

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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Populus Sion
December 4th, 2022

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“Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.” St. Luke 21:33

The Order of Divine Service		
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”</i>	ASBH 65
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. 46
The Kyrie		ASBH p. 10
The Salutation		ASBH p. 13
The Collect for the Day		ASBH p. 46
The Collect for the Season of Advent		ASBH p. 45
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Romans 15:4-13
The Gradual		ASBH p. 46
The Sentence for the Season		ASBH p. 41
<i>Stand</i>		
The Gospel		St. Luke 21:25-36
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”</i>	ASBH 2
The Sermon	<i>The Heavens Shall Be Shaken</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>“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”</i>	TLH 446
<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

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>
January 1st	<i>The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of our Lord</i> Divine Service 10:00 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.

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, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Bill Kope, Barb Eisold, Ray Heilener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, 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, *Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Rogers, AR;* and her pastors, the *Rev. Randy Moll* and the *Rev. Dcn. Martin Jackson.*
- 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 Populus Sion

	Morning	Evening
Today	Isaiah 13-14; Luke 1:26-35	Isaiah 15-16; Romans 2:1-16
Monday:	Isaiah 17-18; Acts 17:16-24	Isaiah 19-20; 1 Chronicles 17:1-27
Tuesday:	Isaiah 21-22; 1 John 4:9-16	Isaiah 23-24; 2 Chronicles 7:11-22
Wednesday:	Isaiah 25-26; Col. 1:1-8	Isaiah 27-28; Isaiah 11:1-10
Thursday:	Isaiah 29-30; Phil. 2:12-18	Isaiah 31-32; Jeremiah 23:2-8
Friday:	Isaiah 33-34; Phil. 3:12-16	Isaiah 35-36; Jeremiah 30:1-22
Saturday:	Isaiah 37-38; Col. 3:1-11	Isaiah 39-40; Jeremiah 33:14-26

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 28, 23-25	Psalms 91, 26-30
Monday:	Psalms 28, 31-32	Psalms 91, 33-34
Tuesday:	Psalms 28, 35	Psalms 91, 36-37
Wednesday:	Psalms 28, 38	Psalms 91, 39-41
Thursday:	Psalms 28, 42-44	Psalms 91, 45-48
Friday:	Psalms 28, 49	Psalms 91, 50-51
Saturday:	Psalms 28, 52-54	Psalms 98, 55-57

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Large Catechism, Preface.1-10

Tuesday: The Large Catechism, Preface.11—Short Preface.6

Wednesday: The Large Catechism, Intro.1-28

Thursday: The Large Catechism, I.1-15

Friday: The Large Catechism, I.16-29

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: ASBH 2—"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

Evening: TLH 446—"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

Calendar for Populus Sion

Today: Populus Sion—Violet

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

3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

Monday: No Events Scheduled

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

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

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

4:30 p.m. Private confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

Next Sunday: Gaudete—Rose

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible class in Fort
Myers, FL and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

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.

Midweek Advent Services

This year's Midweek Advent Services continue this Wednesday, December 7th at 5:00 p.m. and continue until December 21st. 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 18th after the Divine Service. We will discuss next year's budget and the slate of officers for next year. Please make plans to attend.

Poinsettias for Christmas Season

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, Dec. 18th.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"But to believers that day will be comforting and sweet. That day will be the highest joy and safety to the believer, and the deepest terror and anguish to the unbeliever; just as also in this life the truths of the Gospel are exceedingly sweet to the godly and exceedingly hateful to the wicked. Why should the believer fear and not rather exceedingly rejoice since he trusts in Christ Who comes as judge to redeem him and to be his everlasting portion?" *From the Church Postil for Populus Sion, 1522.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Populus Sion

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: St. Luke 21:25-36

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

Epistle: Hebrews 7:23-27

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:14-23

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

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Gospel: St. Matthew 5:13-19

December 11th—Gaudete

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: St. Matthew 11:2-10

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel (*Tune TLH 62*)

1. Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of Hell Thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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.

5. Oh, come, oh, come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
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 ways to go.
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.