

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 Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday
August 6th, 2023

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“And his lord commended the unrighteous steward because he had done wisely.”

St. Luke 16:8

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Wie schön leuchtet”</i>	Michael Praetorius
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”</i>	TLH 235
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. 106
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. 106
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		1 Corinthians 10:6-13
The Gradual		ASBH p. 106
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Luke 16:1-9
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Oh, Blest the House, Whate’er Befall”</i>	ASBH 47
The Sermon	<i>He Was Wasting His Goods</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>“One Thing’s Needful; Lord, This Treasure”</i>	TLH 366
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		ASBH p. 21
The Lavabo		ASBH p. 21
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	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>“Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”</i>	TLH 307
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
The Hymn	<i>“In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord”</i>	ASBH 41
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>“Wo Gott zum Haus”</i>	Johann Pachelbel

Recitation of the Catechism

The Preface to the Small Catechism (pages 3-8) & Questions 13-16 (The First Table, The First Commandment, pages 42-43).

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, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Barb Eisold, Becky Phillips, Sherrill Smithey, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Bruce Carter, 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. Patrick Ev. Lutheran Church, Chipley, FL*; and her pastor, the *Rev. Brandon Warr.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Nikolas and Ana Likourentzos; Deacon and Sherrill Smithey*; and *Bobby, Barb, and Bob 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, especially *Pastor and Tanya Dulas.*

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	Prov. 21-22; Luke 12:32-48	Proverbs 23-24; 2 Timothy 1:3-14
Monday:	Prov. 25-26; 2 Cor. 8:1-24	Proverbs 27-28; 1 Kings 3:16-28
Tuesday:	Prov. 29-30; 2 Cor. 9:1-15	Proverbs 31; 1 Kings 4:22-34
Wednesday:	Eccl. 1-2; 2 Cor. 10:1-18	Ecclesiastes 3-4; 1 Kings 5:1-18
Thursday:	Eccl. 5-6; 2 Cor. 11:1-18	Ecclesiastes 7-8; 2 Chronicles 3:1-17
Friday:	Eccl. 9-10; 2 Cor. 12:19—13:13	Ecclesiastes 11-12; 1 Kings 8:1-66
Saturday:	Songs 1-2; Gal. 1:1-24	Song of Solomon 3-4; 1 Kings 7:1-12

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 35	Psalms 139, 36-37
Monday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 38	Psalms 139, 39-41
Tuesday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 42-44	Psalms 139, 45-48
Wednesday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 49	Psalms 139, 50-51
Thursday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 52-54	Psalms 139, 55-57
Friday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 58-59	Psalms 139, 60-63
Saturday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 64-65	Psalms 143, 66-68

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Formula of Concord, Epitome, VIII.1-15
Tuesday: The Formula of Concord, Epitome, VIII.16-32
Wednesday: The Formula of Concord, Epitome, VIII.33—X.2
Thursday: The Formula of Concord, Epitome, X.3—XI.3
Friday: The Formula of Concord, Epitome, XI.4-15

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: How One Should Be Taught to Pray
Friday: The Table of Duties
Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 47—"Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall"
Evening: TLH 366—"One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure"

Calendar for the Week after the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Today: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

SC Tax Free Weekend

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

Monday: Pastor and Tanya Dulas on Vacation

Tuesday: Pastor and Tanya Dulas on Vacation

Wednesday: Pastor and Tanya Dulas on Vacation

Thursday: The Festival of St. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr—Red

Pastor and Tanya Dulas on Vacation

Friday: Pastor and Tanya Dulas on Vacation

Saturday: Pastor and Tanya Dulas on Vacation

Next Sunday: The Tenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

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

Pastor and Tanya Dulas on Vacation

The Lutheran Herald

The August 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

"Thus He compares here the unjust to the just. As the unjust man acts shrewdly, though wrongly and like a rogue, so we also should act shrewdly but righteously in godliness. This is the proper understanding of this parable. For the Lord says: 'The children of this world are wiser than the children of light.' So that the children of light should learn wisdom from the children of darkness or the world. Just as they are wise in their transactions, so should also the children of light be wise in their transactions. Therefore he adds, 'in their generation.'"

Here are truly three great questions, in which our adversaries quote this Gospel against us, when the Lord says: 'Make to yourselves friends by means of the mammon of unrighteousness, that, when it shall fail, they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles.'...

"If they thus attack us we must answer. Above all things it must be remembered that there is indeed no doubt whatever, that faith and love are the only source, as you have ever learned, that through faith we become inwardly pious, and we outwardly prove our faith by our works of love. For I have often said, that the Scriptures speak of man in a two-fold manner. At one time of the inner man, and then again of the outer man. For the Scriptures properly make distinctions, just as when I speak of a foot, I do not mean a nose. So the Scriptures at one time speak of us as of the Spirit, spiritual, how we must stand before God by faith, for this purpose He sends forth His Word to which we hold, and afterwards He follows or endows with His Spirit. Thus the tree must be good beforehand, as you have recently heard." *From Martin Luther's sermon from the Church Postil for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Gospel: St. Luke 16:1-9

August 10th—The Festival of St. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Gospel: St. John 12:24-26

August 13th—The Tenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Gospel: St. Luke 19:41-48