

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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Gaudete
December 11th, 2022

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“Blessed is he, whosoever shall find none occasion of stumbling in me.” St. Matthew 11:6

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

Stand

The Hymn “Once He Came in Blessing” TLH 74

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. 47

The Kyrie ASBH p. 10

The Salutation ASBH p. 13

The Collect for the Day ASBH p. 47

The Collect for the Season of Advent ASBH p. 45

Collect Amen ASBH p. 14

Sit

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

The Gradual ASBH p. 47

The Sentence for the Season ASBH p. 41

Stand

The Gospel St. Matthew 11:2-10

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

Sit

The Hymn “The Only Son from Heaven” ASBH 3

The Sermon *The Works of the Christ*

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 “The Advent of our King” Δ TLH 68

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 “Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken” TLH 75

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 Apostles’ Creed (ASBH pages 206-207) & Questions 62-72 (The Eighth Commandment, pages 58-60).

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 *The Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord*

Private Confession 4:30 p.m.

Candlelight Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

December 25th *The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord*

Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

December 26th *The Festival of St. Stephen, Martyr*

December 27th *The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist*

December 28th *The Festival of the Holy Innocents*

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

Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

January 6th *The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord*

Private Confession 4:30 p.m.

Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

December 18th—Rorate coeli

Epistle:

Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel:

St. John 1:19-28

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, *Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Tualatin, OR;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Daniel Mensing.*
- 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, especially *Bishop Heiser.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for Gaudete

	Morning	Evening
Today	Isaiah 41-42; Luke 1:39-56	Isaiah 43-44; Romans 1:16-25
Monday:	Isaiah 45-46; Heb. 10:35-39	Isaiah 47-48; Isaiah 2:1-5
Tuesday:	Isaiah 49-50; Luke 21:5-24	Isaiah 51-52; Isaiah 24:21—25:5
Wednesday:	Isaiah 53-54; Luke 12:35-59	Isaiah 55-56; Isaiah 25:6-10
Thursday:	Isaiah 57-58; James 5:7-11	Isaiah 59-60; Isaiah 26:1-21
Friday:	Isaiah 61-62; Luke 1:1-25	Isaiah 63-64; Isaiah 51:1-16
Saturday:	Isaiah 65-66; Luke 1:26-38	St. Matthew 1-2; Isaiah 52:1-12

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 132, 58-59	Psalms 98, 60-63
Monday:	Psalms 132, 64-65	Psalms 98, 66-68
Tuesday:	Psalms 132, 69	Psalms 98, 70-72
Wednesday:	Psalms 132, 73	Psalms 98, 74-76
Thursday:	Psalms 132, 77	Psalms 98, 78
Friday:	Psalms 132, 79-80	Psalms 98, 81-83
Saturday:	Psalms 132, 84-85	Psalms 145, 86-88

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Large Catechism, I.30-48
Tuesday:	The Large Catechism, I.49-60
Wednesday:	The Large Catechism, I.61-74
Thursday:	The Large Catechism, I.75-87
Friday:	The Large Catechism, I.88-102

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 3—"The Only Son from Heaven"

Evening: TLH 68—"The Advent of Our King"

Calendar for Gaudete

Today: Gaudete—Rose

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible class in Simpsonville, SC and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

Monday: Communion Visit to Pawleys Island, SC

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

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

Communion Visit to Pawleys Island, SC

Wednesday: Ember Wednesday in Advent—Violet

4:30 p.m. Private confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday: Bishop Heiser's Birthday

Friday: Ember Friday in Advent—Violet

Saturday: Ember Saturday in Advent—Violet

O Sapientia

Seminary Christmas Break Begins

Next Sunday: Rorate coeli—Violet

O Adonai

10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Simpsonville, SC and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

11:15 a.m. Parish Meeting

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

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 14th 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 next 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 next Sunday, Dec. 18th.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"Christ answered John...in a twofold way...Here Christ first points them to the works, and then also to the words saying 'And blessed is he, whosoever shall find no occasion of stumbling in me.' With these words He does not only confess that He is the Christ, but also warns them against finding occasion of stumbling in Him...For one can dispense with all the saints, but Christ is the only One that no man can dispense with." *From the Church Postil for Gaudete.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Gaudete

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: St. Matthew 11:2-10

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

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 10:17—11:2

Gospel: St. Matthew 13:44-52

December 14th—Ember Wednesday in Advent

Epistle: Isaiah 2:2-5

Gospel: St. Luke 1:26-38

December 16th—Ember Friday in Advent

Epistle: Isaiah 11:1-5

Gospel: St. Luke 1:39-47

December 17th—Ember Saturday in Advent

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Gospel: St. Luke 3:1-6

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.