

**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**

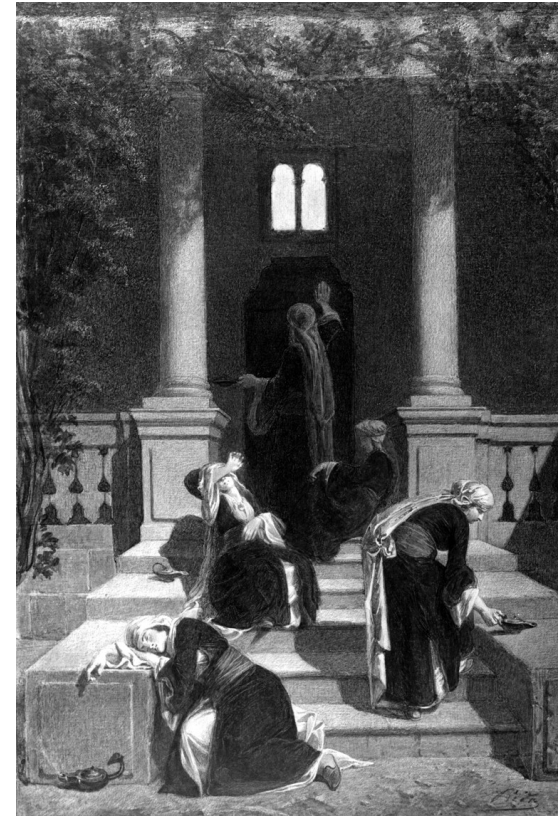
Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

#### **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.



The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday  
November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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*“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.” St. Matthew 25:1*

## The Order of Divine Service

**The Prelude** "Ewing" Rodger Kalbfleisch

**The Ringing of the Bell**

*Stand*

**The Hymn** "Jerusalem the Golden" TLH 613

*(The Pastor silently prays Psalm 24 while the congregation joins in silent self-examination and reflection on God's Commandments. Prayers are located on back cover.)*

**The Invocation and Address** TLH p. 15

**Versicles** *(All may kneel)* TLH p. 15

**Confession and Absolution** TLH p. 16

*Stand (if kneeling)*

**The Introit** *(Tone 8)* INSERT

**The Gloria Patri** TLH p. 16

**The Kyrie** TLH p. 17

**The Gloria in Excelsis** TLH p. 17-19

**The Salutation** TLH p. 19

**The Collect for the Day** INSERT

*Sit*

**The Epistle** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**The Gradual** INSERT

**The Triple Hallelujah** *(First Setting)* TLH p. 20

*Stand*

**The Holy Gospel** St. Matthew 25:1-13

**The Nicene Creed** *(Bow at the words "And was made man.")* TLH p. 22

*Sit*

**The Hymn** "The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" TLH 67

**The Sermon** *Ten Virgins*

*Stand*

**The Offertory** TLH p. 22-23

**The General Prayer** ASBH p. 21-22

*Sit (An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)*

**The Hymn** "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying" TLH 609

*Stand*

**The Exhortation** ASBH p. 23

**The Lavabo** ASBH p. 24

*(The Pastor washes his hands while silently praying Psalm 26. The congregation joins in silent prayer reflecting upon the Sacrament they are about to receive. Prayers are located on back cover.)*

**The Preface** TLH p. 24-25

**The Proper Preface** TLH p. 25

**The Sanctus and Benedictus** TLH p. 26

**The Lord's Prayer** TLH p. 27

**The Verba Domini** *(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)* TLH p. 27

**The Pax Domini** *(All may bow and cross themselves)* TLH p. 27

**The Agnus Dei** *(All may kneel)* TLH p. 28

*Sit*

**The Distribution** *(Prayers are located on back cover.)*

**The Hymn** "Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High" TLH 619

*Stand*

**The Nunc Dimittis** TLH p. 29-30

**The Thanksgiving and Collect** TLH p. 30-31

**The Hymn** "For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country" TLH 614

**The Salutation** TLH p. 31

**The Benedicamus** TLH p. 31

**The Benediction and Triple Amen** TLH p. 31

*Sit*

**The Postlude** "Wachet auf" Johann Gottfried Walther

### Recitation of the Catechism

How One Should Be Taught to Pray & Questions 36-37 (The Second Table, pages 49-50).

### Announcements

*ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal. It is the name of the upcoming ELDoNA hymnal currently in development.*

## November 24<sup>th</sup>—A Day of General or Special Thanksgiving

**Lesson:** Isaiah 26:1-12  
**Epistle:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8

## November 27<sup>th</sup>—Ad te levavi

**Epistle:** Romans 13:11-14  
**Gospel:** St. Matthew 21:1-9

### In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Katie, Dan, Angelo, Kelly, Daniel, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Bill Kope, Barb Eisold, Ray Heilener, Martin Kope, Emmanuel Marin, Carol Laflay, Ben Henson, Sally Kope, John Crossley, Bruce Carter, James Hagen, John Carder, Tracy Griffin, 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, *Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Herrin, IL* and *Memphis Confessional Lutheran Mission, Memphis, TN*; and their pastors, the Rev. Michael Henson and the Rev. Dcn. Gary Harroun.
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson* and *Jacob Henson.*
- For our catechumens, especially *Nikolas Likourentzos.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, especially, *Ana Heiser, Nikolas Likourentzos, Deacon Smithey, Sherrill Smithey, Bobby Eisold, Barb Eisold, 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 *Nikolas Likourentzos* and *Ana Heiser* who announced their engagement to be married.
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for the Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today</b>	Amos 1-3; Matt. 5:13-16	Amos 5-6; Revelation 21:1-7
<b>Monday:</b>	Amos 7-9; 2 Peter 3:1-18	Obadiah; Isaiah 65:17-25
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Jonah 1-2; Jude	Jonah 3-4; Ezekiel 37:15-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Micah 1-2; 1 John 2:18-29	Micah 3-4; Habakkuk 3:1-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Micah 5-7; 1 John 3:1-12	Nahum; Isaiah 40:27-31
<b>Friday:</b>	Habakkuk; 1 John 3:19-24	Zephaniah; Jeremiah 14:7-9
<b>Saturday:</b>	Haggai; 1 John 4:1-8	Zechariah 1-2; Malachi 3:7-18

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

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 101-103	Psalms 27, 97, 103-104
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 103, 105	Psalms 27, 97, 106
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 103, 107	Psalms 27, 97, 108-111
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 103, 112-115	Psalms 27, 97, 116-118
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 103, 119:1-40	Psalms 27, 97, 119:41-88
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 103, 119:89-128	Ps.27, 97, 119:129-176
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 103, 120-125	Psalms 143, 126-132

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.65-77  
**Tuesday:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.78-86  
**Wed.:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.87—XII.4  
**Thurs.:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XII.5-27  
**Friday:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XII.28-40

### 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:** The Prayers

**Friday:** The Table of Duties

**Saturday:** Christian Questions with Their Answers

**Hymns for the Week:**

**Morning:** TLH 67—“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

**Evening:** TLH 609—“Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying”

**Calendar for the Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Today: The Last 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

**Monday:** No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Thursday:** *Thanksgiving Day*

**Friday:** *Black Friday*

**Saturday:** *Small Business Saturday*

**Next Sunday: Ad te levavi—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Budget Planning Meeting

**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](http://eldona.org). There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

**The Augusta Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement**

The hymnal Supplement that will prepare parishes for the upcoming Augustana Service Book and Hymnal (ASBH) is now available. We will begin supplementing our Services with this work when Advent begins next Sunday. Personal copies will be distributed to those who desired them.

**Midweek Advent Services**

This year’s Midweek Advent Services will begin on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday until December 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

**Budget Planning Meeting**

The annual budget planning meeting will be after Divine Service next Sunday. The budget planning committee is the Pastor, Deacon, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, and Assistant Financial Secretary. The proposed budget will be disseminated to the congregation after the meeting for final approval at the next parish meeting on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, after the Divine Service.

**An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings**

“Faith has nothing of its own, but only Christ’s works and life. The works do have something special from you, but they should also not be your own, but belong to your neighbor.

Therefore, you see that the Gospel is not properly a book of laws and commands which demand our activity from us, but a book of divine promises in which He promises, offers, and gives to us all His blessings and benefits in Christ.

That Christ and the apostles gave much good instruction and explained the Law is to be counted among the benefits as a second work of Christ, for correct teaching is not the least benefit. Therefore, we also see that He does not dreadfully force and drive us, as Moses does in his book and as is the nature of a command.

Christ teaches us in a pleasing and kind way, and only tells us what to do and not to do, and what will happen to evildoers and benefactors. He drives and compels no one.

He teaches in such a tender way that He entices us more than commands us as He begins to say: “Blessed are the poor...Blessed are the meek,” etc. [Matt. 5:3, 5]. The apostles commonly use the words “I admonish,” “I ask,” “I implore,” etc. But Moses says, “I command,” “I forbid,” and then threatens and frightens with dreadful punishments and torments. With this instruction, you can read and listen to the Gospels beneficially.” *Dr. Martin Luther’s Werke WA 10.1.1 S. 12/13 (translation used: Luther’s Works, American Edition, vol. 75, p. 9/10).*

**To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:**

**Today—The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Epistle:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 25:1-13

## THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY SUNDAY

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022



### Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: FOR I || know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the | Lord, | - \*  
Thoughts of peace and | not | of | e- | vil,

P: || Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to |  
you. | - \*

And I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from  
all the nations and from | all | the | pla- | ces.

P: || Lord, You have been favorable to Your | land; | - \*

You have brought back the captivi- | ty | of | Ja- | cob. (*Jeremiah 29:11a,  
12, 14b; Psalm 85:1*)

### C: GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal; Sung by Congregation)

P: || For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the | Lord, | - \*  
Thoughts of peace and | not | of | e- | vil,

P: || Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to |  
you. | - \*

And I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from  
all the nations and from | all | the | pla- | ces. (*Jeremiah 29:11a, 12, 14b*)

### Collect

Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offenses; that from  
the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon  
us, we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy  
Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever  
One God, world without end.

### Collect for the End of the Church Year

We thank Thee, Lord God, Heavenly Father, that in the past church Year Thou  
hast preserved Thy Word among us in purity, and by it sensibly quickened our  
souls; and we beseech Thee, Thou wouldst graciously forgive us all our  
neglect, unbelief, and disobedience of Thy Word, and continue unto us this  
precious treasure with Thy blessing forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Thy  
Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever  
One God, world without end.



### Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || I am the light of the | world. | - \*

He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have | the | light  
| of | life.

P: || The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, |  
“Come!” | - \*

And let | him | who | thirsts | come.

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! Even so, come, Lord Jesus! | Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*John  
8:12b; Revelation 22:17, 20b*)

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

## St. Matthew 25:1-13

<sup>1</sup> “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup> Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup> And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ <sup>12</sup> But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”