

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
May 4th, 2025

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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
<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		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 Know Mine Own</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
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>“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
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”</i>	TLH 437
<i>Stand</i>		
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 Preface to the Small Catechism (pages 3-8) & Questions 248-253 (Part III).
The Lord’s Prayer. The Fifth Petition, pages 118-120).

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, 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, Michelle Harris, 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, *All Saints Ev. Lutheran Mission, Pawleys Island, SC;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Jerald P. Dulas.*
- 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 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, especially *Mike Miller.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after Misericordias 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, 23-25	Psalms 23, 26-30
Monday:	Psalms 103, 31-32	Psalms 23, 33-34
Tuesday:	Psalms 103, 35	Psalms 23, 36-37
Wednesday:	Psalms 103, 38	Psalms 23, 39-41
Thursday:	Psalms 103, 42-44	Psalms 23, 45-48
Friday:	Psalms 103, 49	Psalms 23, 50-51
Saturday:	Psalms 103, 52-54	Psalms 146, 55-57

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, VI.25-35
Tuesday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, VI.36-50
Wednesday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, VI.51-64
Thursday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, VI.65-81
Friday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XIII (VII).1-15

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: The Prayers
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 Sunday

Today: Misericordias Domini—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

Monday: *Cinco de Mayo*

Seminary Spring Quarter Resumes

Tuesday: Mike Miller's Birthday

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: *Artisphere*

Saturday: *Artisphere*

Next Sunday: Jubilate—White

Mother's Day

Artisphere

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers,
FL

The Lutheran Herald

The May 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

"But that we may make it the plainer, and may understand it the better, we will cite a passage from the prophet Ezekiel, where he speaks of the wicked shepherds that are against Christ, when he says (34:2ff) : 'Should not the Shepherds feed the sheep? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fatlings; but ye feed not the sheep. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought back that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigor have ye ruled over them. And they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they become food to all the beasts of the field and were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, My sheep were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and there was none that did search or seek after them,' and so forth. Accordingly, God reproves the shepherds who do not keep the sheep. And now mark well what He has written. His earnest intent

in this paragraph is that the weak, sick, broken, those who are driven away and the lost, are to be strengthened, bound up, healed, and sought again, and that they are not to be torn to pieces and scattered. 'This you should have done,' says He to the shepherds, 'but you have not done it; therefore, I will do it Myself.' As He says further on, in verse 16: 'I will seek that which was lost, I will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick.'" *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

Epistle:

1 Peter 2:21-25

Gospel:

St. John 10:11-16

May 11th—Jubilate

Epistle:

1 Peter 2:11-20

Gospel:

St. John 16:16-23a