

**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 Sunday  
April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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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

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Belmont”</i>	Henry V. Gerike
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire”</i>	Δ INSERT
<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. 84
<b>The Kyrie</b>		ASBH p. 10
<b>The Gloria in Excelsis</b>		ASBH p. 10-13
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 13
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		ASBH p. 84
<b>The Collect for the Festival of Philip Melancthon, Confessor</b>		ASBH p. 146
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Lesson</b>		Ezekiel 34:11-16
<b>The Epistle</b>		1 Peter 2:21-25
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 84
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 15
<b>The Gospel</b>	<i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>	St. John 10:11-16
<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>“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”</i>	ASBH 31
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>I Lay Down My Life</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, Thee I Love with All My Heart”</i>	INSERT
<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>“Thy Table I Approach”</i>	INSERT
<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>“Jesus Lives! No Longer Now Can Thy Terrors”</i>	INSERT
<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>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“Was mein Gott will”</i>	Hermann Grabner

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer (pages 15-19) & Questions 17-28 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The First Table, The Second Commandment, pages 44-47).

### Announcements

*ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal.*

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

## In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Dan, Katie, Kelly, Vince Bost, Doris Creasi, Brandon Dennie, Edward Dulas, Vito Gerardi, Michelle Harris, Peggy Holder, Judy Horn, Glen Madden, Paul Meadows, Barbara Miller, Mike Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Jack Newton, 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, *St. Mary's Ev. Lutheran Church, Navotas, Philippines;* and *Annunciation Ev. Lutheran Mission, Singapore;* and their pastor, the *Rev. Filmore Lorenz Alvarez.*
- 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, especially *Pastor Dulas.*

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for the Week after Misericordias Domini Sunday

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	James 1; St. John 5:22-30	James 2; Hebrews 13:20-21
<b>Monday:</b>	James 3; St. John 5:1-17	James 4; Micah 2:12-13
<b>Tuesday:</b>	James 5; St. John 5:18-30	1 Peter 1; Isaiah 30:19-26
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Peter 2; St. John 5:31-47	1 Peter 3; Jeremiah 3:11-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Peter 4; St. John 6:16-29	1 Peter 5; Ezekiel 34:1-11
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Peter 1; St. John 6:30-40	2 Peter 2; Ezekiel 34:12-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	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
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 103, 93-95	Psalms 23, 96-100
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 101-103	Psalms 23, 103-104
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 103, 105	Psalms 23, 106
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 103, 107	Psalms 23, 108-111
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 103, 112-115	Psalms 23, 116-118
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 103, 119:1-40	Psalms 23, 119:41-88
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 103, 119:89-128	Psalms 146, 119:129-176

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III. 257-279  
**Tuesday:** The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VII/VIII (IV).1-22  
**Wednesday:** Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VII/VIII (IV).23-37  
**Thursday:** Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VII/VIII (IV).38-50  
**Friday:** The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IX-XI (IV).1-4

### 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:** ASBH 31—"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"  
**Evening:** INSERT—"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

## Calendar for the Week after Misericordias Domini Sunday

**Today: Misericordias Domini Sunday/The Festival of Philip Melanchthon, Confessor (Commemorated)—White**

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

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

**Monday:** No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday:** *Earth Day*

**Thursday:** No Events Scheduled

**Friday:** *Arbor Day*

**Saturday: The Festival of St. Mark, Evangelist—Red**

**Next Sunday: Jubilate Sunday—White**

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

## St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The Diocesan seminary has resumed classes for the Spring Quarter. The Spring Quarter will continue through May 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 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 in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

## An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“Therefore, we should so preach Christ as one who will reject nobody, however weak he may be, but will gladly receive and comfort and strengthen everybody; that we may always picture Him to ourselves as a Good Shepherd. Then hearts will turn to Him of their own accord, and need not be forced and driven. The Gospel graciously invites and makes men willing, so that they desire to go, and do go, to Him with all confidence. And it begets a love for Christ in their hearts, so that they willingly do what they should, whereas formerly they had to be driven and forced. When we are driven, we do a thing with displeasure and against our will. That is not what God desires; therefore it is done in vain. But when I see that God deals with me graciously, He wins my heart, so that I

am constrained to fly to Him; consequently, my heart is filled with happiness and joy.” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Misericordias Domini Sunday from 1523.*

## To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

**Today—Misericordias Domini Sunday**

**Lesson:** Ezekiel 34:11-16

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 2:21-25

**Gospel:** St. John 10:11-16

**April 25<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of St. Mark, Evangelist**

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:7-13

**Gospel:** St. John 15:1-11

**April 26<sup>th</sup>—Jubilate Sunday**

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 2:11-20

**Gospel:** St. John 16:16-23a

# 150. Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

Latin Hymn of the X Century  
Attributed to Rabanus Maurus  
Tr., John Cosin, 1627

Komm, Gott Schöpfer  
Based on "Veni, Creator Spiritus," c. 600

1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire  
2. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove  
3. A - noint our heart and cheer our face  
Δ4. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,

And light - en with ce - les - tial fire;  
Is com - fort, life, and fire of love.  
With the a - bun - dance of Thy grace.  
And Thee, of Both, to be but One;

Thou the a - noint - ing Spir - it art  
En - a - ble with per - pet - ual light  
Keep far our foes; give peace at home;  
That through the a - ges all a - long

Who dost Thy sev'n - fold gifts im - part.  
The dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.  
Where Thou art Guide, no ill can come.  
Thy praise may be our end - less song! A - men.

## 233. Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Herzlich lieb hab' ich dich, o Herr  
Marting Schalling, c. 1567  
Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Herzlich lieb hab' ich dich, o Herr  
Bernhard Schmid's "Orgelbuch"  
Strassburg, 1577

1. Lord, — Thee I love with all my heart;  
2. Yea, — Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun - ty gave  
3. Lord, — let at last Thine an - gels come,

I — pray Thee, ne'er from me de - part,  
My — bod - y, soul, and all I have  
To — Abr - 'ham's bo - som bear me home,

With ten - der mer - cy cheer — me.  
In this poor life — of la - bor.  
That I may die — un - fear - ing;

Earth — has no plea - sure I would share;  
Lord, — grant that I in ev - 'ry place  
And — in its nar - row cham - ber keep

Yea, — Heav'n it - self were void and bare  
May — glo - ri - fy Thy lav - ish grace  
My — bod - y safe in peace - ful sleep

If Thou, Lord, wert not near — me.  
And serve and help my neigh - bor.  
Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing.

[stanza continued on next page]

233. Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart [cont.]

And should my heart for sor - row break,  
Let no false doc - trine me be - guile,  
And then from death a - wak - en me,

My trust in Thee can no - thing shake.  
Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,

Thou art the Por - tion I have sought;  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me  
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face,

Thy pre - cious blood my soul has bought.  
To bear my cross and fol - low Thee.  
My Sav - ior and my fount of grace.

Lord Je - sus Christ,  
Lord Je - sus Christ,  
Lord Je - sus Christ,

My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
My pray'r at - tend, my pray'r at - tend,

For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
And I will praise Thee with - out end! A - men.

## 292. Thy Table I Approach

Ich trete frisch  
Gerhard W. Molanus, 1673, cento  
Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880

St. Michael  
"Genevan Psalter," 1551

1. Thy Ta - ble I ap - proach;  
2. Lo, I con - fess my sins,  
3. Thy bod - y and Thy blood,  
4. Here I with mouth and soul,

Dear Sav - ior, hear my pray'r,  
And mourn their wretch - ed bands:  
Once slain and shed for me,  
In - com - pre - hen - si - bly,

Oh let no un - re - pent - ed sin  
A con - trite heart is ev - er wont  
Are tak - en at Thy ta - ble here—  
Shall eat the pre - cious flesh of Christ

Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
To find grace at Thy hands.  
O won - drous mys - ter - y!  
In blest re - al - i - ty. A - men.

5. Search not how this takes place,  
Nor whether it can be;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than seemeth plain to thee.

6. Vouchsafe, O blesséd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined,  
May ne'er about this Sacrament  
A doubt raise in my mind.

7. And may I never fail,  
To thank Thee day and night,  
For Thy true Body and true Blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

## 210. Jesus Lives! No Longer Now Can Thy Terrors

Jesus lebt, mit ihm auch ich  
Christian F. Gellert, 1757, ab.  
Tr., Frances E. Cox, 1841

Jesus, meine Zuversicht  
Johann Crüger, 1653

1. Je - sus lives! no long - er now  
2. Je - sus lives! to Him the throne  
3. Je - sus lives! for me He died,  
4. Je - sus lives! I know full well,

Can thy ter - rors, Death, ap - pal me;  
High o'er heav'n and earth is giv - en:  
Hence will I, to Je - sus liv - ing,  
Naught from me His Love shall sev - er;

Je - sus lives! by this I know  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
Life, nor death, nor pow'rs of hell,

From the grave He will re - call me.  
Live and reign with Him in heav - en.  
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing.  
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er.

Bright - er scenes will then com - mence;  
God is pledged; weak doubt - ings, hence!  
Free - ly God doth aid dis - pense;  
God will be a sure De - fence:

This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
This shall be my con - fi - dence. A - men.

5. Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath,  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense,  
"Lord, Thou art my Confidence!"