

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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Exaudi
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“But when the Comforter is come, Whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall bear witness of Me.” St. John 15:26

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	“Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten”	Johann Michael Bach
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	“Preserve Thy Word, O Savior”	TLH 264
Silent Prayer	(Prayers are located on back cover)	ASBH p. 7
<i>Stand</i>		
The Invocation		ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins		ASBH p. 8
Versicles	(All may kneel)	ASBH p. 8
Confession and Absolution		ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
The Introit	(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)	ASBH p. 91
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. 91
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		1 Peter 4:7b-11
The Gradual		ASBH p. 91
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	(First Setting)	ASBH p. 14
The Gospel		St. John 15:26—16:4
The Creed	(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	“Had God Not Come, May Israel Say”	ASBH 36
The Sermon	These Things Have I Spoken unto You	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		ASBH p. 18-19
	(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)	
The General Prayer		ASBH p. 19-20
The Lord’s Prayer		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	“When in the Hour of Utmost Need”	ASBH 63
The Lavabo	(During Hymn)	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	(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)	ASBH p. 30
The Pax Domini	(All may bow and cross themselves)	ASBH p. 31

The Agnus Dei	(All may kneel)	ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution	(Prayers are located on back cover)	
The Hymn	“Invited, Lord, by Boundless Grace”	TLH 308
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	“Lord, Keep Us in Thy Word and Work”	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		ASBH p. 36
The Benedicamus		ASBH p. 37
The Benediction		ASBH p. 37
The Triple Amen	(First Setting)	ASBH p. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	“Erhalt, uns Herr”	Michael Praetorius

Recitation of the Catechism

The Ten Commandments (pages 9-12) & Questions 49-55 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The Fifth Commandment, pages 54-56).

Announcements

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

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, 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, *St. Michael and All Angels Ev. Lutheran Mission, Augusta, GA;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Jerald P. Dulas.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Nikolas Likourentzos, Ana Heiser, Deacon and Sherrill Smithey, Kenny Earickson, 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 Exaudi Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Lev. 14; John 17:20-26	Leviticus 15; Romans 8:29-39
Monday:	Lev. 16; John 10:17-21	Leviticus 17; Zechariah 13:7-9
Tuesday:	Lev. 18; John 10:22-31	Leviticus 19; Zechariah 14:1-21
Wednesday:	Lev. 20; John 10:32-42	Leviticus 21; Isaiah 66:10-24
Thursday:	Lev. 22; John 11:1-27	Leviticus 23; Jeremiah 46:27-28
Friday:	Lev. 24; Jn. 11:28-44	Leviticus 25; Isaiah 32:9-20
Saturday:	Lev. 26; Jn. 11:45-57	Leviticus 27; Isaiah 57:15-21

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 93, 64-65	Psalms 97, 66-68
Monday:	Psalms 93, 69	Psalms 97, 70-72
Tuesday:	Psalms 93, 73	Psalms 97, 74-76
Wednesday:	Psalms 93, 77	Psalms 97, 78
Thursday:	Psalms 93, 79-80	Psalms 97, 81-83
Friday:	Psalms 93, 84-85	Psalms 97, 86-88
Saturday:	Psalms 93, 89	Psalms 104, 145, 90-92

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XIII.16—XIV.5
Tuesday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XV.1-17
Wednesday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XV.18-28
Thursday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XV.29-48
Friday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XV.49—XVI.8

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 36—“Had God Not Come, May Israel Say”
Evening: ASBH 63—“When in the Hour of Utmost Need”

Calendar for the Week after Exaudi Sunday

Today: Exaudi—White

Mother’s Day

Artisphere

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

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL (Pastor Henson)

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: *Fair @ Heritage Park Begins*

Saturday: *Armed Forces Day*

Fair @ Heritage Park

Next Sunday: The Feast of Pentecost (Whitsunday)—Red

Fair @ Heritage Park

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

“That we may, under no circumstances, despair, Christ says, I will send you a Comforter, even One Who is almighty. And He calls the Holy Spirit here a Comforter; for although both my sins and the fear of death make me weak and timid, He comes and stirs up the courage in my heart, and says: Ho, cheer up! Thus He trumpets courage into us; He encourages us in a friendly and comforting manner not to despair before death but to cheerfully go forward, even though we had ten necks for the executioner, and says: Aye, although I have sinned, yet I am rid of my sins; and if I had still more, so that they overwhelmed me, I would hope, that they should do me no harm. Not that one should not feel his sins, for the flesh must experience them; but the Spirit overcomes and suppresses diffidence and timidity, and conducts us through them. He is powerful enough to do that.

Therefore, Christ says further: ‘Whom I will send unto you from the Father.’” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Exaudi Sunday, 1522.*

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.

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—Exaudi

Epistle:

1 Peter 4:7b-11

Gospel:

St. John 15:26—16:4

May 12th—The Feast of Pentecost (Whitsunday)

Epistle:

Acts 2:1-13

Gospel:

St. John 14:23-31

Season

##. Lord, Keep Us in Thy Word and Work

Martin Luther, 1541

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863

"Geistliche Lieder"

Wittenburg, 1543

1. Lord, keep us in Thy Word and work, Re -
 2. Lord Je - sus Christ, Thy pow'er make known, For
 3. Thou Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Give
 4. De - stroy their coun - sels, Lord our God, And

strain the murd' - rous Pope and Turk,
 Thou art Lord of lords a - lone;
 one mind to Thy flock on earth,
 smite them with an i - ron rod,

Who fain would tear from off Thy throne Christ
 Shield Thy poor Christ - en - dom, that we May
 Stand by us in our fi - nal strife, And
 And let them fall in - to the snare Which

Je - sus, Thy be - lov - ed Son.
 ev - er - more sing praise to Thee.
 lead us out of death to life.
 for Thy Christ - ians they pre - pare. A - men.

5. So that at last they may perceive
 That, Lord our God, Thou still dost live,
 And dost deliver mightily
 All those who put their trust in Thee.