

**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.

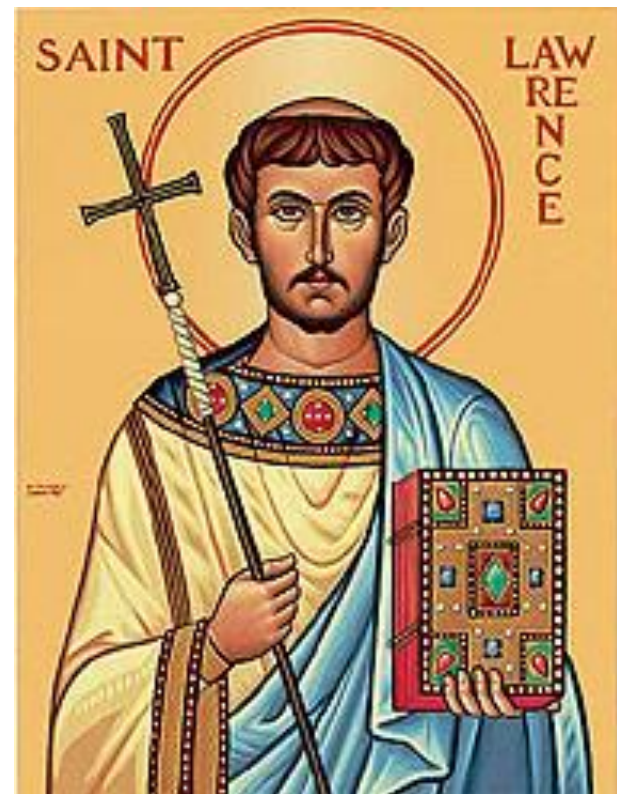
#### **A Prayer after Communion**

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 Festival of St. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr  
August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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*“Verily, verily, I say unto you, ‘Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit.’”*

*St. John 12:24*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Ewing”</i>	Rodger Kalbfleisch
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Processional Hymn</b>	<i>“The World Is Very Evil”</i>	Δ TLH 605
<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>		ASBH p. 8
<b>Versicles</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	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. 159
<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. 159
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		2 Corinthians 9:6-10
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 159
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 15
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. John 12:24-26
<b>The Creed</b>	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“I Know of A Sleep in Jesus’ Name”</i>	TLH 592
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>If It Die, It Beareth Much Fruit</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>“O Lord, My God, I Cry to Thee”</i>	TLH 600
<b>The Lavabo</b>	<i>(During Hymn)</i>	ASBH p. 21
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Exhortation</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

<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>“O Living Bread from Heaven”</i>	TLH 316
<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>“When My Last Hour Is Close at Hand”</i>	TLH 594
<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. 38
<b>The Recessional Hymn</b>	<i>“Though in Midst of Life We Be”</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“Vater Unser”</i>	Michael Praetorius

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Table of Duties (pages 29-34) & Questions 13-16 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The First Table. The First Commandment, pages 42-43).

### 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, Rachel Epperson, Tammy Wilson, Michelle Harris, Gerald Weerts, 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 Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL;* and her pastors, the *Rev. Benjamin Henson* and the *Rev. Em. Douglas Handrich.*
- 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.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

## Announcements

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

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today</b>	Eccl. 5-6; Matt. 7:22-29	Ecclesiastes 7-8; Acts 20:17-38
<b>Monday:</b>	Eccl. 9-10; 1 Cor. 12:12-31	Ecclesiastes 11-12; 2 Samuel 19:1-23
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Songs 1-2; 1 Cor. 14:1-40	Song of Solomon 3-4; 1 Chronicles 21:1-30
<b>Wed.:</b>	Songs 5-6; 1 Cor. 15:58—16:24	Song of Solomon 7-8; 1 Chronicles 22:1-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Wisdom 1-2; 2 Cor. 1:1-24	Wisdom 3-4; 1 Chronicles 28:1-21
<b>Friday:</b>	Wisdom 5-6; 2 Cor. 2:1—3:3	Wisdom 7-8; 1 Chronicles 29:1-23
<b>Sat.:</b>	Wisdom 9-10; 2 Cor. 6:11—7:16	Wisdom 11-12; 2 Chronicles 1:1-13

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

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 119, Part VIII, 52-54	Psalms 126, 55-57
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part VIII, 58-59	Psalms 126, 60-63
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part VIII, 64-65	Psalms 126, 66-68
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part VIII, 69	Psalms 126, 70-72
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part VIII, 73	Psalms 126, 74-76
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part VIII, 77	Psalms 126, 78
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part VIII, 79-80	Psalms 139, 81-83

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Epitome of the Formula of Concord, VIII.1-15  
**Tuesday:** The Epitome of the Formula of Concord, VIII.16-32  
**Wednesday:** The Epitome of the Formula of Concord, VIII.33—X.2  
**Thursday:** The Epitome of the Formula of Concord, X.3—XI.3  
**Friday:** The Epitome of the Formula of Concord, 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 46—"The Will of God Is Always Best"

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

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

**Today: The Festival of St. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr/The Eighth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Red**

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

3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

**Monday:** No Events Scheduled

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

**Wednesday:** Pastor in Pawleys Island, SC

**Thursday:** 5:00 p.m. Pastor teaches Liturgics 2  
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**Friday: The Festival of St. Mary, Theotokos—White**

5:00 p.m. Pastor teaches Liturgics 2

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

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

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

**Parish Meeting**

Our next quarterly parish meeting is scheduled in two weeks on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Service. We will need to discuss our financial situation after losing our largest contributor. We will discuss several options. Please make plans to be there.

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

**An Excerpt from Luther's Writings**

"Now let me tell you who the false prophets of our times are. For

no one can judge or know this unless he has the Spirit. But the brief summary is, though much may be said on the subject, it is the Pope with his entire government; for they all have taught what is opposed to God. A lengthy proof of this is not necessary, for you can observe this nearly everywhere you turn. Yet we will give a few examples. God commands in Exodus 20:12: The child shall honor father and mother and be subject unto them. But the Pope has approved the view that a monk or a nun is no longer under their father, and says: The child is now under spiritual dominion and in the service of God; God is more than father and mother; hence it is no longer bound to serve father and mother, and the father is bound to call it a nobleman by grace.

"Well, when I ask, what is the service of God? they reply: Dear Sir: It is the ringing of bells; lighting of candles; putting on beautiful robes for the celebration of mass, and more such similar monkey tricks. Yes, indeed, you have surely hit the mark! But I say to honor father and mother and to keep God's commandments, that is to serve God. Therefore you must say here that Antichrist has taught such things, and boldly say and declare he lies. Do you not see here how God's commandment is opposed to the obedience of priors and abbots? God gave you father and mother that you should honor them, serve them and be subject to them. The Pope gives you another, whom you must honor more than the father God has given you. If this is keeping God's commandment, I do not know what it is." *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/The Festival of St. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

**Gospel:** St. John 12:24-26

**August 15<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of St. Mary, Theotokos**

**Epistle:** Galatians 4:4-7

**Gospel:** St. Luke 1:41-50

**August 17<sup>th</sup>—The Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

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

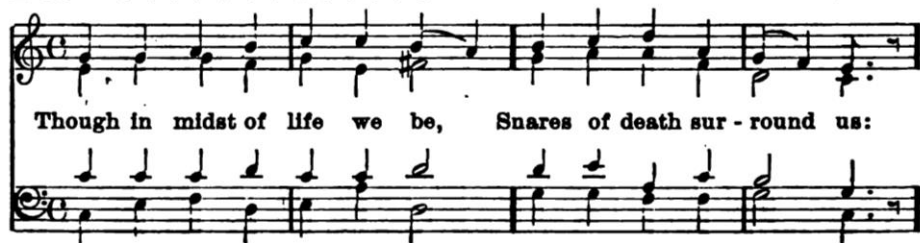
**Gospel:** St. Luke 16:1-9

# Though in Midst of Life We Be

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
7, 6, 7, 6, 7, 8, 7, 6, 6, 9, 5, 6, 7, 5.

Johann Walther, 1524



Though in midst of life we be,    Snares of death sur - round us:



Where shall we for suc - cor flee,    Lest our foes con - found us? To



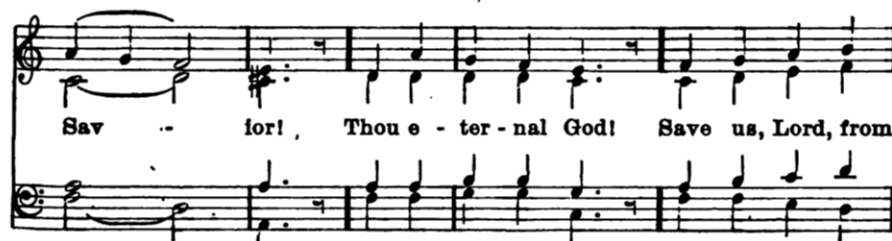
Thee a - lone, our Sav - ior! We mourn our grievous sin, which hath



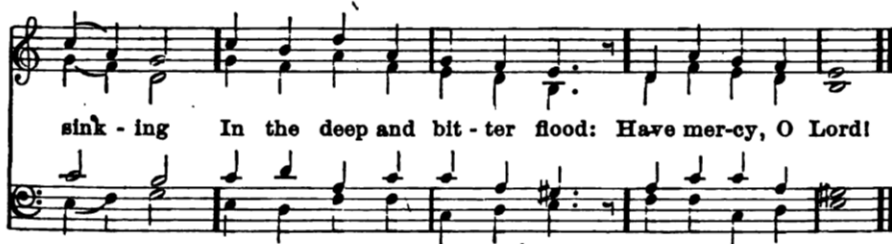
Stirred the fire of Thy fierce wrath:    Ho - ly and gra - cious God!



Ho - ly and might-y God!    Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful



Sav - ior!    Thou e - ter - nal God!    Save us, Lord, from



sink - ing    In the deep and bit - ter flood: Have mer - cy, O Lord!

2 While in midst of death we be,  
Hell's grim powers o'ertake us:  
Who from such distress will free,  
Who secure will make us?  
Thou only, Lord, canst do it!  
It moves Thy tender heart to see  
Our great sin and misery:  
Holy and gracious God!  
Holy and mighty God!  
Holy and all-merciful Savior!  
Thou eternal God!  
Let not hell dismay us  
With its deep and burning flood:  
Have mercy, O Lord!

3 Into hell's fierce agony  
Sin doth headlong drive us:  
Where shall we for succor flee,  
Who, O who will hide us?  
Thou only, blessed Savior;  
Thy precious blood was shed to win  
Peace and pardon for our sin:  
Holy and gracious God!  
Holy and mighty God!  
Holy and all-merciful Savior!  
Let us not, we pray,  
From the true faith's comfort  
Fall in our last need away.  
Have mercy, O Lord!

M. Luther, 1534