

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.

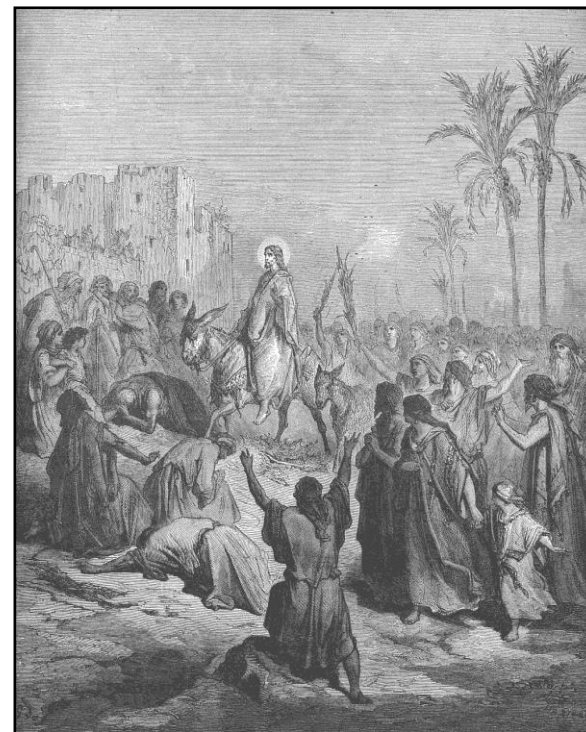
A Prayer after Communion

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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Ad te levavi
December 3rd, 2023

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*“Tell ye the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, thy King
cometh unto thee, meek, and riding upon an ass,
and upon a colt the foal of an ass.’”*

St. Matthew 21:5

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

Stand

The Hymn “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice” TLH 57

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. 45

The Kyrie ASBH p. 10

The Salutation ASBH p. 13

The Collect for the Day ASBH p. 45

Collect Amen ASBH p. 14

Sit

The Epistle Romans 13:11-14

The Gradual ASBH p. 45

The Sentence for the Season of Advent ASBH p. 41

Stand

The Gospel St. Matthew 21:1-9

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

Sit

The Hymn “Savior of the Heathen, Come” Δ ASBH 1

The Sermon Thy King Cometh unto Thee

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 “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” TLH 55

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 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” TLH 73 (3rd Tune)

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

Christian Questions with Their Answers (pages 34-38) & Questions 139-142
(Part II, The Creed, The Second Article. Of Redemption, pages 83-85).

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

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

December 27th

December 28th

January 1st

The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of our Lord

Private confession 9:30 a.m.

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.

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 the *Friends and Family of Eileen Dulas*, who was called to her eternal home this past week.
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *St. Bartholomew Ev. Lutheran Mission, Fort Myers, FL*; and her 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.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after Ad te levavi

	Morning	Evening
Today	Isaiah 9-10; Luke 1:1-25	Isaiah 11-12; Colossians 1:12-23
Monday:	Isaiah 13-14; Matt. 11:25-30	Isaiah 15-16; Genesis 3:1-24
Tuesday:	Isaiah 17-18; Acts 3:22-26	Isaiah 19-20; Genesis 9:1-19
Wednesday:	Isaiah 21-22; Col. 1:15-29	Isaiah 23-24; Genesis 22:1-19
Thursday:	Isaiah 25-26; Heb. 1:1-4	Isaiah 27-28; Genesis 49:1-28
Friday:	Isaiah 29-30; Heb. 2:1-4	Isaiah 31-32; Numbers 24:14-25
Saturday:	Isaiah 33-34; Eph. 3:1-12	Isaiah 35-36; Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 1, 18	Psalms 143, 19-22
Monday:	Psalms 1, 23-25	Psalms 143, 26-30
Tuesday:	Psalms 1, 31-32	Psalms 143, 33-34
Wednesday:	Psalms 1, 35	Psalms 143, 36-37
Thursday:	Psalms 1, 38	Psalms 143, 39-41
Friday:	Psalms 1, 42-44	Psalms 143, 45-48
Saturday:	Psalms 1, 49	Psalms 91, 50-51

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Ecumenical Creeds (All Three)
Tuesday: The Small Catechism, Preface
Wednesday: The Small Catechism, I-III
Thursday: The Small Catechism, IV-VI
Friday: The Small Catechism, Prayers-End

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 1—"Savior of the Heathen, Come"

Evening: TLH 55—"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come"

Calendar for the Week after Ad te levavi

Today: Ad te levavi—Violet

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: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

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

4:30 p.m. Private confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

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

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Friday: *Kringle Holiday Village at Fluor Field*

Saturday: *Kringle Holiday Village at Fluor Field*

Next Sunday: Populus Sion—Violet

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

11:15 a.m. Parish Meeting

Kringle Holiday Village at Fluor Field

Midweek Advent Services

This year's Midweek Advent Services will begin this Wednesday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday until December 20th. This year's Services will all be Divine Services observing various saints' days and an Ember Day. Private confession will be offered before each Service at 4:30 p.m.

Parish Meeting

Our next parish meeting is next week on Sunday, December 10th 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

"If you believe in Christ and in His advent, it is the highest praise and thanks to God to be holy. If you recognize, love, and magnify His grace and work in you, and cast aside and condemn self and the works of self, then are you a Christian. We say: 'I believe in the holy Christian church, the communion of saints.' Do you desire to be a part of the holy Christian church and communion of saints, you must also be holy as she is, yet not of yourself but through Christ alone in Whom all are holy." *From the Church Postil for Ad te levavi, 1521.*

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—Ad te levavi

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-9

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 10th—Populus Sion

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: St. Luke 21:25-36

Advent

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

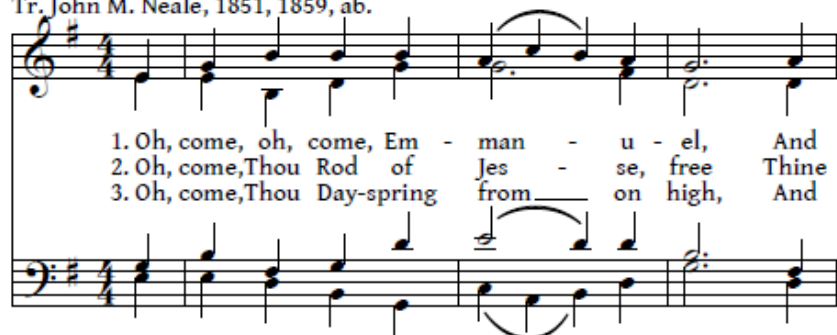
Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Veni, Emmanuel

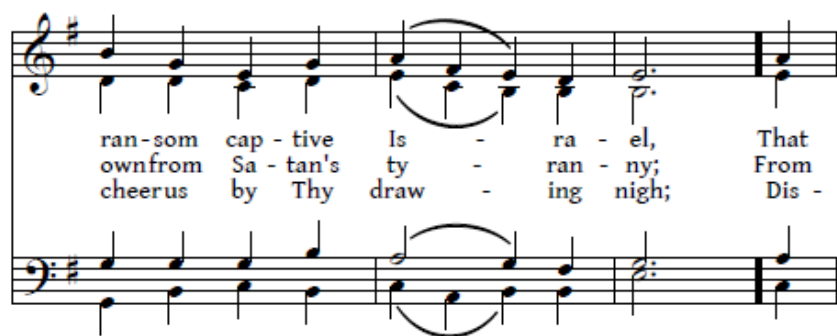
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Plain-song melody, c. 1200

Tr. John M. Neale, 1851, 1859, ab.



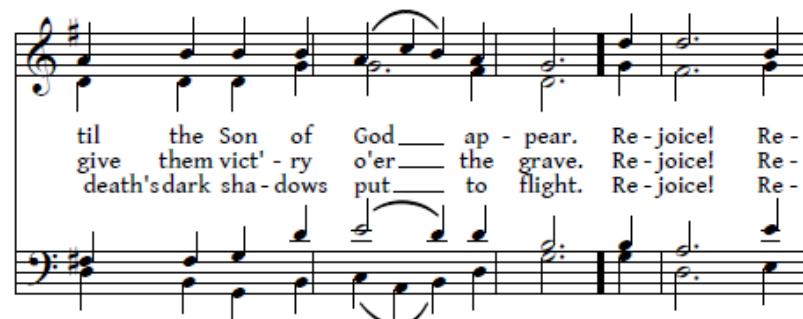
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 2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine
 3. Oh, come, Thou Day-spring from on high, And



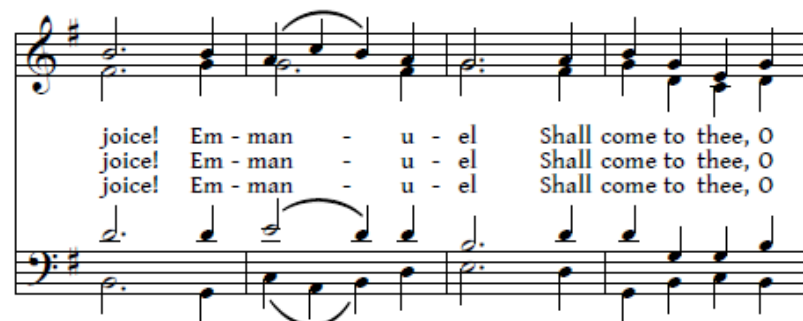
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 perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And



til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re -
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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.