

**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 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Sunday  
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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*“‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’”*

*St. Mark 7:34*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Auf meinen lieben Gott”</i>	Friedrich Zachow
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him”</i>	Δ TLH 26
<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>		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. 109
<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. 109
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		2 Corinthians 3:4-11
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 109
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. Mark 7:31-37
<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>“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”</i>	ASBH 50
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>Ephphatha!</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 God, My Faithful God”</i>	ASBH 62
<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>“Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”</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>“Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices”</i>	TLH 30
<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
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“O dass ich tausend” (König)</i>	Max Reger

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Apostles’ Creed (pages 13-15) & Questions 38-44 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The Second Table, The Fourth Commandment, pages 50-52).

### Announcements

*ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.*  
*TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal*

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

## Announcements

### In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Dan, Katie, Kelly, Vince Bost, Brandon Dennie, Connie Dulas, Rachel Epperson, Vito Gerardi, Graham Hardaway, Michelle Harris, Peggy Holder, Judy Horn, Glen Madden, Paul Meadows, Barbara Miller, Mike Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Jack Newton, Becky Phillips, Betty Ramsey, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Chuck Webber, Gerald Weerts, and Tammy Wilson.*
- For our bishop, the Rt. Rev. *James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MN;* and her pastor, the Rev. *Mark Mueller.*
- 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, especially *Barbara Lucas.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

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

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today</b>	Job 25-26; Matt. 12:31-42	Job 27-28; James 3:1-12
<b>Monday:</b>	Job 29-30; Col. 2:1-23	Job 31-32; 2 Kings 4:1-44
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Job 33-34; Col. 3:18—4:18	Job 35-36; 2 Kings 5:1-27
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Job 37-38; 1 Thess. 1:1-10	Job 39-40; 2 Kings 6:1-23
<b>Thursday:</b>	Job 41-42; 1 Thess. 2:1-20	Greek Esther 11-12; 2 Kings 6:24—7:20
<b>Friday:</b>	Esther 1-2; 1 Thess. 3:1-13	Esther 3; Greek Esther 13; 2 Kings 8:1-15
<b>Saturday:</b>	Esther 4; Greek Esther 14; 1 Thess. 4:8-12	Greek Esther 15; Esther 5; 2 Kings 9:1-37

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

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XII, 38	Psalms 146, 39-41
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XII, 42-44	Psalms 146, 45-48
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XII, 49	Psalms 146, 50-51
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XII, 52-54	Psalms 146, 55-57
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XII, 58-59	Psalms 146, 60-63
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XII, 64-65	Psalms 146, 66-68
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XII, 69	Psalms 66, 70-72

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, II.15-19  
**Tuesday:** The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, II.20-28  
**Wednesday:** The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, II.29-40  
**Thursday:** The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, II.41-47  
**Friday:** The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, 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 50—"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

**Evening:** ASBH 62—"In God, My Faithful God"

## Calendar for the Week of the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

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

### *Grandparents' Day*

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

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

Deacon on Vacation

**Monday:** No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Thursday:** *Patriot Day*

**Friday:** 5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Ormond Beach, FL

**Saturday:** Barbara Lucas' Birthday

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

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL

## 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](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

"The people bring the poor man to the Lord, the Lord takes him to a special place and puts His fingers in the man's ears, spits, and touches his tongue with the spittle, looks up toward heaven, and sighing, says, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened!' This is a lovely picture, and its meaning is good. For by those who here bring the deafmute to the Lord, the office of the ministry is meant. Ministers and the Apostles lead the poor consciences of men to God. This is done in three ways, by preaching, by a godly life, and by intercession. With the Word and preaching, they are brought to God; a godly life serves to show the Word so much the mightier in its power. But the Word itself leads to Christ, though it be preached by a sinner. Yet, a good life serves as an emphasis and a furtherance of the

Gospel; while a wicked life dulls its edge. Their third duty, to pray for the people, likewise leads them on the road both to faith and to works.

Now if the Word goes on its way in this threefold manner, it cannot fail to bring forth fruit, as God says, Is. 55:11: 'My Word, that goeth forth out of My mouth, shall not return to me void.' This is indicated by the action of the pious persons who carry the mute into Christ's presence; this signifies the ministers, who bring forward the sinner; then God appears, giving growth and increase, as Paul says, 1 Cor. 3:7, He opens the sinner's eyes, ears, and mouth. This happens in a wink of the eye, for God's Word is like lightning, which in a moment passes from sunrise to the ends of the earth. Thus when such persons are brought to God, He gives them grace to believe.

This is signified by the act of laying His fingers into the man's ears; through the Word He breathes the Holy Spirit into him, making the heart believing, decent, chaste, and holy; for the finger signifies the Holy Spirit.

Again, the spittle that is laid on the man's tongue, typifies the Word of God; this is put into his mouth in order that he may be able to speak it. And this spittle, the Word of God, is a noble thing, but very bitter to the Old Adam." *This sermon is from the Church Postil of Martin Luther for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Sunday.*

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

**Today—The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

**Gospel:** St. Mark 7:31-37

**September 14<sup>th</sup>—The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Epistle:** Galatians 3:15-22

**Gospel:** St. Luke 10:23-37

## ##. Draw Nigh, and Take the Body of the Lord

Sancti, venite, Corpus Christi sumite

Old 124th

Latin author unknown, c. 680

"Genevan Psalter," 1551

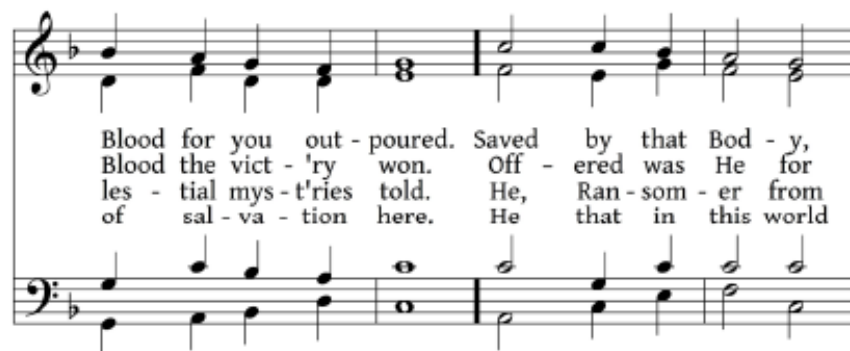
Tr., John M. Neale, 1851, alt.



1. Draw nigh, and take the Bod - y of the  
 2. Sal - va - tion's Giv - er, Christ, the On - ly  
 3. Vic - tims were of - fered by the Law of  
 4. Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin -



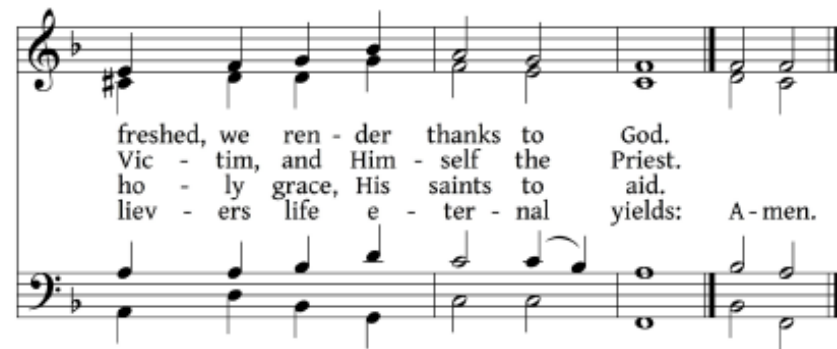
Lord, And drink the ho - ly  
 Son, By His dear Cross and  
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 cere, And take the safe - guard



Blood for you out - poured. Saved by that Bod - y,  
 Blood the vict - 'ry won. Off - ered was He for  
 les - tial mys - t'ries told. He, Ran - som - er from  
 of sal - va - tion here. He that in this world



and that ho - ly Blood, With souls re -  
 great - est and Light for least: Him - self the  
 death, and His saints, and shade, Giv - eth His  
 rules His saints, and shields, To all be -



freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.  
 Vic - tim, and Him - self the Priest.  
 ho - ly grace, His saints to aid,  
 liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields: A - men.

5. With heav'nly Bread makes them that hunger whole,  
 Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
 Alpha and Omega, to whom shall bow  
 All nations at the Doom, is with us now.