

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.

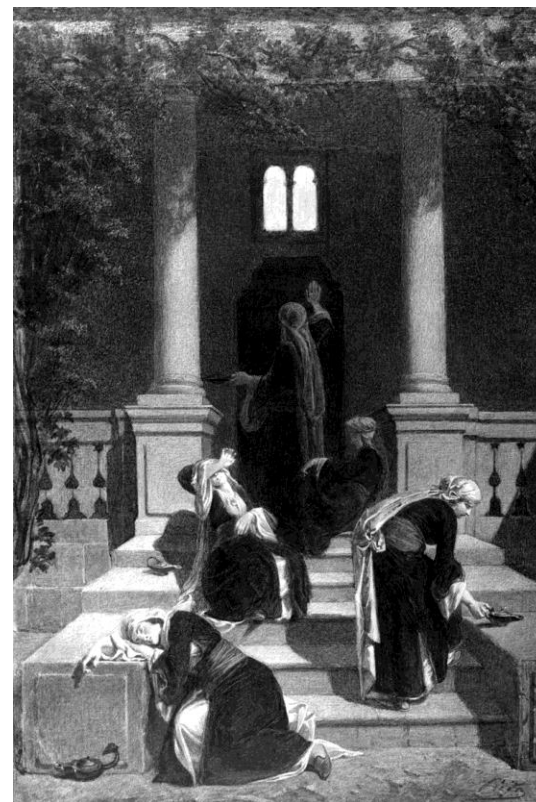
A Prayer after Communion

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 Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday
November 23rd, 2025

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“Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the Bridegroom.” St. Matthew 25:1

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Wachet auf”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Jerusalem the Golden”</i>	INSERT
<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	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
Versicles		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. 124
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. 124
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
The Gradual		ASBH p. 124
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
The Gospel	<i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>	St. Matthew 25:1-13
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”</i>	ASBH 65
The Sermon	<i>The Wise Took Oil in Their Vessels</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>“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”</i>	INSERT
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>“Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High”</i>	TLH 619
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”</i>	TLH 618
<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>“St. Peter”</i>	Paul Bouman

Recitation of the Catechism

The Office of the Keys and Confession (pages 21-25) & Questions 126-138 (Part II. The Creed. The Second Article. Of Redemption, pages 78-83).

Announcements

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

November 27th—A Day of General or Special Thanksgiving

Lesson: Isaiah 26:1-12

Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

November 30th—Ad te levavi Sunday/The Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-9

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Dan, Katie, Kelly, Vince Bost, Brandon Dennie, 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, *Iglesia Confesional de Colombia, Medellin, Antioquia, Colombia*; and her pastor, the Rev. Carlos Mario Marin.
- 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, *Bob, Barbara, and Bobby Eisold, and Deacon and Sherrill Smitley.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially *Thomas Allred, Brennan David, and John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week of the Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today	Micah 1-2; Matt. 5:13-16	Micah 3-4; Revelation 21:1-7
Monday:	Micah 5-7; 2 Peter 3:1-18	Nahum; Isaiah 65:17-25
Tuesday:	Habakkuk; Jude	Zephaniah; Ezekiel 37:15-28
Wednesday:	Haggai; 1 John 2:18-29	Zechariah 1-2; Habakkuk 3:1-19
Thursday:	Zech. 3-4; 1 John 3:1-12	Zechariah 5-6; Isaiah 40:27-31
Friday:	Zech. 7-8; 1 John 3:19-24	Zechariah 9-10; Jeremiah 14:7-9
Saturday:	Zech. 11-12; 1 John 4:1-8	Zechariah 13-14; Malachi 3:7-18

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 103, 112-115	Psalms 27, 97, 116-118
Monday:	Psalms 103, 119:1-40	Psalms 27, 97, 119:41-88
Tuesday:	Psalms 103, 119:89-128	Psalms 27, 97, 119:129-176
Wednesday:	Psalms 103, 120-125	Psalms 27, 97, 126-132
Thursday:	Psalms 103, 133-135	Psalms 27, 97, 136-139
Friday:	Psalms 103, 140-141	Psalms 27, 97, 142-143
Saturday:	Psalms 103, 144	Psalms 143, 145

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.65-77
Tuesday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.78-86
Wed.: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.87—XII.4
Thursday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XII.5-27
Friday: The Full 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: How One Should Be Taught to Pray

Friday: The Table of Duties

Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 65—"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

Evening: ASBH ?—"Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying"

Calendar for the Week of the Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Today: The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

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

11:15 a.m. Budget Planning Meeting

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

**Thursday: A Day of General or Special Thanksgiving—White
Thanksgiving Day**

Friday: Black Friday

Saturday: Small Business Saturday

**Next Sunday: Ad te levavi Sunday/The Festival of St. Andrew,
Apostle—Violet**

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

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The Diocesan seminary is on break until they begin the Winter Quarter on December 8th. I will be teaching a class on the Psalms. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

Budget Planning Meeting

The annual budget planning meeting is TODAY after the Divine Service. The budget planning committee will come up with a proposed budget, which will be shared with the congregation after the meeting, and be reviewed for final acceptance at the next parish meeting on December 14th.

Midweek Advent Services

We will have Midweek Advent Vespers beginning on Wednesday, December 3rd at 5:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday until December 17th. Private confession will be offered after the Office.

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.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"'And I will understand' (that is, that I might see only intellectual things or make a synecdoche, by excluding the sense and the things subject to the senses) 'concerning their last ends.' [He does not say, 'I will understand the last ends,' but, 'concerning the last ends,' for the word is unconditional: Trained, I will be understanding, when I will have looked at their last ends. Thus they are wise by the lashes of the foolish. Hence Ps. 58:10 says, 'The righteous will rejoice when he sees the vengeance,' for they will understand that they have not suffered in vain.] They are called the last things in opposition to the first. Their first things are their external goods, but their last things are their internal evils. Therefore Deut. 32:29 reads: 'O that they would be wise and would understand and would provide for their last end!' On the contrary, the last things of the godly are the things present and external, while their first things are internal. Both are readily manifest when we look at the situation and conversion of both. The things that are before the face are called first things, but the things behind the back are called the last things and those that follow after. But now those people have their face toward earthly things, and so these are their foremost concerns. The righteous, however, have their face toward eternal things, and therefore these are their foremost concerns. They seek first and before all things the kingdom of God, while earthly things are the last, and they have their back turned toward them. But the others have their back to eternal things, because those foolish virgins will be the last to come, saying, etc. (Matt. 25:11). For they are seeking the last things when the hour has already passed.

"Therefore, to enter the sanctuary and to return to the heart means to understand their last ends, seeing that his own first things are not in them. Thus having turned away from their first things, he sees their last things, as Hab. 3:7 says, 'I saw the tents of Ethiopia for their iniquity.'" *From Luther's exposition on Psalm 73:17.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

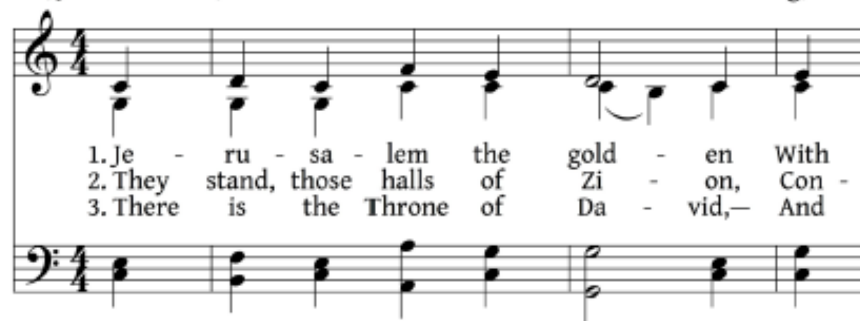
Gospel:

St. Matthew 25:1-13

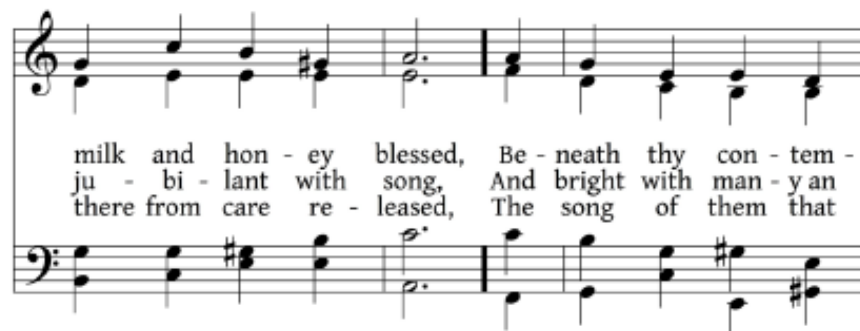
##. Jerusalem the Golden

Bernard of Morlas, c. 1140
Tr., John M. Neale, 1849

Ewing
Alexander Ewing, 1853



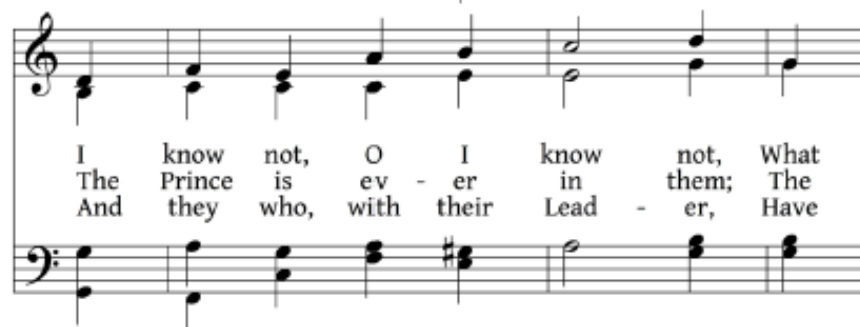
1. Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en With
2. They stand, those halls of Zi - on, Con -
3. There is the Throne of Da - vid, — And



milk and hon - ey blessed, Be - neath thy con - tem -
ju - bi - lant with song, And bright with man - y an
there from care re - leased, The song of them that



pla - tion Sink heart and voice op - pressed:
an - gel, And all the mar - tyr throng:
tri - umph, The shout of them that feast;



I know not, O I know not, What
The Prince is, ev - er in them; The
And they who, with their Lead - er, Have



so - cial joys are there; What ra - dian - cy of
day - light is ser - ene; The pas - tures of the
con - quered in the fight, For - ev - er and for -



glo - ry, What light be - yond com - pare!
Bles - sed Are decked in glo - rious sheen.
ev - er Are clad in robes of white! A - men.

4. O holy, placid harp-tones
Of that eternal hymn!
O sacred, sweet refection,
And peace of Seraphim!
O thirst, forever ardent,
Yet evermore content!
O true, peculiar vision
Of God omnipotent!

5. Ye know the many mansions
For many a glorious name,
And diverse retributions
That diverse merits claim:
For midst the constellations
That deck our earthly sky,
This star than that is brighter,—
And so it is on high.

##. Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying [cont.]

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

The Bride - groom comes, a - wake,
Ah come, Thou bless - ed Lord,
Nor eye hath seen, nor ear

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Your lamps with glad - ness take;
O Je - sus, Son of God,
Hath yet at - tain'd to hear

The third system of musical notation. It concludes the section with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Hal - le - lu - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah!
What there is ours,

The first system of musical notation for the second part of the song. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The melody continues from the previous section. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

And for His mar - riage - feast pre - pare,
We fol - low till the halls we see
But we re - joice, and sing to Thee

The second system of musical notation for the second part of the song. It concludes the section with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

For ye must go to meet Him there."
Where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee!
Our hymn of joy e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.