

**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.



Sexagesima  
February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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*“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside...some fell on rock...and some fell among thorns...but others fell on good ground.” St. Luke 8:5-8*

## The Order of Divine Service

**The Prelude** “*Erhalt uns, Herr*” Michael Praetorius  
**The Ringing of the Bell**  
**The Hymn** “*Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear*” Δ TLH 5

*(The Pastor silently prays Psalm 24 while the congregation joins in silent self-examination and reflection on God’s Commandments. Prayers are located on back cover.)*

*Stand*

**The Invocation and Address** TLH p. 15  
**Versicles** *(All may kneel)* TLH p. 15  
**Confession and Absolution** TLH p. 16

*Stand (if kneeling)*

**The Introit** *(Tone 2)* INSERT  
**The Kyrie** TLH p. 17  
**The Salutation** TLH p. 19  
**The Collect for the Day** INSERT

*Sit*  
**The Epistle** 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9  
**The Gradual** INSERT

*Stand*

**The Holy Gospel** St. Luke 8:4-15  
**The Nicene Creed** *(Bow at the words “And was made man.”)* TLH p. 22

*Sit*  
**Hymn** “*May God Bestow on Us His Grace*” Δ TLH 500  
**The Sermon** *To You It Has Been Given*

*Stand*

**The Offertory** TLH p. 22-23  
**The General Prayer** LSBH p. 115-116

*Sit (An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)*  
**The Hymn** “*One Thing’s Needful; Lord, This Treasure*” TLH 366

*Stand*

**The Exhortation** LSBH p. 117  
**The Lavabo** LSBH p. 118

*(The Pastor washes his hands while silently praying Psalm 26. The congregation joins in silent prayer reflecting upon the Sacrament they are about to receive. Prayers are located on back cover.)*

**The Preface** TLH p. 24  
**The Proper Preface** TLH p. 25  
**The Sanctus and Benedictus** TLH p. 26

**The Lord’s Prayer** TLH p. 27  
**The Verba Domini** *(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)* TLH p. 27  
**The Pax Domini** *(All may bow and cross themselves)* TLH p. 27  
**The Agnus Dei** *(All may kneel)* TLH p. 28

*Sit*

**The Distribution** *(Prayers are located on back cover.)*  
**The Hymn** “*Oh, Enter, Lord, Thy Temple*” TLH 228

*Stand*

**The Post-Communion Canticle** TLH p. 29-30

**The Thanksgiving** TLH p. 30

**The Post-Communion Collect** TLH p. 31

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

**The Salutation** TLH p. 31

**The Benedicamus** TLH p. 31

**The Benediction** TLH p. 31

*Sit*

**The Postlude** “*Es woll’ Gott uns gnädig sein*” Donald Johns

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Preface to the Small Catechism (p. 21) & Questions 216-222 (The Three Ecumenical Creeds, pages 85-86).

### Announcements

Δ—Indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

## In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Peggy Holder, Jo Kope, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Nellie Noegel, Katie, Dan, Judy Horn, Patricia Bachand, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Matthew Scholten, Rev. Mark Mueller, John Burton, Paul Meadows, Barb Eisold, Vince Bost, Janice Heitener, Ray Heitener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, William Noegel, Bruce Carter, Ed Payne, James Hagen, Doug DiBiase, 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 Church, Kenai, AK;* and *Homer Ev. Lutheran Mission, Homer, AK;* and their pastor, the *Rev. Timothy Tolar.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson* and *Jacob Henson.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, especially, *Ana Heiser, Sherrill Smithey, Bobby Eisold, Barb Eisold, and Bob Eisold.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred* and *John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Nicholas Silva.*
- For those near death.
- 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 Sexagesima Sunday

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today</b>	Gen. 43-44; Mark 4:26-32	Genesis 45-46; 2 Timothy 3:10—4:5
<b>Monday:</b>	Gen. 47-48; Mark 10:1-31	Genesis 49-50; Exodus 14:1-31
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ex. 1-2; Mark 10:32-52	Exodus 3-4; Exodus 15:1-21
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ex. 5-6; Mark 11:1-33	Exodus 7-8; Exodus 15:22—16:36
<b>Thursday:</b>	Ex. 9-10; Mark 12:13-44	Exodus 11-12; Exodus 17:1-16
<b>Friday:</b>	Ex. 13-14; Luke 4:14-44	Exodus 15-16; Exodus 19:1-25
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ex. 17-18; Luke 5:12-39	Exodus 19-20

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

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 24, 101-102	Psalms 25, 103-104
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 24, 105	Psalms 25, 106
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 24, 107	Psalms 25, 108-111
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 24, 112-115	Psalms 25, 116-118
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 24, 119:1-40	Psalms 25, 119:41-88
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 24, 119:89-128	Psalms 25, 119:129-176
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 24, 120-125	Psalms 27, 126-132

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXIV.1-41

**Tuesday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXV.1-13

**Wednesday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXVI.1-20

**Thursday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXVI.21-45

**Friday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXVII.1-26

### 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:** TLH 500—"May God Bestow on Us His Grace"

**Evening:** TLH 366—"One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure"

**Calendar for the Week after Sexagesima Sunday**

**Today: Sexagesima—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible class in Fort Myers, FL & Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)  
Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

**Monday: *President's Day***

Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC  
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Tuesday: *Washington's Birthday***

Communion Visit to Myrtle Beach, SC

**Wednesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Thursday: The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle—Red**

**Friday:** No Events Scheduled

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: Quinquagesima (Esto mihi)—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible class in Simpsonville, SC & Fort Myers, FL (Pastor Stefanski)  
3 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

**The Lutheran Herald**

The February 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.

**Ask the Pastor**

The Rev. Joshua Sullivan of Holy Cross Ev. Luth. Church, Kerrville, TX puts out weekly videos dealing with a wide range of theological topics. Please check them out and subscribe to be notified when a new one is published at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ATPHolyCross>.

**ELDoNA 2022 Synod and Colloquium**

This year's synod and colloquium is scheduled to be held at Salem Ev.

Lutheran Church, Malone, TX April 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Dulas will be driving to the synod and colloquium. He will leave on Sunday and arrive back on Saturday. If you would like to join Pastor for this trip, please speak with him.

**To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:**

**Today—Sexagesima**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

**Gospel:** St. Luke 8:4-15

**February 24<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle**

**Epistle:** Acts 1:15-26

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 11:25-30

**February 27<sup>th</sup>—Quinquagesima (Esto mihi)**

**Epistle:** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Gospel:** St. Luke 18:31-43

**An Excerpt from Luther's Writings**

"All this is spoken for our instruction, that we may not go astray, since so many misuse the Gospel and few lay hold of it aright. True it is unpleasant to preach to those who treat the Gospel so shamefully and even oppose it. For preaching is to become so universal that the Gospel is to be proclaimed to all creatures.... What business is it of mine that many do not esteem it? It must be that many are called but few are chosen. For the sake of the good ground that brings forth fruit with patience, the seed must also fall fruitless by the wayside, on the rock and among the thorns; inasmuch as we are assured that the Word of God does not go forth without bearing some fruit, but it always finds also good ground; as Christ says here, some seed of the sower falls also into good ground, and not only by the wayside, among the thorns and on stony ground. For wherever the Gospel goes you will find Christians. 'My word shall not return unto me void.' Is. 55:11." *From Martin Luther's Sermon for Sexagesima, 1525.*

## **ELDoNA Family Camp 2022**

St. Patrick Ev. Lutheran Church, Chipley, FL will be hosting the 2022 ELDoNA Family Camp and has secured a location to have the main festivities of the camp for the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Along with having a Divine Service at St. Patrick's Church building, the campers will be housed and accommodated at Surfside Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL. Their website is [surfsideretreat.org](http://surfsideretreat.org) if you want to see more information.

The cost for the entire week will be \$156 per person plus \$30 for food per person (\$186 total per person). This is an absolute deal for a week-long beachfront vacation that includes room and board, and good Christian learning and fellowship.

There is a deposit to reserve a spot at camp due by March 5th and it will be \$100 per person. Everyone who is planning on coming, should let me know you are coming as soon as you can before March 2<sup>nd</sup> (Ash Wednesday), so I can reserve our spots for the camp and pay the deposit. I will make a payment on behalf of everyone who is going, and y'all can pay the fee to the parish whenever you can before the Family Camp.

Checks should be made payable to Sts. Peter & Paul Ev. Lutheran Church or pay through PayPal at [pastor@spplc.org](mailto:pastor@spplc.org). Anyone needing assistance with travel arrangements can let me know. Please make every effort to take advantage of this fun week spent with others in our diocese.

## SEXAGESIMA

February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022



### Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: A-WAKE! || Why do You sleep, O | Lord? | - \*

Arise! Do not cast us off | for- | ev- | er.

P: || Why do You hide Your | face, | - \*

And forget our | af- | flic- | tion?

P: || For our soul is bowed down to the | dust; | - \*

Arise for our help and | re- | deem | us.

P: || We have heard with our ears, O | God, | - \*

Our fathers have told us, the deeds You did | in | their | days.

*(Psalm 44:23-24a, 25a, 26a, 1a)*

### C: GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal; Sung by Congregation)

P: || Awake! Why do You sleep, O | Lord? | - \*

Arise! Do not cast us off | for- | ev- | er.

P: || Why do You hide Your | face, | - \*

And forget our | af- | flic- | tion?

P: || For our soul is bowed down to the | dust; | - \*

Arise for our help and | re- | deem | us. *(Psalm 44:23-24a, 25a, 26a)*

### Collect

O Lord God, Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do: Mercifully grant that by Thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



### Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || Let the nations know that Your Name is the | Lord, | - \*

You alone are the Most High over | all | the | earth.

P: || O my God, make them like a | wheel, | - \*

Like the chaff be- | fore | the | wind!

P: || You have given a banner to those who | fear | You, \*

That it may be displayed because | of | the | truth. *(Psalms 83:18,*

*13; 60:4)*

## 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

<sup>11:19</sup> For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! <sup>20</sup> For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. <sup>21</sup> To our shame, I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also. <sup>22</sup> Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. <sup>23</sup> Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. <sup>24</sup> From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. <sup>25</sup> Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; <sup>26</sup> in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; <sup>27</sup> in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—<sup>28</sup> besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. <sup>29</sup> Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? <sup>30</sup> If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. <sup>31</sup> The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. <sup>32</sup> In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; <sup>33</sup> but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands. <sup>12:1</sup> It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: <sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. <sup>3</sup> And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—<sup>4</sup> how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. <sup>5</sup> Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. <sup>6</sup> For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of

me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. <sup>7</sup> And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. <sup>8</sup> Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. <sup>9</sup> And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## St. Luke 8:4-15

<sup>4</sup> And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: <sup>5</sup> “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” <sup>9</sup> Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” <sup>10</sup> And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ <sup>11</sup> Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. <sup>14</sup> Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. <sup>15</sup> But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.”