

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 17th, 2025

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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
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
The 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>His Lord Commended the Unrighteous Steward</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
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>“O Living Bread from Heaven”</i>	TLH 316
<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 Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord”</i>	ASBH 41
<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>“Wo Gott zum Haus”</i>	Johann Pachelbel

Recitation of the Catechism

Christian Questions with Their Answers (pages 34-38) & Questions 17-28 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The First Table. The Second Commandment, pages 44-47).

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, 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, *Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Herrin, IL;* and her pastors, the *Rev. Michael D. Henson* and the *Rev. Dcn. Gary K. Harroun.*
- 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 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	Wis. 13-14; Luke 12:32-48	Wisdom 15-16; 2 Timothy 1:3-14
Monday:	Wis. 17-18; 2 Cor. 8:1-24	Wisdom 19; 1 Kings 3:16-28
Tuesday:	Sirach Prologue-1; 2 Cor. 9:1-15	Sirach 2-3; 1 Kings 4:22-34
Wednesday:	Sirach 4-5; 2 Cor. 10:1-18	Sirach 6-7; 1 Kings 5:1-18
Thursday:	Sirach 8-9; 2 Cor. 11:1-18	Sirach 10-11; 2 Chronicles 3:1-17
Friday:	Sirach 12-13; 2 Cor. 12:19—13:13	Sirach 14-15; 1 Kings 8:1-66
Saturday:	Sirach 16-17; Gal. 1:1-24	Sirach 18-19; 1 Kings 7:1-12

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 84-85	Psalms 139, 86-88
Monday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 89	Psalms 139, 90-92
Tuesday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 93-95	Psalms 139, 96-100
Wednesday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 101-102	Psalms 139, 103-104
Thursday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 105	Psalms 139, 106
Friday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 107	Psalms 139, 108-111
Saturday:	Psalms 119, Part IX, 112-115	Psalms 143, 116-118

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Epitome of the Formula of Concord, XI.16—XII.11
Tuesday: The Epitome of the Formula of Concord, XII.12-31
Wed.: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, Preface.1-10
Thursday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, RULE.1-7
Friday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, RULE.8-13

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 47—"Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall"

Evening: TLH 366—"One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure"

Calendar for the Week of the Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Today: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

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

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
Seminary Summer Quarter Ends

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The Festival of St. Bartholomew, Apostle/The Tenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Red

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

11:15 a.m. Parish Meeting

Parish Meeting

Our next quarterly parish meeting is scheduled for next week, Sunday, August 24th, after the Divine Service. We will need to discuss our financial situation after the death of 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. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"In the third place, you should faithfully hold fast to the following words: 'That they may receive you into the eternal tabernacles.' Behold, they say, here it stands written that they receive us into heaven, how then can you say that we dare not place the saints as mediators before God, and

that they cannot help us to heaven? Here observe, that we have but one Redeemer before God, and He is Christ. For thus St. Paul speaks, 1 Tim. 2:5: 'For there is one God, one Mediator also between God and man, Himself man, Christ Jesus.' Again, Christ Himself in John 14:6 says: 'I am the way, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.' Therefore we must not seek our consolation in any of the saints, but in Christ alone, through whose merits alone we and all saints are saved. Therefore I will not give a penny for St. Peter's merits, that he should help me. He cannot help himself, but whatever he has he has from God by faith in Christ. Now then, if he cannot help himself, how then can he do anything for me? Consequently I must have another, who is Christ, God and man in one." *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 24th—The Festival of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Gospel: St. Luke 22:24-30