

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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The Third Sunday after Trinity Sunday
July 6th, 2025

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*“Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep
which was lost.” St. Luke 15:6*

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Was mein Gott will”</i>	Hermann Grabner
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”</i>	Δ TLH 320
<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. 100
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. 100
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		1 Peter 5:6-11
The Gradual		ASBH p. 100
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 15
The Gospel		St. Luke 15:1-10
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord”</i>	ASBH 41
The Sermon	<i>There Is Joy in the Presence of the Angels</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>“Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”</i>	TLH 437
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>“Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“In God, My Faithful God”</i>	TLH 526
<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. 38
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Auf meinen lieben Gott”</i>	Friedrich Zachow

Recitation of the Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer (pages 15-19) & Questions 334-338 (Part VI. Sacrament of the Altar, Secondly, of the Benefit of the Lord’s Supper, pages 145-146).

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, 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, Jack Newton, Graham Hardaway, 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, *Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Harrison, AR, and Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Mission, Conrad, AR;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Eric J. Stefanski.*
- 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, *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, especially *Pastor and Tanya Dulas.*
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week of the Third Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	2 Kings 15-16; Lk. 15:11-32	2 Kings 17-18; Acts 9:1-18
Monday:	2 Kings 19-20; Acts 21:1-39	2 Kings 21-22; 1 Samuel 2:1-21
Tuesday:	2 Kgs. 23-24; Acts 21:40—22:29	2 Kings 25; 1 Samuel 3:1-21
Wed.:	1 Chron. 1-2; Acts 22:30—23:35	1 Chronicles 3-4; 1 Samuel 4:1-22
Thursday:	1 Chron. 5-6; Acts 24:1-27	1 Chronicles 7-8; 1 Samuel 5:1-12
Friday:	1 Chron. 9-10; Acts 25:1-27	1 Chronicles 11-12; 1 Samuel 7:1-17
Saturday:	1 Chron. 13-14; Acts 26:1-32	1 Chronicles 15-16; 1 Samuel 8:1-22

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 119, Part III, 35	Psalms 25, 36-37
Monday:	Psalms 119, Part III, 38	Psalms 25, 39-41
Tuesday:	Psalms 119, Part III, 42-44	Psalms 25, 45-48
Wednesday:	Psalms 119, Part III, 49	Psalms 25, 51-51
Thursday:	Psalms 119, Part III, 52-54	Psalms 25, 55-57
Friday:	Psalms 119, Part III, 58-59	Psalms 25, 60-63
Saturday:	Psalms 119, Part III, 64-65	Psalms 92, 66-68

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Smalcald Articles, III.III.1-14
Tuesday: The Smalcald Articles, III.III.15-26
Wednesday: The Smalcald Articles, III.III.27-40
Thursday: The Smalcald Articles, III.III.41—III.VI.5
Friday: The Smalcald Articles, III.VII.1—III.VIII.13

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 41—"In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord"

Evening: TLH 437—"Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"

Calendar for the Week of the Third Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Today: The Third Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Simpsonville,
SC and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)
Pastor and Tanya Dulas' Anniversary

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. Pastor teaches Liturgics 2

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: 5:00 p.m. Pastor teaches Liturgics 2

Friday: 5:00 p.m. Pastor teaches Liturgics 2

Saturday: 1:00 p.m. Divine Service in Athens, GA

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

Sts. Peter and Paul Ev. Lutheran Church's Anniversary
10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Simpsonville,
SC
3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

The Lutheran Herald

The July 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

"Christ was filled with all righteousness, and might justly have condemned us all as sinners. But He did not do so. What did He do, then? He gave Himself to be our Servant. His righteousness has served for our sins, His fulness for our feebleness, His life for our death. This we find illustrated, for our example, in the Gospel before us, where He bears Himself with such friendliness toward sinners that the Pharisees murmur. The Lord therefore sets before them the following parables in order to teach how they are to receive sinners and be of service to them, saying: 'What man of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that

which is lost, until he find it, etc. Or what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she find it?"

Christ is both the shepherd and the woman; for He has lighted the lamp, that is, the Gospel, and He goes about in the desert, that is, the world. He sweeps the house, and seeks the lost sheep and lost piece of silver, when He comes with His Word and proclaims to us, first our sins, and then His grace and mercy. Christ's declaration, that He is the shepherd and has laid our sins upon His back or shoulders, makes us trust in Him fully, and makes publicans and other sinners run after Him. These would not have come unto Him thus, had they regarded Him as a hard and wrathful judge; for they had previously acknowledged themselves to be sinners and in need of His grace. And so they were drawn to Him when they heard His loving doctrine. Here comes the sheep out of the wilderness, and here the lost piece of silver is found." *From the Church Postil for the Third Sunday after Trinity Sunday.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Third Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle:

1 Peter 5:6-11

Gospel:

St. Luke 15:1-10

July 13th—The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle:

Romans 13:18-23

Gospel:

St. Luke 6:36-42

##. Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johann Franck, 1649

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858

Schmücke dich

Johann Crüger, 1649

1. Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness,
2. Hast - en as a bride to meet Him,
3. He who cost - ly goods de - sir - eth
4. Ah! how hun - gers all my spir - it

Leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,
And with low - ing re - ver - ence greet Him,
To ob - tain, much gold re - quir - eth;
For the love I do not mer - it!

Come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
For with words of life im - mor - tal
But to free - ly give the trea - sure
Oft have I, with sighs fast throng - ing,

There with joy thy prais - es ren - der
Now He knock - eth at thy por - tal;
Of Thy love is Thy good plea - sure,
Thought up - on this food with long - ing,

Un - to Him whose grace un - bound - ed
Haste to ope the gates be - fore Him,
For on earth there is no cof - fer ed,
In the bat - tle well - nigh worst - ed,

Hath this won - drous Ban - quet found - ed;
Say - ing, while thou dost a - dore Him,
Which as pay - ment we might of - fer ed,
For this Cup of life have thirst - ed,

High o'er all the heav'ns He reign - eth,
 "Suf - fer, Lord, that I re - ceive Thee,
 For this Cup Thy blood con - tain - ing,
 For the Friend, who here in - vites us,

Yet to dwell with thee He deign - eth.
 And I nev - er more will leave Thee."
 And this man - na, on us rain - ing.
 And to God Him - self u - nites us. A - men.

5. Now I sink before Thee lowly,
 Filled with joy most deep and holy,
 As with trembling awe and wonder
 On Thy mighty work I ponder,
 How, by mystery surrounded,
 Depths no man hath ever sounded,
 None may dare to pierce unbidden,
 Secrets that with Thee are hidden.

6. Nay, though reason here doth ponder,
 It can never reach this wonder,
 That this bread is never lessened,
 Though it nourish thousands present,
 And that Christ His blood is giving
 With the wine we are receiving.
 O, these mysteries unsounded
 Are by God alone expounded!

7. Sun, who all my life doth brighten,
 Light, who dost my soul enlighten,
 Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth,
 Fount, whence all my being floweth,—
 At Thy feet I cry, my Maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven,
 For our good, Thy glory, given.

8. Lord, Thy fervent love hath driven
 Thee to leave Thy throne in heaven,
 For us on the cross to languish,
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forgo all joy and gladness,
 And to shed Thy blood in sadness,
 Which we drink now; grant that never
 We forget Thy love, dear Savior!

9. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee,
 Let me gladly here obey Thee,
 Never to my heart invited,
 Be Thy love with love requited;
 From this Banquet let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure;
 Thro' the gifts Thou here dost give me
 As Thy guest in heaven receive me.