

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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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

<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”</i>	ASBH 65
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
<b>The Invocation</b>		ASBH p. 7
<b>The Confession of Sins</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
<b>Versicles</b>		ASBH p. 8
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
<b>The Introit</b>	<i>(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)</i>	ASBH p. 46
<b>The Kyrie</b>		ASBH p. 10
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 13
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		ASBH p. 46
<b>The Collect for the Season of Advent</b>		ASBH p. 45
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		Romans 15:4-13
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 46
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Sentence for the Season of Advent</b>		ASBH p. 41
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. Luke 21:25-36
<b>The Creed</b>	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”</i>	ASBH 2
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>Your Redemption Draweth Nigh</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Offertory</b>		ASBH p. 18-19
	<i>(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>	
<b>The General Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 19-20
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”</i>	TLH 446
<b>The Lavabo</b>	<i>(During Hymn)</i>	ASBH p. 21
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Exhortation</b>		ASBH p. 21
<b>The Preface</b>		ASBH p. 22
<b>The Proper Preface</b>		ASBH p. 23-27
<b>The Sanctus and Benedictus</b>		ASBH p. 27-28
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 29
<b>The Verba Domini</b>	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	ASBH p. 30
<b>The Pax Domini</b>	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	ASBH p. 31
<b>The Agnus Dei</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 31-32

<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Distribution</b>	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Nunc Dimittis</b>		ASBH p. 33-35
<b>The Thanksgiving and Collect</b>		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“When Sinners See Their Lost Condition”</i>	TLH 65
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 36
<b>The Benedicamus</b>		ASBH p. 37
<b>The Benediction</b>		ASBH p. 37
<b>The Triple Amen</b>	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>Recitation of the Catechism</b>		
	The Ten Commandments (pages 9-12) & Questions 334-338 (Part VI. The Sacrament of the Altar, Of the Benefit of the Lord’s Supper, pages 145-146).	
<b>Announcements</b>		

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

### Christmas Season Schedule

<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord</i></b> Private Confession 4:30 p.m. Candlelight Divine Service 5:00 p.m.
<b>December 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord</i></b> Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
<b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Festival of St. Stephen, Martyr</i></b>
<b>December 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i></b>
<b>December 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Festival of the Holy Innocents</i></b>
<b>December 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Sunday Within the Octave of Christmas</i></b> Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA 3:00 p.m.
<b>January 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><i>The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus</i></b> Private confession 4:30 p.m. Divine Service 5:00 p.m.
<b>January 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i></b> Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
<b>January 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i></b> 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, 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, Chuck Webber, 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, *Sts. Peter and Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Simpsonville, SC;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Jerald P. Dulas.*
- 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 Populus Sion Sunday

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today</b>	Isaiah 29-30; Luke 1:26-35	Isaiah 31-32; Romans 2:1-16
<b>Monday:</b>	Isaiah 33-34; Acts 17:16-24	Isaiah 35-36; 1 Chronicles 17:1-27
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Isaiah 37-38; 1 John 4:9-16	Isaiah 39-40; 2 Chronicles 7:11-22
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Isaiah 41-42; Col. 1:1-8	Isaiah 43-44; Isaiah 11:1-10
<b>Thursday:</b>	Isaiah 45-46; Phil. 2:12-18	Isaiah 47-48; Jeremiah 23:2-8
<b>Friday:</b>	Isaiah 49-50; Phil. 3:12-16	Isaiah 51-52; Jeremiah 30:1-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	Isaiah 53-54; Col. 3:1-11	Isaiah 55-56; Jeremiah 33:14-26

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

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 28, 42-44	Psalms 91, 45-48
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 28, 49	Psalms 91, 50-51
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 28, 52-54	Psalms 91, 55-57
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 28, 58-59	Psalms 91, 60-63
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 28, 64-65	Psalms 91, 66-68
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 28, 69	Psalms 91, 70-72
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 28, 73	Psalms 98, 74-76

### 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:** How One Should Be Taught to Pray

**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 the week after Populus Sion Sunday

#### Today: Populus Sion—Violet

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

3:00 p.m. Simpsonville Christmas Parade

**Monday:** 5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Pawleys Island, SC

**Tuesday:** No Events Scheduled

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

6:00 p.m. Private confession

**Thursday:** No Events Scheduled

**Friday: The Festival of St. Lucy, Martyr—Red**

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

#### Next Sunday: Gaudete—Rose

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

Bishop Heiser's Birthday

### Midweek Advent Services

Midweek Advent Services continue this Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Private confession will be offered after the Service at 6:00 p.m.

### St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The winter quarter of the diocesan seminary has begun. 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Parish Meeting

Our next parish meeting is in two weeks on December 22<sup>nd</sup> after the

Divine Service. We will discuss next year's budget and the slate of officers for next year. Non-members are welcome to attend in an observatory role. Please make plans to attend.

### An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"There is no one so well prepared for the judgment day as he who longs to be without sin. If you have such, desire, what do you fear? You are then in perfect accord with the purpose of that day. It comes to set free from sin all who desire it, and you belong to that number. Return thanks to God and abide in that desire. Christ says His coming is for our redemption. But do not deceive yourself and be satisfied, perhaps, with the simple desire to be free from sin and to await the coming of the day without fear. Perhaps your heart is false and you are filled with fear, not because you would be free, from sin, but because in the face of that day you cannot sin free and untrammelled. See to it that the light within you be not darkness. For a heart that would be truly free from sin will certainly rejoice in the day that fulfills its desire. If the heart does not so rejoice there is no true desire to be loosed from its sin." *From the Church Postil for Populus Sion, 1522.*

### 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](http://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—Populus Sion Sunday

**Epistle:** Romans 15:4-13

**Gospel:** St. Luke 21:25-36

#### December 13<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of St. Lucy, Martyr

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 10:17—11:2

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 13:44-52

#### December 15<sup>th</sup>—Gaudete Sunday

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 11:2-10

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.