

**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.

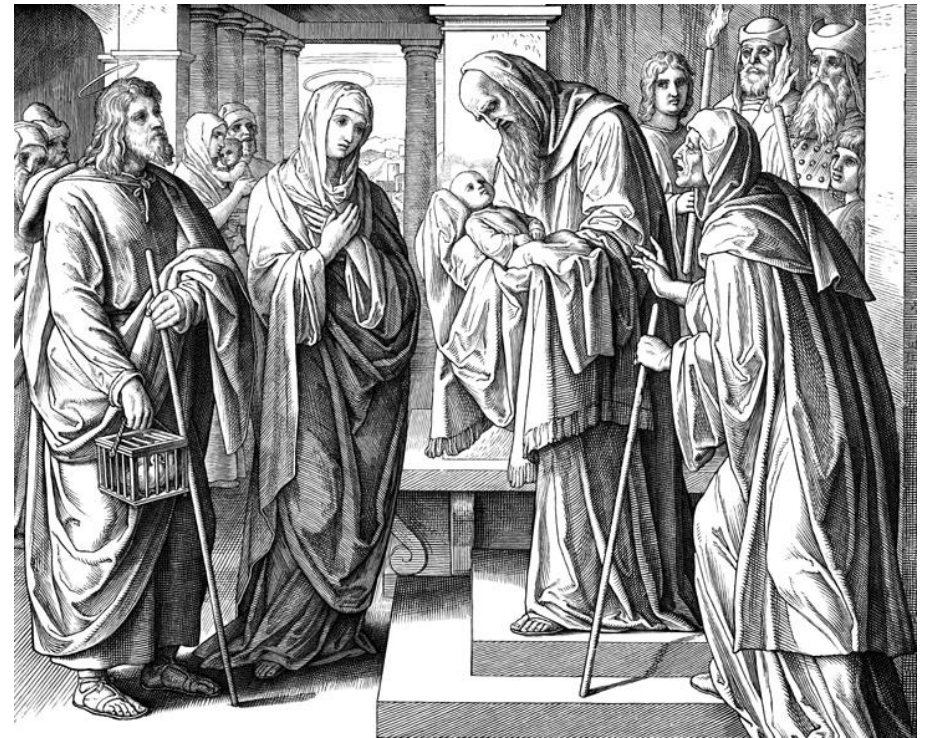
#### **A Prayer after Communion**

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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The First Sunday after Christmas  
December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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*“Behold, this Child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel.” St. Luke 2:34*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Mit Fried’ und Freud”</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Processional Hymn</b>	<i>“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”</i>	TLH 91
<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. 54
<b>The Kyrie</b>		ASBH p. 10
<b>The Gloria in Excelsis</b>		ASBH p. 10-13
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 13
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		ASBH p. 54
<b>The Collect for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord</b>		ASBH p. 53
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		Galatians 4:1-7
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 54
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 15
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. Luke 2:33-40
<b>The Creed</b>	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“To God the Anthem Raising”</i>	ASBH 6
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>The Redemption of Jerusalem</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>“Thou Light of Gentile Nations”</i>	TLH 138
<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>“It Is a Time of Joy Today”</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>“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”</i>	Δ INSERT
<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
<b>The Recessional Hymn</b>	<i>“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”</i>	ASBH 77
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“Valet will ich dir geben”</i>	Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

### Recitation of the Catechism

How One Should Be Taught to Pray (pages 27-29) & Questions 17-28 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The First Table. The Second Commandment, pages 44-47).

### 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

<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, Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser, 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, *Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Malone, TX;* and her pastors, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser* and the *Rev. Dcn. Anthony Oncken.*
- 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 our catechumens, especially *Gabriel Bunch.*
- 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 the First Sunday after Christmas

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today</b>	Rom. 7; Luke 2:22-24	Romans 8; Isaiah 46:3-13
<b>Monday:</b>	Rom. 9; Luke 2:25-32	Romans 10; Isaiah 49:1-13
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rom. 11; Matt. 2:13-15	Romans 12; Isaiah 55:1-13
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rom. 13; Luke 4:16-21	Romans 14; James 4:13-17
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rom. 15; Matt. 2:16-18	Romans 16; Isaiah 42:1-9
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Cor. 1; Matt. 2:19-23	1 Corinthians 2; Isaiah 61:1-11
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Cor. 3; Matt. 3:1-12	1 Corinthians 4; Isaiah 56:1-8

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

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 121, 144	Psalms 111, 145
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 121, 146	Psalms 111, 147
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 121, 148	Psalms 111, 149-150
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 121, 1-4	Psalms 111, 5-8
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 121, 9-11	Psalms 111, 12-17
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 121, 18	Psalms 111, 19-22
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 121, 23-25	Psalms 111, 36-30

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

<b>Monday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.183-198
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.199-216
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.217-231
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.230-247
<b>Friday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.248-264

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Ten Commandments
<b>Monday:</b>	The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Sacrament of the Altar
<b>Thursday:</b>	How One Should Be Taught to Pray
<b>Friday:</b>	The Table of Duties
<b>Saturday:</b>	Christian Questions with Their Answers

## Hymns for the Week:

**Morning:** ASBH 6—“To God the Anthem Raising”

**Evening:** TLH 138—“Thou Light of Gentile Nations”

## Calendar for the week after the First Sunday after Christmas

**Today: The Sunday within the Octave of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord—White**

### *The Fifth Day of Christmas*

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: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord—White**

### *The Sixth Day of Christmas*

**Tuesday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord—White**

### *The Seventh Day of Christmas*

### *New Year's Eve*

**Wednesday: The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus/The Octave of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord—White**

### *The Eighth Day of Christmas*

### *New Year's Day*

4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Thursday: *The Ninth Day of Christmas***

**Friday: *The Tenth Day of Christmas***

**Saturday: *The Eleventh Day of Christmas***

**Next Sunday: The Second Sunday after Christmas—White**

### *The Twelfth Day of Christmas*

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

## St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The diocesan seminary is on their Christmas break. Classes will resume in the new year on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

## An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

“Now it must indeed excite wonder that such things were proclaimed openly by Simeon in that public and sacred place with reference to that poor and insignificant Child, Whose mother was so humble and lowly and Whose father Joseph was not wealthy. How could such a Child be

considered the Savior of all men, the Light of the Gentiles and the glory and honor of all Israel? At present, after we have had so many proofs of Christ's greatness, these words do no longer seem so wonderful; but then, when nothing as yet was known of Jesus, they were indeed marvellous, and this lowly Child was very unlike the great and mighty being portrayed by Simeon. But Joseph and Mary believed it nevertheless, and just therefore they marvelled. If they had not believed it, the words of Simeon would have appeared to them insignificant, untrue and worthless, and not at all wonderful. Therefore, the fact that they were marvelling, shows that Joseph and Mary possessed a strong and sublime faith.” *From the Church Postil for the First Sunday after Christmas, 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— The Sunday within the Octave of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord**

**Epistle:** Galatians 4:1-7

**Gospel:** St. Luke 2:33-40

**January 1<sup>st</sup>—The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus**

**Epistle:** Galatians 3:23-29

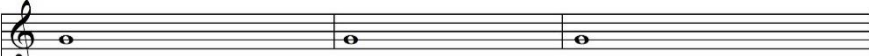
**Gospel:** St. Luke 2:21

**January 5<sup>th</sup>—The Second Sunday after Christmas**

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 4:12-19

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 2:13-23

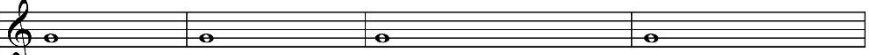
# The Nicene Creed



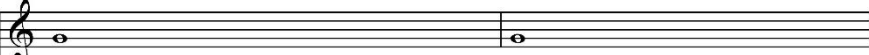
I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,          Maker of Heaven  
and Earth          and of all things visible  
and invisible,



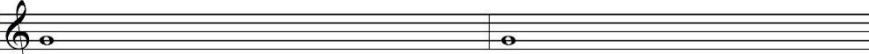
And in One Lord  
+ Jesus Christ,          the Only-Begotten  
Son of God,          begotten of His Father  
before all worlds,



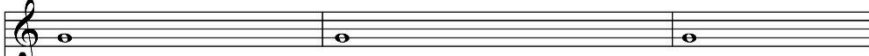
God of God,          Light of Light,          Very God of Very God,          Begotten, not made,



Being of one substance with the Father,          By Whom all things were made;



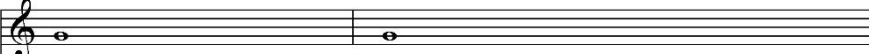
Who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from Heaven          And was incarnate by the Holy  
Ghost of the Virgin Mary



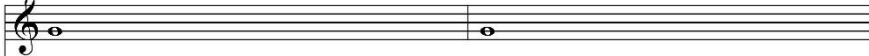
+ And was made man;          And was crucified also for us  
under Pontius Pilate.          He suffered and  
was buried;




And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures;          And ascended into Heaven,



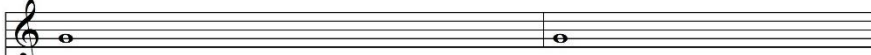
And sitteth on the right  
hand of the Father;          And He shall come again with glory to  
judge both the quick and the dead;



Whose kingdom shall have no end.          And I believe in the Holy Ghost,



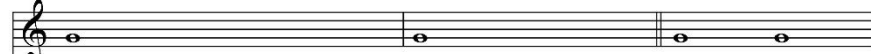
The Lord and Giver of Life,          Who proceedeth from the Father and  
the Son,



Who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,          Who spake by the Prophets.



And I believe one holy Christian and  
Apostolic Church.          I acknowledge one Baptism for  
the remission of sins,



And I look for the resurrection  
of the dead;          + And the life of the  
world to come.          A - - men.

+ — indicates that the worshippers may make a sign of reverence (bow the head, genuflect, or make the sign of the holy cross) as is appropriate.

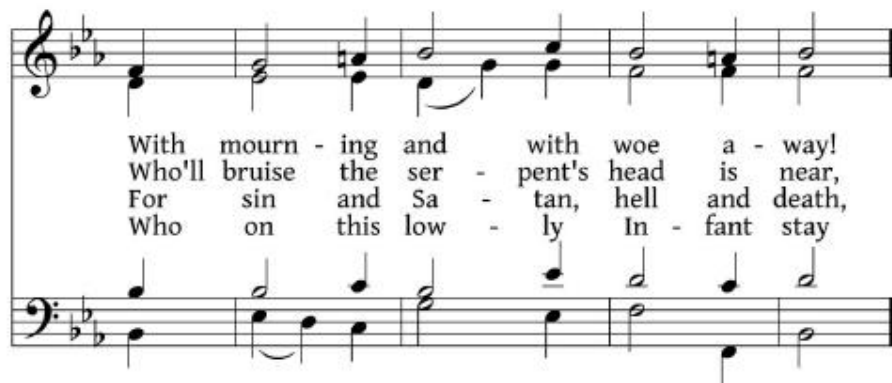
## ##. It Is A Time of Joy Today

Paul Gerhardt, 1667  
Tr., John Kelly, 1867

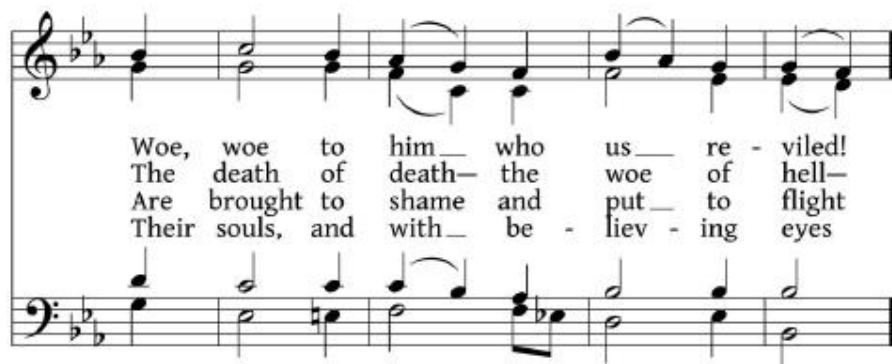
Gerhardt  
From "Best's Eighty Chorales"



1. It is a time of joy — to — day,  
2. The Lord who bears our sin — is here,  
3. All foes are put our feet — be — neath,  
4. O! hap — py world, thrice hap — py they,



With mourn — ing and with woe a — way!  
Who'll bruise the ser — pent's head is near,  
For sin and Sa — tan, hell and death,  
Who on this low — ly In — fant stay



Woe, woe to him — who us — re — viled!  
The death of death — the woe of hell —  
Are brought to shame and put — to flight  
Their souls, and with — be — liev — ing eyes



God's seen in flesh, we're re — con — ciled.  
The Lord of Life with us doth dwell.  
Up — on this great, this won — drous night.  
In Him their Sav — ior re — cog — nize. A — men.

5. Now praise the Lord, whoe'er can praise—  
Who, from their low estate to raise  
His enemies, from His high throne  
Sent down His loved, His only Son.

6. Up! join the angel host and cry,  
Now glory be to God most high;  
Let peace prevail the world around,  
Good-will to men and joy abound.

Festival of St. Nicholas

66. Of the Father's Love Begotten

Aurelius C. Prudentius, †413, cento  
Tr., John M. Neale, 1854, and  
Henry W. Baker, 1861

Divinum mysterium  
Plain-song tune, 12th century

1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten  
2. Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed

Ere the worlds be - gan to be,  
When the Vir - gin, full of grace,

He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,

He the Source, the End - ing He,  
Bare the Sav - ior of our race,

Of the things that are, that have been,  
And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er,

And that fu - ture years shall see  
First re - vealed His sa - cred face

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

3. O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;  
Angel hosts, His praises sing;  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him  
And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.

4. This is He whom Heav'n-taught singers  
Sang of old with one accord;  
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the Long-expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.

Δ5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore.