the Word then becomes so mighty that it provides all that man may need and bestows all the blessings that we may desire. For it is the power of God, and it can and will save all who believe it, as St. Paul declared to the Romans (1:16). If you believe that Christ died to save you from all evil, and will hold fast to that Word, you will find it so certain and sure that no creature can overthrow it; and as no one can overthrow the Word, neither can anyone harm you who believe it. Accordingly, with the Word you will overcome sin, death, devil and hell, and you will find a refuge in the Word and attain that which is

found where the Word is, namely, everlasting peace, joy and life. In short, you will be participants in all the power that is in the Word. Therefore, it is a peculiar kingdom. The Word is present and is orally proclaimed to all the world, but its power is deeply hidden, so that none but they who believe realize that it is so effective and that it accomplishes such great things. It must be experienced and realized by the heart.” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Misericordias Domini Sunday from 1523.*

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. 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—Misericordias Domini

Epistle:

1 Peter 2:21-25

Gospel:

St. John 10:11-16

April 19th—The Festival of Philip Melanchthon, Confessor

Epistle:

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Gospel:

St. Matthew 5:13-19

April 21st—Jubilate

Epistle:

1 Peter 2:11-20

Gospel:

St. John 16:16-23b