

**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.

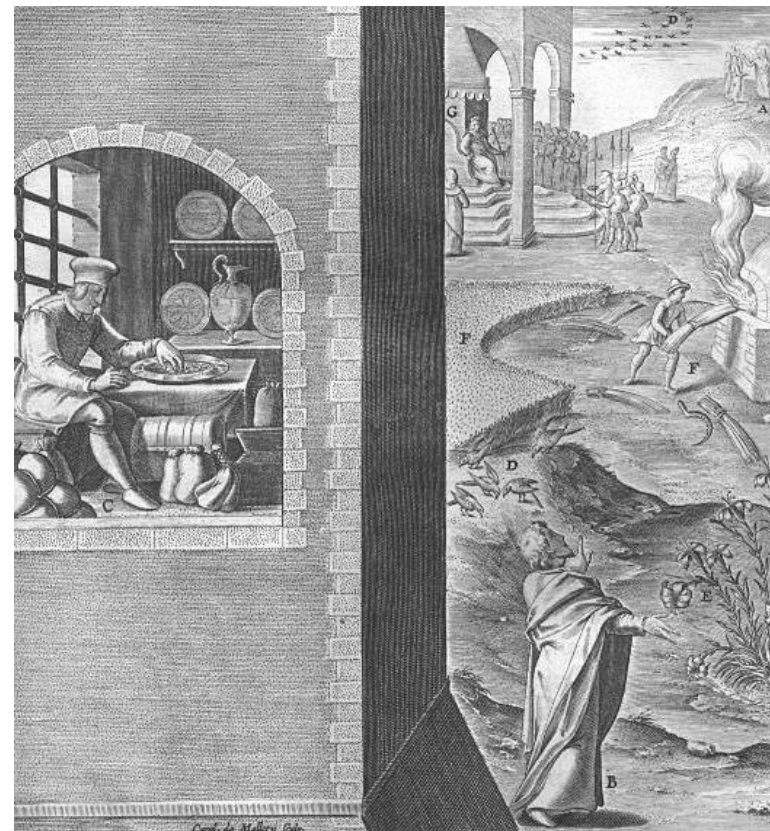
#### **A Prayer after Communion**

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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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*“Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”*

*St. Matthew 6:24*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Wer nur den lieben Gott”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”</i>	TLH 518
<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. 112
<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. 112
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		Galatians 5:25—6:10
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 112
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Holy Gospel</b>		St. Matthew 6:24-34
<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>“Why Art Thou Thus Cast Down My Heart?”</i>	ASBH 53
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>Seek Ye First His Kingdom</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>“Commit Whatever Grieves Thee”</i>	TLH 520
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Exhortation</b>		ASBH p. 21
<b>The Lavabo</b>		ASBH p. 21
<b>Silent Prayer</b>	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	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>“Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared”</i>	TLH 306
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Nunc Dimittis</b>		ASBH p. 33-35
<b>The Thanksgiving and Collect</b>		ASBH p. 35-36
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing”</i>	TLH 535
<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>“Herzlich tut mich”</i>	Johann Pachelbel

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar (pages 25-26) & Questions 49-55 (The Second Table, The Sixth Commandment, pages 54-56).

### Announcements

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

*TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal*

## September 24<sup>th</sup>—The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

**Epistle:** Ephesians 3:13-21

**Gospel:** St. Luke 7:11-17

### 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, 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. Emer. 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, especially *Pastor Dulas* and *Bill Kope.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for the Week after the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today</b>	Ezra 7-8; Luke 10:38-42	Ezra 9-10; Acts 8:26-39
<b>Monday:</b>	Neh. 1-2; Titus 3:8-15	Nehemiah 3-4; 2 Kings 20:1-21
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Nehemiah 5-6; Philemon	Nehemiah 7-8; 2 Kings 21:1-26
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Neh. 9-10; Hebrews 1:1-14	Nehemiah 11-12; 2 Chronicles 34:1-33
<b>Thursday:</b>	Neh. 13; Hebrews 2:5—3:6	Tobit 1-2; 2 Chronicles 35:20—36:10
<b>Friday:</b>	Tobit 3-4; Heb. 4:14—5:14	Tobit 5-6; Jeremiah 22:1-30
<b>Saturday:</b>	Tobit 7-8; Heb. 6:1-20	Tobit 9-10; Jeremiah 25:1-14

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

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XV, 84-85	Psalms 34, 86-88
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XV, 89	Psalms 34, 90-92
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XV, 93-95	Psalms 34, 96-100
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ps. 119, Part XV, 101-102	Psalms 34, 103-104
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XV, 105	Psalms 34, 106
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part XV, 107	Psalms 34, 108-111
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ps. 119, Part XV, 112-115	Psalms 36, 116-118

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, III.8-17  
**Tuesday:** The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, III.18-25  
**Wednesday:** The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, III.26-30  
**Thursday:** The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, III.31-35  
**Friday:** The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, III.36-43

### 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**

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

*Constitution Day*

*Euphoria, Downtown Greenville, SC*

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

Communion Visit to Pawleys Island, SC

**Tuesday:** Communion Visit to Pawleys Island, SC

**Wednesday: Ember Day in September—Violet**

7:00 p.m. Divine Service in Fort Myers, FL

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

**Thursday: The Festival of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist—  
Red**

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

Pastor Dulas' Birthday

**Friday: Ember Day in September—Violet**

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

**Saturday: Ember Day in September—Violet**

*Autumn Begins*

Bill Kope's Birthday

**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)

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

**An Excerpt from Luther's Writings**

"We find very few, who do not sin against the Gospel. The Lord passes a severe judgment and it is terrible to hear that He should say this of us, and yet no one will confess, yea, no one will suffer it to be said that we hate and despise God and that we are His enemies. There is no one, when asked if he loves God and cleaves to Him would not reply, 'Yes, I love God.' But see how the text closes, that we all hate and despise God, and love mammon and cleave to it. But God suffers us to do this

until His time; He watches the time and some day He will strike into our midst with all violence, before we can turn around. It is impossible for one, who loves gold and earthly possessions and cleaves to them, not to hate God. For God here contrasts these two as enemies to one another, and concludes, if you love and cleave to one of these two, then you must hate and despise the other. Therefore, however nicely and genteelly one lives here upon earth and cleaves to riches, it cannot be otherwise than that he must hate God; and on the other hand, whoever does not cleave to gold and worldly goods, loves God. This is certainly true." *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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup>—The Wednesday Ember Day in September**

**Lesson:** Amos 9:13-15

**Gospel:** St. Mark 9:16-28

**September 21<sup>st</sup>—The Festival of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:7-14

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 9:9-13

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>—The Friday Ember Day in September**

**Lesson:** Hosea 14:1-9

**Gospel:** St. Luke 7:38-50

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>—The Saturday Ember Day in September**

**Lesson:** Leviticus 23:26-32

**Epistle:** Hebrews 9:2-12

**Gospel:** St. Luke 13:6-17