

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 10th, 2023

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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

Stand

The Hymn *“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”* ASBH 65

Silent Prayer *(Prayers are located on back cover)* ASBH p. 7

The Invocation ASBH p. 7

The Confession of Sins ASBH p. 8

Versicles *(All may kneel)* ASBH p. 8

Confession and Absolution ASBH p. 8-9

Stand (if kneeling)

The Introit *(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)* 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

Sit

The Epistle Romans 15:4-13

The Gradual ASBH p. 46

The Sentence for the Season of Advent ASBH p. 41

Stand

The Gospel St. Luke 21:25-36

The Creed *(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)* ASBH p. 17

Sit

The Hymn *“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”* ASBH 2

The Sermon *Then Shall They See the Son of Man*

Stand

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

Sit

The Hymn *“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”* TLH 446

Stand

The Exhortation ASBH p. 21

The Lavabo ASBH p. 21

Silent Prayer *(Prayers are located on back cover)* 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

Sit

The Distribution *(Prayers are located on back cover)*

The Hymn *“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”* INSERT

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis ASBH p. 33-35

The Thanksgiving and Collect ASBH p. 35-36

The Hymn *“When Sinners See Their Lost Condition”* TLH 65

The Salutation ASBH p. 36

The Benedicamus ASBH p. 37

The Benediction ASBH p. 37

The Triple Amen *(First Setting)* ASBH p. 37

Sit

Recitation of the Catechism

The Ten Commandments (pages 9-12) & Questions 149-158 (Part II, The Creed, The Second Article. Of Redemption, pages 86-89).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Christmas Season Schedule

December 24th

Rorate coeli

Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

Bible class 11:15 a.m.

Decorate for Christmas Noon

The Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

Private Confession 4:30 p.m.

Candlelight Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

The Festival of St. Stephen, Martyr

7 p.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL

The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

The Festival of the Holy Innocents

Private confession 9:30 a.m.

Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord

Private Confession 4:30 p.m.

Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

December 25th

December 26th

December 27th

December 28th

January 1st *The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of our Lord*

January 6th

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 our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *St. Luke Ev. Lutheran Mission, Ormond Beach, FL;* and *St. Michael and All Angels Ev. Lutheran Mission, Augusta, GA;* and their pastor, the *Rev. Jerald P. Dulas.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Nikolas and Ana Likourentzos; Deacon and Sherrill Smithey; 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 the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after Populus Sion

	Morning	Evening
Today	Isaiah 37-38; Luke 1:26-35	Isaiah 39-40; Romans 2:1-16
Monday:	Isaiah 41-42; Acts 17:16-24	Isaiah 43-44; 1 Chronicles 17:1-27
Tuesday:	Isaiah 45-46; 1 John 4:9-16	Isaiah 47-48; 2 Chronicles 7:11-22
Wednesday:	Isaiah 49-50; Col. 1:1-8	Isaiah 51-52; Isaiah 11:1-10
Thursday:	Isaiah 53-54; Phil. 2:12-18	Isaiah 55-56; Jeremiah 23:2-8
Friday:	Isaiah 57-58; Phil. 3:12-16	Isaiah 59-60; Jeremiah 30:1-22
Saturday:	Isaiah 61-62; Col. 3:1-11	Isaiah 63-64; Jeremiah 33:14-26

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 28, 52-54	Psalms 91, 55-57
Monday:	Psalms 28, 58-59	Psalms 91, 60-63
Tuesday:	Psalms 28, 64-65	Psalms 91, 66-68
Wednesday:	Psalms 28, 69	Psalms 91, 70-72
Thursday:	Psalms 28, 73	Psalms 91, 74-76
Friday:	Psalms 28, 77	Psalms 91, 78
Saturday:	Psalms 28, 79-80	Psalms 98, 81-83

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

Today: Populus Sion—Violet

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

11:15 a.m. Parish Meeting

Kringle Holiday Village at Fluor Field

Monday: 5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Pawleys Island, SC
Communion Visit to Pawleys Island, SC

Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Ormond Beach, FL
Communion Visit to Ormond Beach, FL

Wednesday: The Festival of St. Lucy, Martyr—Red

4:30 p.m. Private confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: Bishop Heiser's Birthday

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Gaudete—Rose

O Sapientia

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 continue this Wednesday, December 13th at 5:00 p.m. Private confession will be offered before the Service at 4:30 p.m.

Parish Meeting

Our next parish meeting is TODAY 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.

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, December 24th.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"There is now no doubt that Christ did not foretell these signs in the expectation that no one would note nor recognize them when they should appear; although few indeed will do so, just as in the days of Noah and Lot but few knew the punishment in store for them. Were this not true, the admonition of Christ would have been in vain: 'When ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh.' Then, 'Lift up your heads, because your redemption draweth nigh.' There must then be some, at least, who do recognize the signs, and lift up their heads and wait for their redemption, although they do not really know on what day that will come. We should be careful, therefore, to note whether the signs are being fulfilled now, or have been or will be in the future." *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. 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

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: St. Luke 21:25-36

December 13th—The Festival of St. Lucy, Martyr

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 10:17—11:2

Gospel: St. Matthew 13:44-52

December 17th—Gaudete

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: St. Matthew 11:2-10

Advent

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

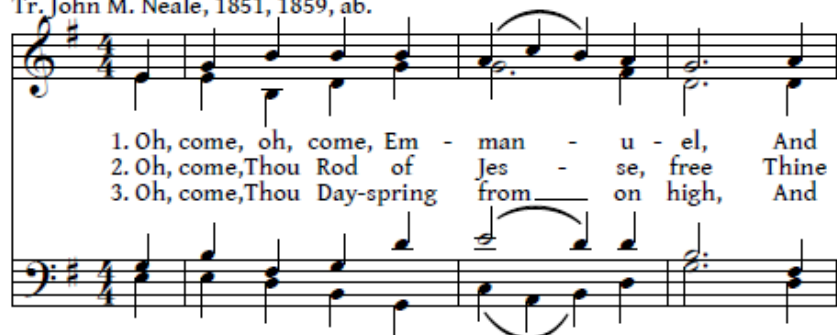
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Veni, Emmanuel

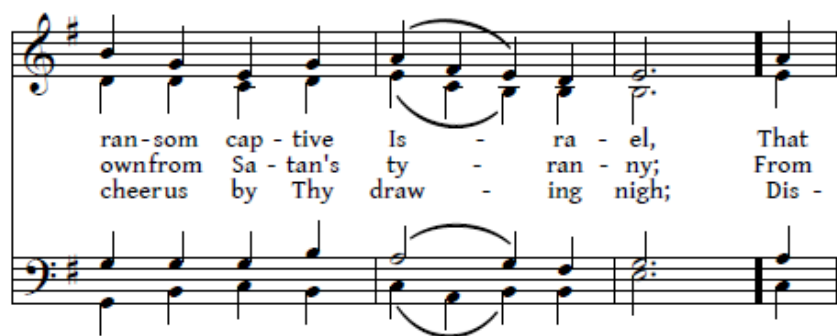
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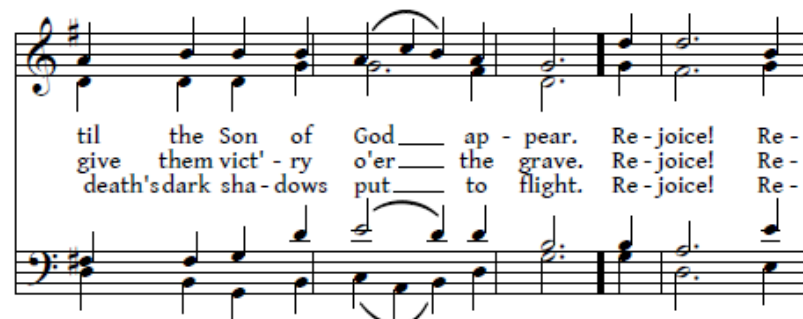
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2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine
3. Oh, come, Thou Day-spring from on high, And



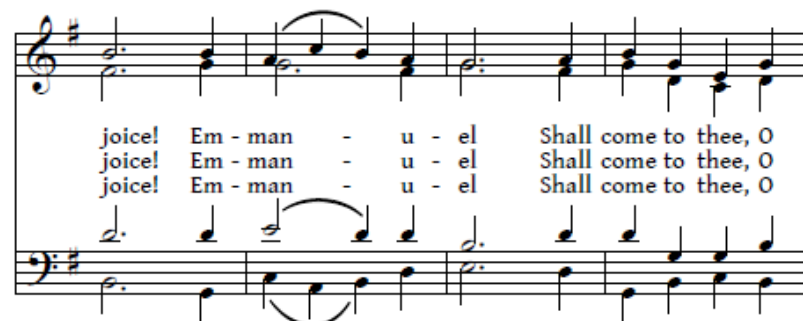
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perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And



til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re -
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death's dark sha - dows put to flight. Re - joice! Re -



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



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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.