

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.

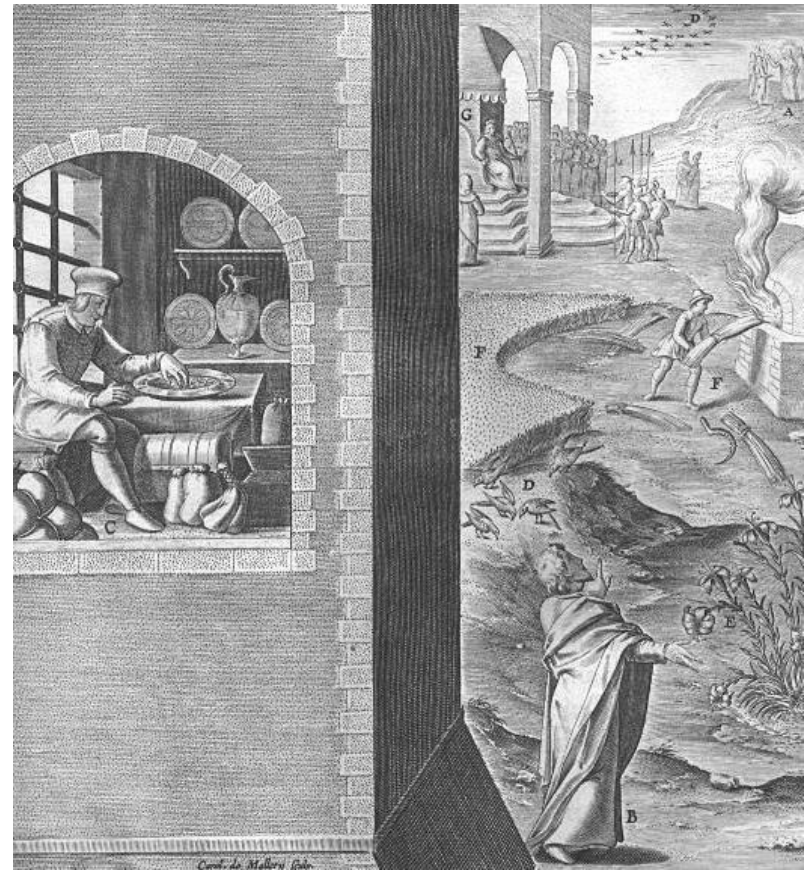
A Prayer after Communion

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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday
September 8th, 2024

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“Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”

St. Matthew 6:24

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Wer nur den lieben Gott”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”</i>	TLH 518
<i>Stand</i>		
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. 112
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. 112
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Galatians 5:25—6:10
The Gradual		ASBH p. 112
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
The Gospel		St. Matthew 6:24-34
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Why Art Thou Thus Cast Down My Soul?”</i>	ASBH 53
The Sermon	<i>No Man Can Serve Two Masters</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>“Commit Whatever Grieves Thee”</i>	TLH 520
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>“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
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”</i>	TLH 535
<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. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Herzlich tut mich”</i>	Johann Pachelbel

Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (pages 19-21) & Questions 225-230 (Part III. The Lord’s Prayer. The First Petition, pages 113-114).

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, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Glen Madden, Becky Phillips, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Rachel Epperson, Tammy Wilson, John Crossley, 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 Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Harrison, AR; and Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Mission, Conway, AR; and their pastor, the Rev. Eric J. Stefanski.*
- That the Lord might send *faithful laborers* into His harvest.
- For *St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Seminary* and her students *Duncan Geldenhuys* and *Jonathon Teo Zin Han.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Nikolas Likourentzos, Deacon and Sherrill Smithey, Kenny Earickson, 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, especially *Nicholas Silva.*
- For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Barbara Lucas.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for week after the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	Job 29-30; Luke 10:38-42	Job 31-32; Acts 8:26-39
Monday:	Job 33-34; Titus 3:8-15	Job 35-36; 2 Kings 20:1-21
Tuesday:	Job 37-38; Philemon	Job 39-40; 2 Kings 21:1-26
Wednesday:	Job 41-42; Hebrews 1:1-14	Apocryphal Esther 11-12; 2 Chronicles 34:1-33
Thursday:	Es. 1-2; Hebrews 2:5—3:6	Esther 3; Apoc. Es. 13; 2 Chronicles 35:20—36:10
Friday:	Es. 4; Apoc. Es. 14; Heb. 4:14—5:14	Apoc. Es. 15; Esther 5; Jeremiah 22:1-30
Saturday:	Esther 6-7; Heb. 6:1-20	Esther 8; Apoc. Es. 16; Jeremiah 25:1-14

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 42-44	Psalms 34, 45-48
Monday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 49	Psalms 34, 50-51
Tuesday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 52-54	Psalms 34, 55-57
Wednesday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 58-59	Psalms 34, 60-63
Thursday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 64-65	Psalms 34, 66-68
Friday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 69	Psalms 34, 70-72
Saturday:	Psalms 119, Part XV, 73	Psalms 36, 74-76

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, II.15-19

Tuesday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, II.20-28

Wednesday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, II.29-40

Thursday: The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, II.41-47

Friday: The Solid 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 53—“Why Art Thou Thus Cast Down My Heart?”

Evening: TLH 520—“Commit Whatever Grieves Thee”

Calendar for the week after the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

Grandparents’ Day

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

11:15 a.m. Parish Meeting

Upper SC State Fair, Easley, SC Ends

NC Mountain State Fair

Monday: *Seminary Classes Begin*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Pawleys Island, SC

NC Mountain State Fair

Tuesday: NC Mountain State Fair

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL

NC Mountain State Fair

Thursday: NC Mountain State Fair

Friday: Barbara Lucas’ birthday

NC Mountain State Fair

Saturday: NC Mountain State Fair

Next Sunday: The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

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

NC Mountain State Fair, Fletcher, NC Ends

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The third triennium of the diocesan seminary will begin tomorrow. We will have two students this year, one from Singapore (Jonathon Teo Zin Han) and one from Australia (Duncan Geldenhuys). These are both associated with our sister church in the Philippines. Because we do not have the ability for foreign visas, the entire seminary education will be online, with the practical classes being handled by Pastor Alvarez of the Philippines in person. Please keep the seminary and her new students in your prayers.

Parish Meeting

Our next quarterly parish meeting is scheduled for TODAY after the Divine Service. A new item of discussion is the impending end of our lease the end of next April. We will discuss whether we plan to renew, or

seek another place. These things must be discussed now since the budget planning meeting will meet in November, and approval for that budget will be in December. Knowing what we want to do next year will help in planning next year’s budget. Please make plans to be there.

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“Now the world cannot conceal its unbelief in its coarse, outward sins, for I see it loves a dollar more than Christ; more than all the Apostles, even if they themselves were present and preached to it. I can hear the Gospel daily, but it does not profit me every day; it may indeed happen, if I have heard it a whole year, the Holy Spirit may have been given to me only one hour. Now when I enjoyed this hour I obtained not only five hundred dollars, but also the riches of the whole world; for what have I not, when I have the Gospel? I received God, who made the silver and the gold, and all that is upon the earth; for I acquired the Spirit by which I know that I will be kept by Him forever; that is much more than if I had the church full of money. Examine now and see, if our heart is not a rogue, full of wickedness and unbelief. If I were a true Christian, I would say: The hour the Gospel is received, there comes to me a hundred thousand dollars, and much more. For if I possess this treasure, I have all that is in heaven and upon earth. But one must serve this treasure only, for no man can serve God and mammon. Either you must love God and hate money; or you must hate God and love money; this and nothing more.” *Excerpted from a sermon in the Church Postil of Martin Luther for the Fifteenth 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle:

Galatians 5:25—6:10

Gospel:

St. Matthew 6:24-34

September 15th—The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle:

Ephesians 3:13-21

Gospel:

St. Luke 7:11-17