

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.

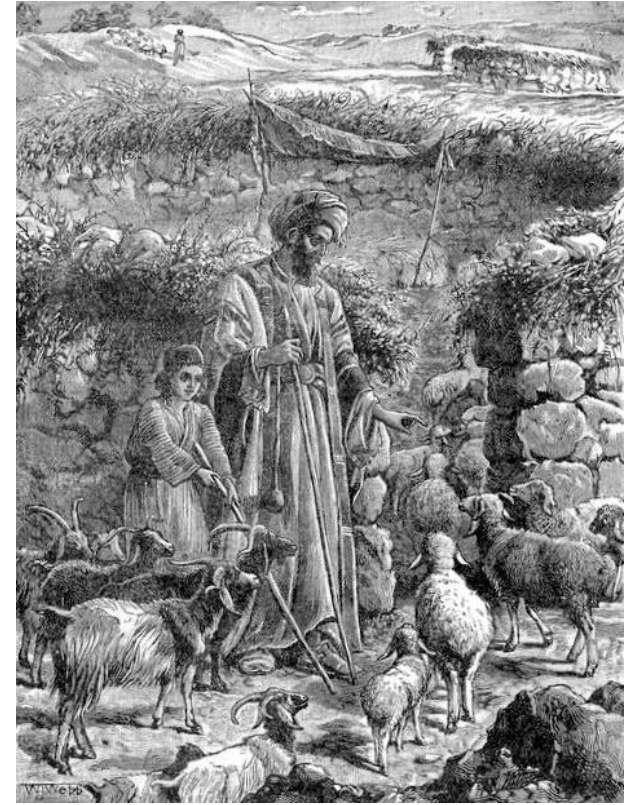
A Prayer after Communion

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 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday
November 19th, 2023

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“But when the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then shall He sit on the throne of His glory.” St. Matthew 25:31

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Nun danket alle Gott”</i>	Georg Friedrich Kaufmann
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“In the Midst of Earthly Life”</i>	TLH 590
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. 123
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. 123
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		2 Thessalonians 1:3-10
The Gradual		ASBH p. 123
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
<i>Stand</i>		
The Gospel		St. Matthew 25:31-46
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Now Thank We All Our God”</i>	Δ ASBH 64
The Sermon	<i>Inasmuch As Ye Did It</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>“Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning”</i>	TLH 607
<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 Living Bread”</i>	TLH 312
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
The Hymn	<i>“That Day of Wrath, That Dreadful Day”</i>	TLH 612
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>“Windham”</i>	Carl Schalk

Recitation of the Catechism

How One Should Be Taught to Pray (pages 27-29) & Questions 126-130 (Part II, The Creed, The Second Article. Of Redemption, pages 78-80).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

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

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, Barb Eisold, Becky Phillips, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, John Burton, Carol Laflay, 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, *Lamb of God Ev. Lutheran Church, Rogers, AR;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Martin Jackson.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Nikolas and Ana Likourentzos; Deacon and Sherrill Smithey; Kenny Earickson;* 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, especially *Deacon and Sherrill Smithey*

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	Hosea 13-14; Matt. 11:25-30	Joel; Hebrews 4:9-13
Monday:	Amos 1-3; 1 Peter 1:1-12	Amos 4-6; Zephaniah 3:9-20
Tuesday:	Amos 7-9; 1 Pet. 1:13—2:10	Obadiah; Isaiah 34:1-17
Wednesday:	Jonah 1-2; 1 Peter 4:1-7	Jonah 3-4; Isaiah 35:1-10
Thursday:	Micah 1-2; 1 Peter 4:12-19	Micah 3-4; Isaiah 54:1-17
Friday:	Micah 5-7; 2 Peter 1:1-15	Nahum; Isaiah 60:7-22
Saturday:	Habakkuk; 2 Peter 2:1-22	Zephaniah; Isaiah 62:1-12

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 111, 93-95	Psalms 18:32-50, 96-100
Monday:	Psalms 111, 101-102	Psalms 18:32-50, 103-104
Tuesday:	Psalms 111, 105	Psalms 18:32-50, 106
Wednesday:	Psalms 111, 107	Psalms 18:32-50, 108-111
Thursday:	Psalms 111-115	Psalms 18:32-50, 116-118
Friday:	Psalms 111, 119:1-40	Psalms 18:32-50, 119:41-88
Saturday:	Ps. 111, 119:89-128	Psalms 27, 97, 119:129-176

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XI.4-14
Tuesday:	The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XI.15-27
Wednesday:	The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XI.28-36
Thursday:	Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XI.37-47
Friday:	The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XI.48-64

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 64—“Now Thank We All Our God”

Evening: TLH 607—“Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning”

Calendar for the Week after the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Today: The Twenty-Sixth 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

Sherrill Smithey’s Baptismal Anniversary

Deacon and Sherrill Smithey’s Anniversary

Monday: No Events Scheduled

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Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: A Day of General or Special Thanksgiving—White

Thanksgiving Day

Friday: *Black Friday*

Saturday: *Small Business Saturday*

Next Sunday: The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

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

Midweek Advent Services

This year’s Midweek Advent Services will begin on Wednesday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday until December 20th. This year’s Services will all be Divine Services observing various saints’ days and an Ember Day. Private confession will be offered before each Service at 4:30 p.m.

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“But how does it happen that the righteous do not recognize and know that they have done their works unto Christ? They say: ‘Lord, when saw we Thee hungry, or athirst, etc.?’ The reason is, that to give something to a poor minister, chaplain, teacher, sexton is regarded as a matter altogether of too small significance to be so precious in the sight of God. Yea, the world looks upon it as so much money thrown away. Yet will anyone say that the world would be so much richer, were there no pupils, schools, hospitals? Or that it is on their account any poorer, unless it were entirely heathen, or it were, as heretofore, compelled to give enough for the devil’s sake, and allow itself to be flayed to the bone by those who have cheated it of body and soul. In short, the

churches and schools receive the very least from the world; yet it is jealous, complains bitterly, and makes a great cry about what they already have, although it gives nothing, and claims to make much better use of its means, when at other times it gives a hundred times as much to shameless, dissolute villains and jugglers; it soon forgets of how much it allows brother Guy to be robbed, and then even it takes a beating in the bargain. It never enters the brain of the world to think and believe that this means to give to Christ; nor is it easy for us to see it ourselves.” *From the Church Postil for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday.*

The Lutheran Herald

The November 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 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:31-46

November 23rd—A Day of General or Special Thanksgiving

Lesson: Isaiah 26:1-12

Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

November 26th—The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:1-13