

**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.



Oculi  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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*“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.” St. Luke 11:17*

## The Order of Divine Service

### The Ringing of the Bell

**The Hymn** "All Depends on Our Possessing" TLH 425

*(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

**The Collect for the Season of Lent** INSERT

*Sit*

**The Epistle** Ephesians 5:1-9

**The Gradual** INSERT

*Stand*

**The Holy Gospel** St. Luke 11:14-28

**The Nicene Creed** *(Bow at the words "And was made man.)* TLH p. 22

*Sit*

**The Hymn** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" TLH 262

**The Sermon** *When a Stronger Than He Comes*

*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** "Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation" TLH 258

*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** "Luther's Te Deum" INSERT

*Stand*

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

**The Thanksgiving** TLH p. 30

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

**The Hymn** "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" TLH 367

**The Salutation** TLH p. 31

**The Benedicamus** TLH p. 31

**The Benediction** TLH p. 31

*Sit*

### Recitation of the Catechism

How One Should Be Taught to Pray & Questions 286-295 (The Person of Jesus Christ, pages 95-97).

### Announcements

*LSBH = Lutheran Service Book and Hymnal. It is the name of the upcoming ELDoNA hymnal currently in development.*

who brought him to Christ must have heard His love preached and were moved thereby to trust in Him. We learn therefore that faith comes through the Word....” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Oculi.*

### 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, *Discipleship Ev. Lutheran Church, Mineral Wells, TX;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Ernest Bernet.*
- 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 and John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Nicholas Silva.*
- For peace in Ukraine.
- 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 Oculi Sunday

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today</b>	Deut. 29-30; John 8:42-51	Deuteronomy 31-32; Revelation 2:1-7
<b>Monday:</b>	Deut. 33-34; Luke 18:15-30	Joshua 1-2; Numbers 22:2-41
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Josh. 3-4; Luke 19:1-40	Joshua 5-6; Numbers 23:1-30
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Josh. 7-8; Luke 20:1—21:4	Joshua 9-10; Numbers 24:1-13
<b>Thursday:</b>	Josh. 11-12; Lk. 21:37—22:38	Joshua 13-14; Numbers 27:12-23
<b>Friday:</b>	Josh. 15-16; Luke 22:39-71	Joshua 17-18; Deuteronomy 5:1-33
<b>Saturday:</b>	Josh. 19-20; Luke 23:1-25	Joshua 21-22; Deuteronomy 8:1-20

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

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 43, 101-102	Psalms 86, 103-104
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 43, 105	Psalms 86, 106
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 43, 107	Psalms 86, 108-111
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 43, 112-115	Psalms 86, 116-118
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 43, 119:1-40	Psalms 86, 119:41-88
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 43, 119:89-128	Psalms 86, 119:129-176
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 43, 120-125	Psalms 139, 126-132

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

<b>Monday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.1-23
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.24-50
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.51-67
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.68-89
<b>Friday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.90-107

### 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

**Thursday:** The Prayers

**Friday:** The Table of Duties

**Saturday:** Christian Questions with Their Answers

**Hymns for the Week:**

**Morning:** TLH 262—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**Evening:** TLH 258—"Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation"

**Calendar for the Week after Oculi Sunday**

**Today: Oculi—Violet**

*Spring Begins*

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

Communion Visit to Fort Myers, FL

**Monday:** Communion Visit to Pawleys Island, SC

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Tuesday:** Communion Visit to Pawleys Island, SC

**Wednesday: Midweek Lenten Vespers—Violet**

7:00 p.m. Vespers

8:00 p.m. Private Confession

**Thursday:** No Events Scheduled

**Friday: The Festival of the Annunciation of our Lord—White**

6:30 p.m. Private Confession

7:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Saturday:** No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: Laetare—Rose**

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

3 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

**The Lutheran Herald**

The March 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>. If you would like to attend, please speak with Pastor Dulas.

**ELDoNA Family Camp 2022**

St. Patrick Ev. Lutheran Church, Chipley, FL will be hosting the 2022 ELDoNA Family Camp the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 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.

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

**Today—Oculi**

**Epistle:**

Ephesians 5:1-9

**Gospel:**

St. Luke 11:14-28

**March 25<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of the Annunciation of our Lord**

**Epistle:**

Isaiah 7:10-16

**Gospel:**

St. Luke 1:26-38

**March 27<sup>th</sup>—Laetare**

**Epistle:**

Galatians 4:21-31

**Gospel:**

St. John 6:1-15

**An Excerpt from Luther's Writings**

"This is a beautiful Gospel from which we learn many different things, and in which nearly everything is set forth as to what Christ, His Kingdom and His Gospel are: what they accomplish and how they fare in the world. In the first place, like all the Gospels this one teaches us faith and love; for it presents Christ to us as a most loving Savior and Helper in every need and tells us that he who believes this is saved... By this act, Christ draws us to Himself, leads us to look to Him for every blessing, and to go to Him in every time of need. He does this that we also, according to the nature of love, should do unto others as He does unto us. This is the universal and the most precious doctrine of this Gospel and of all the Gospels throughout the Church year. This poor man, however, did not come to Christ without the Word; for those

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### Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: MY EYES || are ever toward the | Lord, | - \*

For He shall pluck my feet out | of | the | net.

P: || Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy | on | me, \*

For I am desolate and | af- | flict- | ed.

P: || To You, O Lord, I lift up my | soul. | - \*

O my God, I trust in You; let me not | be | a- | shamed. (*Psalm*  
*25:15-16, 1-2a*)

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

P: || My eyes are ever toward the | Lord, | - \*

For He shall pluck my feet out | of | the | net.

P: || Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy | on | me, \*

For I am desolate and | af- | flict- | ed. (*Psalm 25:15-16*)

### Collect

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.

### Collect for the Season of Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with the Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



### Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || Arise, O Lord, do not let man pre- | vail; | - \*

Let the nations be judged | in | Your | sight.

P: || When my enemies turn | back, | - \*

They shall fall and perish at | Your | pres- | ence.

P: || Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the | heav- |  
ens. \*

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mer- | cy | on | us! (*Psalm 9:19, 3;*  
*123:1, 3a*)

## Ephesians 5:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. <sup>3</sup> But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; <sup>4</sup> neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. <sup>5</sup> For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partakers with them. <sup>8</sup> For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).

## St. Luke 11:14-28

<sup>14</sup> And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. <sup>15</sup> But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." <sup>16</sup> Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup> But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. <sup>18</sup> If Satan also is divided against

himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. <sup>19</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup> But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup> When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. <sup>22</sup> But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. <sup>23</sup> He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. <sup>24</sup> When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' <sup>25</sup> And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup> Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first." <sup>27</sup> And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" <sup>28</sup> But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

# Luther's Te Deum

*I* *II*

1. We sing Thy praise, O God: We own Thee as our Lord.

*I* *II*

2. All the earth doth wor-ship Thee: Fa-ther from e-ter-ni-ty.  
 3. An-gel hosts and pow'rs on high: Raise to Thee their joy-ful cfy.  
 4. Cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim: Ev-er sing the glo-rious hymn.

*I* *II*

5. Ho-ly is God, our Lord: Ho-ly is God, our Lord:

*I & II*

6. Ho-ly is God, the Lord, the Lord of Sab-a-oth.

*I*

7. Thy maj-es-ty and sov-'reign might;  
 8. The twelve A-pōs-tles, all;  
 9. The white-robed saints, the mar-tyr throng;  
 10. The Church doth hon-or claim:  
 11. O Fa-ther on Thy heav'n-ly throne;  
 12. O Ho-ly Spi-rit, Par-a-clete:

*II*

7. Fill heav'n and earth with glo-ry bright.  
 8. The ho-ly pro-phet Thou didst call,  
 9. All praise Thy Name in joy-ful song,  
 10. Through-out the world Thy ho-ly Name,  
 11. O wor-ship thy true, Thy and on-ly Son,  
 12. To glo-ri-fy Thee, as as-is meet.

*I*

13. O King of glo-ry, Thee we own:  
 14. To save our race, Thou didst not scorn:  
 15. The pang of death hast Thou o'er-come:  
 16. At God's right hand ex-alt-ed now:  
 17. Thou wilt re-turn, our ris-en Head:  
 18. Thy ser-vants, Lord, our now seek Thine aid:

*II*

13. As Christ the Lord, th'e ter-nal Son,  
 14. Of Vir-gin pen-ed heav'n to Chris-ten-dom;  
 15. His pow'r and glo-ry shar-est Thou;  
 16. His judge and the liv-ing and dead;  
 17. Thy pre-cious blood our ran-som paid;

*I* *II*

19. O let us share with all the blest: The ev-er-last-ing, glo-ri-ous rest.  
 20. Help us, O Lord, from age to age: And bless Thy cho-sen fier-i-tage;  
 21. Feed them and keep with lov-ing care: And lift them up, O Lord, for-e'er.

*I* *II*

22. Day af-ter day we Thee a-dore: And mag-ni-fy Thee ev-er-more.

23. Vouch-safe Al-might-ty Lord, we pray: To keep us free from sin, this day.  
 24. Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we cry: Have mer-cy on us, Lord, most high;  
 25. Show us Thy mer-cy and Thy grace: Our trust in Thee a-lone we place.

26. O Lord, we put our trust in Thee: Con-found-ed let

us nev-er be. A-men.