

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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday
September 3rd, 2023

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“But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” St. Luke 10:29

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“O Gott, du frommer Gott”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“O God, Thou Faithful God”</i>	TLH 395
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. 110
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. 110
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Galatians 3:15-22
The Gradual		ASBH p. 110
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Luke 10:23-37
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”</i>	ASBH 51
The Sermon	<i>He That Showed Mercy on Him</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>“Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion”</i>	TLH 384
<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>“Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared”</i>	TLH 306
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
The Hymn	<i>“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”</i>	TLH 429
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>“Herzlich lieb hab’ ich dich, O Herr”</i>	James Engel

Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (pages 19-21) & Questions 38-44 (The Second Table, The Fourth Commandment, pages 50-52).

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, *Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL*; and her pastors, the *Rev. Benjamin Henson* and the *Rev. Em. Douglas Handrich.*
- 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.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	Job 9-10; Matt. 20:20-28	Job 11-12; 1 Timothy 1:5-17
Monday:	Job 13-14; 1 Thess. 5:12-28	Job 15-16; 2 Kings 10:1-36
Tuesday:	Job 17-18; 1 Tim. 1:1-20	Job 19-20; 2 Chronicles 22:1-12
Wednesday:	Job 21-22; 1 Tim. 2:1-15	Job 23-24; 2 Chronicles 23:1-21
Thursday:	Job 25-26; 1 Tim. 3:1-16	Job 27-28; 2 Chronicles 24:1-27
Friday:	Job 29-30; 1 Tim. 4:1-16	Job 31-32; 2 Kings 14:1-29
Saturday:	Job 33-34; 1 Tim. 5:1-25	Job 35-36; 2 Kings 15:1-38

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 119, Part XIII, 18	Psalms 146, 19-22
Monday:	Psalms 119, Part XIII, 23-25	Psalms 146, 36-30
Tuesday:	Psalms 119, Part XIII, 31-32	Psalms 146, 33-34
Wednesday:	Psalms 119, Part XIII, 35	Psalms 146, 36-37
Thursday:	Psalms 119, Part XIII, 38	Psalms 146, 39-41
Friday:	Psalms 119, Part XIII, 42-44	Psalms 146, 45-48
Saturday:	Psalms 119, Part XIII, 49	Psalms 66, 50-51

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, II.15-19
Tuesday: The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, II.20-28
Wednesday: The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, II.29-40
Thursday: The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, II.41-47
Friday: The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, II.48-56

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 51—"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Evening: TLH 384—"Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion"

Calendar for the Week after the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today: The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

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

Monday: *Labor Day*
Upper SC State Fair

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Divine Service & Bible Class in Fort Myers,
FL (Pastor Stefanski)
Upper SC State Fair

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Divine Service & Bible Class in Fort Myers,
FL (Pastor Stefanski)
Upper SC State Fair

Thursday: *Upper SC State Fair*

Friday: *Upper SC State Fair*

Saturday: *Upper SC State Fair*

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

10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Simpsonville, SC
11:15 a.m. Parish Meeting
3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

Grandparents' Day
Upper SC State Fair

Parish Meeting

Our next quarterly parish meeting is next week on Sunday, September 10th, 2023 after the Divine Service. Please make plans to be there.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"Now I think you understand what it is to love God with all the heart, with all the soul and with all the mind. To love God with all the heart is to love Him above all creatures; that is, although many creatures are quite lovely, as they please me and I love them, nevertheless, I am to

despise and forsake all these for God's sake, whenever God my Lord desires it.

To love God with all the soul is to devote your entire bodily life to Him that you can say when the love of any creature, or any persecution threatens to overpower you: All this I will give up, before I will forsake my God; let men cast me away, murder or drown me, let what God's will is happen to me, I will gladly lose all, before I will forsake thee, 'O Lord! unto Thee will I cling more than to all Thy creatures, or to anything that is not Thyself. I will risk all things together with what I have and am that I may not forsake Thee.' The soul in the Scriptures signifies the life of the body, which acts through the five senses, eating, drinking sleeping, waking, seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and everything that the soul does through the body.

To love God with all our strength is to devote all our members and whatever we may be able to do through our bodies to the love of God, and sacrifice all rather than do anything contrary to His will.

To love God with all the mind is to take to nothing except that which is pleasing to God. By which is meant the self-conceit which man has that the same be directed to God and that all things be pleasing to Him." *This sermon is from the Church Postil of Martin Luther for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday.*

The Lutheran Herald

The September 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.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: Galatians 3:15-22

Gospel: St. Luke 10:23-37

September 10th—The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: Galatians 5:16-24

Gospel: St. Luke 17:11-19