

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.

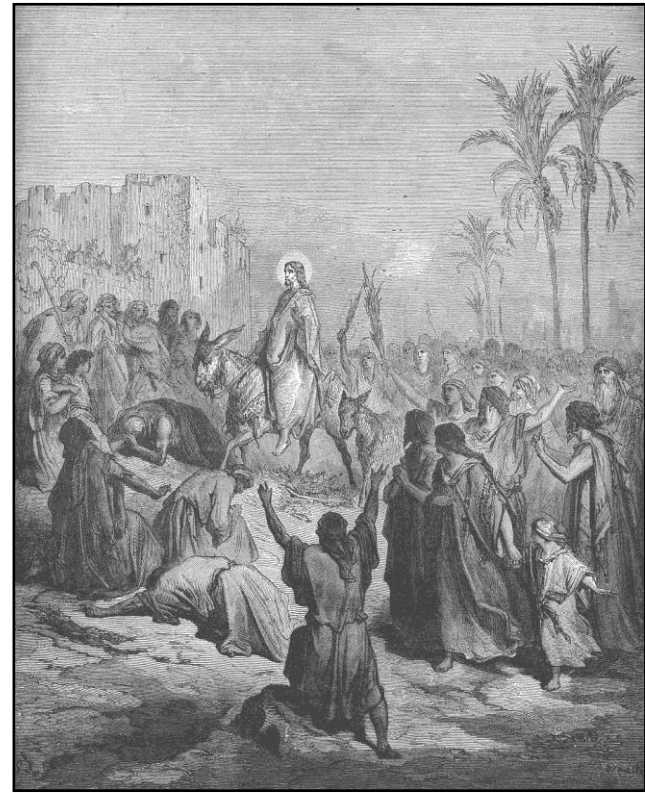
A Prayer after Communion

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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Ad te levavi
December 1st, 2024

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“Tell ye the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.’”

St. Matthew 21:5

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell	
The Hymn	“O Bride of Christ, Rejoice” TLH 57
<i>Stand</i>	
Silent Prayer	(Prayers are located on back cover) ASBH p. 7
The Invocation	ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins	(All may kneel) ASBH p. 8
Versicles	ASBH p. 8
Confession and Absolution	ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>	
The Introit	(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri) ASBH p. 45
The Kyrie	ASBH p. 10
The Salutation	ASBH p. 13
The Collect for the Day	ASBH p. 45
Collect Amen	ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>	
The Epistle	Romans 13:11-14
The Gradual	ASBH p. 45
<i>Stand</i>	
The Sentence for the Season of Advent	ASBH p. 41
The Gospel	St. Matthew 25:1-13
The Creed	(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”) ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>	
The Hymn	“Savior of the Heathen, Come” Δ ASBH 1
The Sermon	<i>That It Might Be Fulfilled</i>
<i>Stand</i>	
The Offertory	ASBH p. 18-19
	(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)
The General Prayer	ASBH p. 19-20
The Lord’s Prayer	ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>	
The Hymn	“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” TLH 55
The Lavabo	(During Hymn) 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	(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects) ASBH p. 30
The Pax Domini	(All may bow and cross themselves) ASBH p. 31
The Agnus Dei	(All may kneel) ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>	
The Distribution	(Prayers are located on back cover)

The Hymn	“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”	TLH 73 (3 rd Tune)
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		ASBH p. 36
The Benedicamus		ASBH p. 37
The Benediction		ASBH p. 37
The Triple Amen	(First Setting)	ASBH p. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
Recitation of the Catechism		
	Christian Questions with Their Answers (pages 34-38) & Question 320 (Part VI. The Sacrament of the Altar, Introduction, page 141).	
Announcements		

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

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

Christmas Season Schedule

December 24th	<i>The Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord</i> Private Confession 4:30 p.m. Candlelight Divine Service 5:00 p.m.
December 25th	<i>The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord</i> Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
December 26th	<i>The Festival of St. Stephen, Martyr</i>
December 27th	<i>The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
December 28th	<i>The Festival of the Holy Innocents</i>
December 29th	<i>The Sunday Within the Octave of Christmas</i> Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA 3:00 p.m.
January 1st	<i>The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus</i> Private confession 9:30 a.m. Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
January 5th	<i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i> Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
January 6th	<i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i> Private Confession 4:30 p.m. Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

December 7th—The Festival of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor, and Docter

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:1-8
Gospel: St. Matthew 5:13-19

December 8th—Populus Sion Sunday

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13
Gospel: St. Luke 21:25-36

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Peggy Holder, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Katie, Dan, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Rev. Jerald Dulas, Tanya Dulas, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Glen Madden, Becky Phillips, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Rachel Epperson, Tammy Wilson, John Crossley, Marlin Palm, Jamey Hochstein, Isaac Wigington, Jack Newton, Graham Hardaway, 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, *Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Tualatin, OR;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Daniel Mensing.*
- That the Lord might send *Faithful Laborers* into His harvest.
- For *St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Seminary* and our seminarians, *Duncan Geldenhuys* and *Jonathon Teo Zin Han.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Deacon and Sherrill Smithey,* and *Bob, Barbara, and Bobby 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.

Announcements

Daily Readings for week after Ad te levavi Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today	Isaiah 1-2; Luke 1:1-25	Isaiah 3-4; Colossians 1:12-23
Monday:	Isaiah 5-6; Matt. 11:25-30	Isaiah 7-8; Genesis 3:1-24
Tuesday:	Isaiah 9-10; Acts 3:22-26	Isaiah 11-12; Genesis 9:1-19
Wednesday:	Isaiah 13-14; Col. 1:15-29	Isaiah 15-16; Genesis 22:1-19
Thursday:	Isaiah 17-18; Heb. 1:1-4	Isaiah 19-20; Genesis 49:1-28
Friday:	Isaiah 21-22; Heb. 2:1-4	Isaiah 23-24; Numbers 24:14-25
Saturday:	Isaiah 25-26; Eph. 3:1-12	Isaiah 27-28; Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 1-4	Psalms 143, 5-8
Monday:	Psalms 1, 9-11	Psalms 143, 12-17
Tuesday:	Psalms 1, 18	Psalms 143, 19-22
Wednesday:	Psalms 1, 23-25	Psalms 143, 26-30
Thursday:	Psalms 1, 31-32	Psalms 143, 33-34
Friday:	Psalms 1, 35	Psalms 143, 36-37
Saturday:	Psalms 1, 38	Psalms 91, 39-41

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Ecumenical Creeds (All Three)
Tuesday: The Small Catechism, Preface
Wednesday: The Small Catechism, I-III
Thursday: The Small Catechism, IV-VI
Friday: The Small Catechism, Prayers-End

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 1—“Savior of the Heathen, Come”

Evening: TLH 55—“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

Calendar for the week after Ad te levavi Sunday

Today: 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

Monday: Cyber Monday

Seminary Winter Quarter Begins

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Vespers

6:00 p.m. Private confession

Thursday: Holiday Fair and Kringle Village

Friday: The Festival of St. Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor—White

Holiday Fair and Kringle Village

Saturday: The Festival of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor—White

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Holiday Fair and Kringle Village

6:30 p.m. Poinsettia Parade

Next Sunday: Populus Sion—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class

3:00 p.m. Simpsonville Christmas Parade

Midweek Advent Services

This year’s Midweek Advent Services will begin this Wednesday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday until December 18th. Private confession will be offered after each Service at 6:00 p.m.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The winter quarter of the diocesan seminary will begin tomorrow, December 2nd. The classes for the Quarter are Greek, Lutheran Confessions 1, and Hermeneutics/Law & Gospel. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

Poinsettias for Christmas and Epiphany Seasons

Please consider donating a poinsettia plant to decorate our sanctuary for the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany. You may start bringing them on *Rorate coeli*, Sunday, December 22nd.

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“This Gospel encourages and demands faith, or it pre-figures Christ coming with grace, and none may receive or accept save he who believes Him to be the Man, and has the mind, as this Gospel portrays in Christ. Nothing but the mercy, tenderness and kindness of Christ are here shown, and he who so receives and believes on Him is saved. He sits not upon a proud steed, an animal of war, nor does He come in great pomp and power, but sitting upon an ass, an animal of peace fit only for burdens and labor and a help to man. He indicates by this that He comes not to frighten man, nor to drive or crush him, but to help and to carry his burden for him. And although it was the custom of the country to ride on asses and to use horses for war, as the Scriptures often tell us, yet here the object is to show that the entrance of this king shall be meek and lowly. Again it also shows the pomp and conduct of the disciples towards Christ who bring the colt to Christ, set him thereon, and spread their garments in the way; also that of the multitude who also spread their garments in the way and cut branches from the trees. They manifested no fear nor terror, but only blessed confidence in Him as one for whom they dared to do such things and who would take it kindly and readily consent to it.” *From the Church Postil for Ad te levavi, 1521.*

The Lutheran Herald

The December 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—Ad te levavi Sunday

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-9

December 6th—The Festival of St. Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor

Epistle: Hebrews 7:23-27

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:14-23

Advent

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Veni, Emmanuel

Latin author unknown, c. 1100

Plain-song melody, c. 1200

Tr. John M. Neale, 1851, 1859, ab.

1. Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And
 2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine
 3. Oh, come, Thou Day-spring from on high, And

ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That
 own from Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny; From
 cheer us by Thy draw - ing night; Dis -

mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -
 depths of Hell Thy peo - ple save, And
 perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And

til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re -
 give them vict' - ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re -
 death's dark sha - dows put to flight. Re - joice! Re -

joice! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O
 joice! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O
 joice! Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O

Is - ra - el.
 Is - ra - el.
 Is - ra - el. A - men.

4. Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come
 And open wide our heav'nly home;
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 And close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.

6. Oh, come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
 And order all things, by Thy might;
 To us the path of knowledge show,
 And cause us in her way to go.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. Oh, come, oh, come, Thou Lord of might,
 Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height,
 In an-cient times didst give the law
 In cloud and majesty and awe.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to Thee, O Israel.

7. Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all mankind;
 Oh, bid our sad divisions cease;
 And be Thyself our King of Peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.