

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

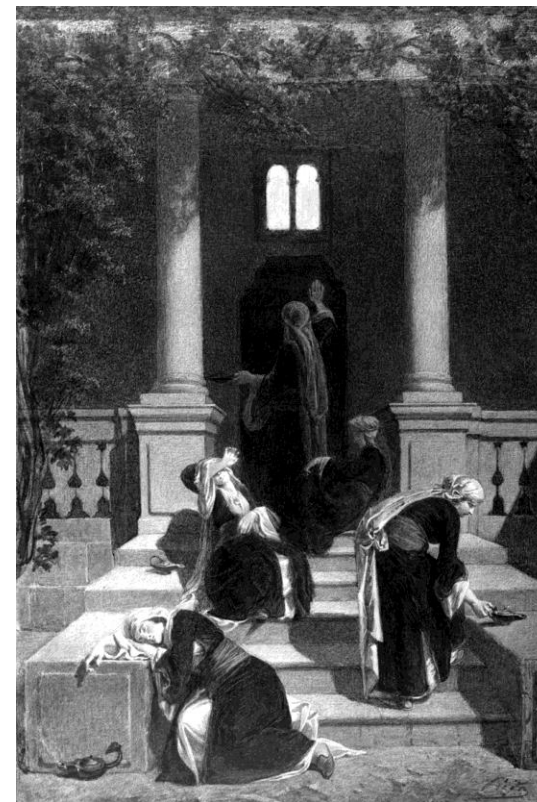
Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

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 26th, 2023

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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>“Ewing”</i>	Rodger Kalbfleisch
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Jerusalem the Golden”</i>	TLH 613
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. 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
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
<i>Stand</i>		
The Gospel		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>Watch!</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>	TLH 609
<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>“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
The Hymn	<i>“For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country”</i>	TLH 614
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>“Wachet auf”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther

Recitation of the Catechism

The Table of Duties (pages 29-34) & Questions 131-138 (Part II, The Creed, The Second Article. Of Redemption, pages 80-83).

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, Barb Eisold, Becky Phillips, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, John Burton, Carol Laflay, Bruce Carter, and Vito Gerardi.*
- For *Eileen Dulas*, who is near death.
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *St. Patrick Ev. Lutheran Church, Chipley, FL*; and her pastor, the *Rev. Brandon Warr.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Nikolas and Ana Likourentzos; Deacon and Sherrill Smithy; 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, especially *Ana Likourentzos.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after the Last Sunday after Trinity

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

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 103, 120-125	Psalms 27, 97, 126-132
Monday:	Psalms 103, 133-135	Psalms 27, 97, 136-139
Tuesday:	Psalms 103, 140-141	Psalms 27, 97, 142-143
Wednesday:	Psalms 103, 144	Psalms 27, 97, 145
Thursday:	Psalms 103, 146-147	Psalms 27, 97, 148-150
Friday:	Psalms 103, 1-4	Psalms 27, 97, 5-8
Saturday:	Psalms 103, 9-11	Psalms 143, 12-17

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XI.65-77
Tuesday: The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XI.78-86
Wednesday: Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XI.87—XII.4
Thursday: Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, XII.5-27
Friday: The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, 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: TLH 609—"Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying"

Calendar for the Week after the Last Sunday after Trinity

Today: The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

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

Monday: *Cyber Monday*

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: The Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle—Red

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: Ana Likourentzos' birthday

Next Sunday: Ad te levavi—Violet

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

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.

Parish Meeting

Our next parish meeting is in two weeks on Sunday, December 10th after the Divine Service. We will discuss next year's budget and the slate of officers for next year. Please make plans to attend.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"These are living words which Christ addresses to us, to you and to me, when He says that he who accepts the Son shall be saved and that death, devil, and hell shall be disposed of for him. These words comfort us when we are frightened and troubled or when we contend against the schismatic spirits. They extinguish the flaming darts of the devil (Eph.

6:16). They assure us that we retain the glory that God's Son is our Gift and our Treasure. This conviction cannot be imparted to us by any monastic order or rule, whether it be named for St. Augustine or anyone else. No, you must say: 'I believe in Christ, in whom St. Augustine also believed.' But if I were to say: 'Oh, you dear Virgin Mary, you are holier than I. And you, St. Francis, have many merits; transfer some of them to my credit!' it would all be vain. The same answer would be given to you that, according to Matt. 25:9, was given to the five foolish virgins when they wished to borrow from the wise virgins, who had their lamps full of oil: 'Go to the dealers and buy for yourselves'; that is, go to your preachers and teachers, who misinformed you so." *From "God so loved the World, John 3:16 in Luther's Works, American Edition, vol. 22, "Sermons on the Gospel of St. John, chapters 1-4."*

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 Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:1-13

November 30th—The Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle

Epistle: Romans 10:10-18

Gospel: St. Matthew 4:18-22

December 3rd—Ad te levavi

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-9