

**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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity Sunday  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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*“Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is  
hewn down, and cast into the fire.”*

*St. Matthew 7:19*

## The Order of Divine Service

|                                   |                                                                           |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>The Prelude</b>                | <i>“Herzlich tut mich”</i>                                                | Johann Pachelbel    |
| <b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>    |                                                                           |                     |
| <b>The Hymn</b>                   | <i>“Preserve to Us the Treasure”</i>                                      | 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. 105         |
| <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. 105         |
| <b>Collect Amen</b>               |                                                                           | ASBH p. 14          |
| <i>Sit</i>                        |                                                                           |                     |
| <b>The Epistle</b>                |                                                                           | Romans 8:12-17      |
| <b>The Gradual</b>                |                                                                           | ASBH p. 105         |
| <i>Stand</i>                      |                                                                           |                     |
| <b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>      | <i>(First Setting)</i>                                                    | ASBH p. 14          |
| <b>The Gospel</b>                 | <i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>                                      | St. Matthew 7:15-23 |
| <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 Will of God Is Always Best”</i>                                   | ASBH 46             |
| <b>The Sermon</b>                 | <i>By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them</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>“Had God Not Come, May Israel Say”</i>                                 | ASBH 36             |
| <i>Stand</i>                      |                                                                           |                     |
| <b>The Exhortation</b>            |                                                                           | ASBH p. 21          |
| <b>The Lavabo</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          |

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <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>“Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness”</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>“Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness”</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>“Es ist gewisslich”</i>                    | Michael Praetorius |

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer (pages 15-19) & Questions 126-130 (Part II. The Creed. The Second Article. Of Redemption, pages 78-80).

### Announcements

*ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal.*

## In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Dan, Katie, Kelly, Maggie Alford, Vince Bost, Doris Creasi, Brandon Dennie, Vito Gerardi, Cliff Hardaway, Michelle Harris, Peggy Holder, Judy Horn, Glen Madden, Paul Meadows, Barbara Miller, Mike Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Jack Newton, Richard Noegel, Becky Phillips, Betty Ramsey, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Stacy Tolar, Chuck Webber, and Gerald Weerts.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, MO;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Josiah Scheck.*
- 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, especially *Mike and Barbara Miller.*
- For those traveling this week.

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for the Week after the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

|                  | Morning                         | Evening                                  |
|------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | 2 Chron. 25; Matt. 7:22-29      | 2 Chronicles 26;<br>Acts 20:17-38        |
| <b>Monday:</b>   | 2 Chron. 27; 1 Cor. 12:12-31    | 2 Chronicles 28;<br>2 Samuel 19:1-23     |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>  | 2 Chron. 29; 1 Cor. 14:1-40     | 2 Chronicles 30;<br>1 Chronicles 21:1-30 |
| <b>Wed.:</b>     | 2 Chron. 31; 1 Cor. 15:58—16:24 | 2 Chronicles 32;<br>1 Chronicles 22:1-19 |
| <b>Thursday:</b> | 2 Chron. 33; 2 Cor. 1:1-24      | 2 Chronicles 34;<br>1 Chronicles 28:1-21 |
| <b>Friday:</b>   | 2 Chron. 35; 2 Cor. 2:1—3:3     | 2 Chronicles 36;<br>1 Chronicles 29:1-23 |
| <b>Saturday:</b> | Proverbs 1-2; 2 Cor. 6:11—7:16  | Proverbs 3-4;<br>2 Chronicles 1:1-13     |

### Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

|                   | Morning                     | Evening             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Today:</b>     | Ps. 119, Part VIII, 120-125 | Psalms 126-132      |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | Ps. 119, Part VIII, 133-135 | Psalms 126, 136-139 |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | Ps. 119, Part VIII, 140-141 | Psalms 126, 142-143 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Psalms 119, Part VIII, 144  | Psalms 126, 145     |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Psalms 119, Part VIII, 146  | Psalms 126, 147     |
| <b>Friday:</b>    | Psalms 119, Part VIII, 148  | Psalms 126, 149-150 |
| <b>Saturday:</b>  | Psalms 119, Part VIII, 1-4  | Psalms 139, 5-8     |

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, 54-71  
**Tuesday:** The Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, 72-82  
**Wednesday:** Preface to the Christian Book of Concord, 1-6  
**Thurs.:** Preface to the Christian Book of Concord, 7-16  
**Friday:** Preface to the Christian Book of Concord, 17-20

### 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 46—"The Will of God Is Always Best"

**Evening:** ASBH 36—"Had God Not Come May Israel Say"

**Calendar for the Week after the Eighth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Today: The Eighth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green**

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

**Monday:** 8:00 a.m. Matins

**Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m. Matins

**Wednesday: The Festival of St. Olaf II, King and Martyr—Red**

8:00 a.m. Matins

Deacon Smithey's Ordination Anniversary

Mike and Barbara Miller's Anniversary

**Thursday:** 8:00 a.m. Matins

**Friday:** 8:00 a.m. Matins

**Saturday:** *National Mead Day*

**Next Sunday: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Piedmont, SC  
and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

**St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary**

The Diocesan seminary is currently having their summer intensives. They will be taking six courses over the summer, each lasting a week, or two, depending on credit unit. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

**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](http://eldona.org). There are also printed copies in the back for your use and distribution.

**An Excerpt from Luther's Writings**

"Hence, the true fruit by which they are known is an inner fruit, here I must have the Holy Spirit and judge according to His guidance. The fleshly eye and reason are not sufficient. You may see two persons go the

Lord's Supper, the one is a believer, the other not, and yet their external work is the same. What then makes the difference? Faith in the heart and unbelief, because the one regards it as a good work, the other not. In short, from external works you can decide nothing. Tauler also acknowledged that believers and unbelievers were often so similar in external appearance, that no one could distinguish them, no is reason able to judge unless we have the Spirit of God. Yea, the unbelievers often appear far more excellent in their works than believers, as it is written in Job 39:13: 'Givest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?' Yet the peacock can fly and the ostrich cannot. So also the believer and unbeliever are indeed similar to each other in their external appearance, but in their hearts they are quite different." *From Martin Luther's sermon from the Church Postil for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity Sunday, 1522.*

**To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:**

**Today—The Eighth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Epistle:** Romans 8:12-17

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 7:15-23

**July 29<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of St. Olaf II, King and Martyr**

**Epistle:** 2 Timothy 2:8-10; 3:10-12

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 10:26-32

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>—The Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

**Gospel:** St. Luke 16:1-9

## 263. Preserve to Us the Treasure

Erhalt uns deine Lehre  
Andreas Gryphius, 1676, ab.  
Tr., John T. Mueller, 1918

Herzlich tut mich  
Hans L. Hassler, 1601

1. Pre - serve to us the trea - sure

Of Thy pure Word, dear Lord.

In - crease Thy king - dom's mea - sure,

Strength to Thy Church af - ford.

Keep us in faith for-ev - er, Our hope's true bea-con light;

And let Thy Gos - pel ev - er

Shine thro' sin's drea - ry night. A - men.

2. Preserve Thy Name and glory,  
Resist the hind'ring foe;  
To all who come before Thee,  
True living faith bestow;  
Convert each erring nation,  
Illumine each gloomy heart;  
Thou Light of sure salvation,  
The saving light impart.

3. Preserve, O Lord, Thy Zion,  
From Satan's wrath and pow'r,  
Who roaring like a lion,  
Thy sheep now would devour.  
Awaken, Lord, and lead us  
To pastures, safe and good;  
Dear Shepherd, ever feed us  
With Thine own precious food.

4. Preserve, O Lord, forever  
Thy Word most graciously;  
Of Thine own glory ever  
A mirror let it be.  
Shed forth its light to guide us,  
Its wisdom strength impart;  
Its comfort sweet abide us,  
Its grace revive the heart.

5. Preserve upon the furious,  
The wild, tempestuous sea,  
Our craft, which seeks the glorious,  
Eternal port with Thee.  
Direct its course, embolden  
The hand that plies the oar;  
Till we shall see the golden,  
The heav'nly, peaceful shore.

# 160. Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johann Franck, 1649

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

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 lov - ing rev - 'rence 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  
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  
For this Cup of life have thirst - ed,

[stanza continued on next page]

# 160. Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness [cont.]

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 hurt 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.

# 183. Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

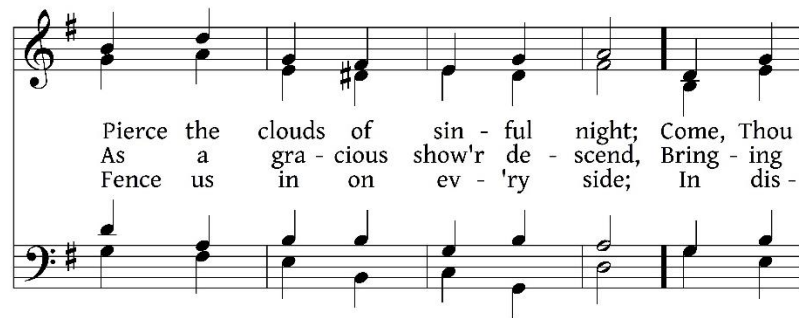
Jesus är min vän den bäste

Tr., Johann Christian Jacobi

Gustaf Düben, 1674



1. Ho - ly Ghost, dis - pel our sad - ness,  
2. From that height that knows no meas - ure,  
3. Man - i - fest Thy love for - ev - er;



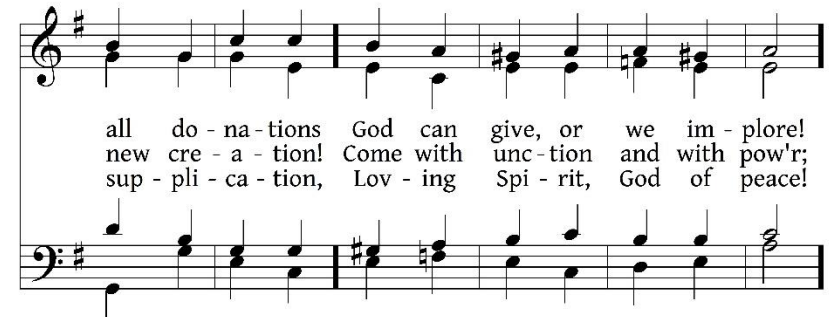
Pierce the clouds of sin - ful night; Come, Thou  
As a gra - cious show'r de - scend, Bring - ing  
Fence us in on ev - 'ry side; In dis -



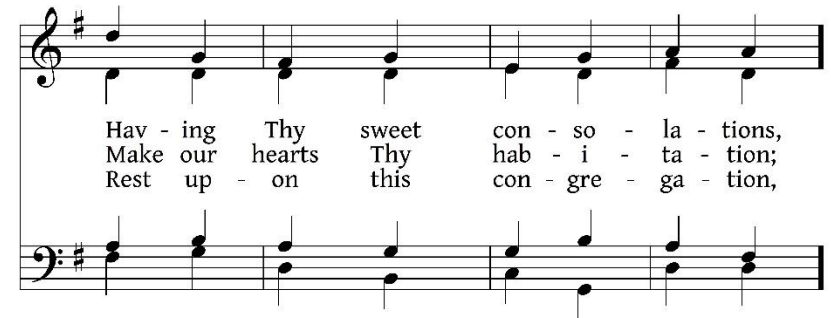
Source of sweet - est glad - ness, Breathe Thy  
down the rich - est treas - ure Man can  
tress be our Re - liev - er, Guard and



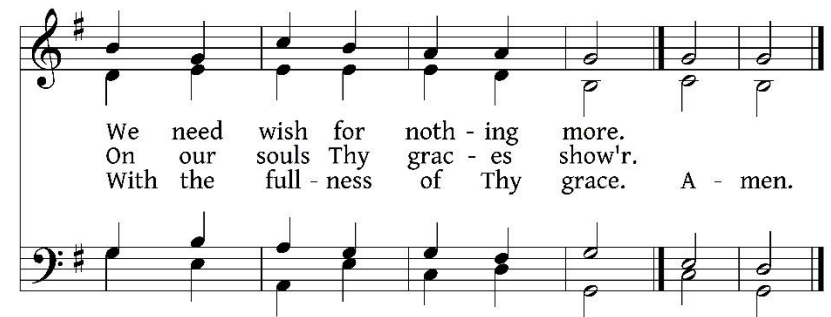
life and spread Thy light! Come, Thou best of  
wish, or God can send. Auth - or of the  
teach, sup - port and guide. Hear, O hear our



all do - na - tions God can give, or we im - plore!  
new cre - a - tion! Come with unc - tion and with pow'r;  
sup - pli - ca - tion, Lov - ing Spi - rit, God of peace!



Hav - ing Thy sweet con - so - la - tions,  
Make our hearts Thy hab - i - ta - tion;  
Rest up - on this con - gre - ga - tion,



We need wish for noth - ing more.  
On our souls Thy grac - es show'r.  
With the full - ness of Thy grace. A - men.