

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.

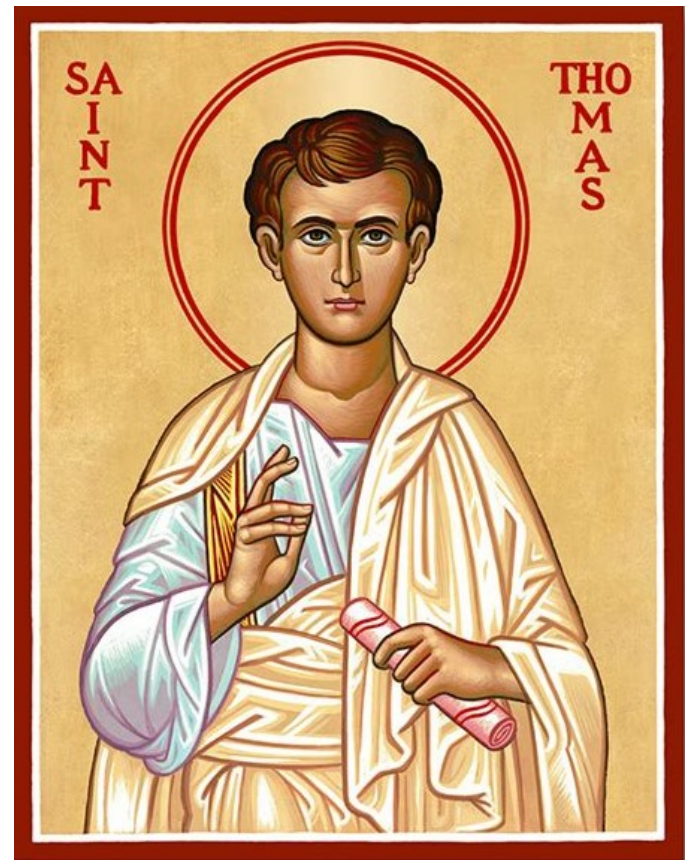
A Prayer after Communion

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 Festival of St. Thomas, Apostle
December 21st, 2022

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“Thomas answered and said unto him, ‘My Lord and my God.’” St. John 20:28

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

Stand

The Processional Hymn “*Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult*” ASBH 109

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. 129

The Kyrie ASBH p. 10

The Salutation ASBH p. 13

The Collect for the Day ASBH p. 129

The Collect for Rorate coeli ASBH p. 51

The Collect for the Season of Advent ASBH p. 45

Collect Amen ASBH p. 14

Sit

The Epistle Ephesians 2:19-22

The Gradual ASBH p. 129

The Sentence for the Season ASBH p. 41

Stand

The Gospel St. John 20:24-31

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

Sit

The Hymn “*Look from Thy Sphere of Endless Days*” ASBH 81

The Sermon *Be Not Faithless, But Believing*

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 “*Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise*” ASBH 101

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 “*Rejoice, All Ye Believers*” ASBH 67

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis ASBH p. 33-35

The Thanksgiving and Collect ASBH p. 35-36

The Hymn “*All Glory Be to God on High*” ASBH 83

The Salutation ASBH p. 36

The Benedicamus ASBH p. 37

The Benediction ASBH p. 37

The Triple Amen (*First Setting*) ASBH p. 37

The Recessional Hymn “*Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*” TLH 656

Sit

Recitation of the Catechism

The Office of the Keys and Confession (ASBH pages 210-211 & Questions 82-91 (The Close of the Commandments, pages 63-66).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

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*

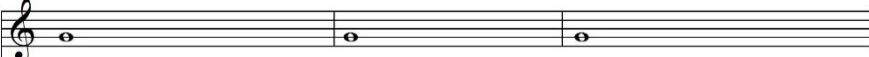
Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

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

Private Confession 4:30 p.m.

Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

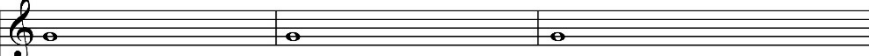
The Nicene Creed



I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,

Maker of Heaven
and Earth

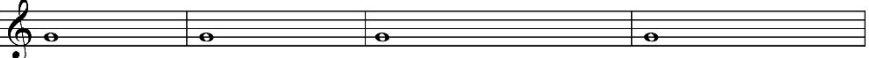
and of all things visible
and invisible,



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,

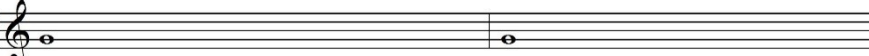
Very God of Very God,

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

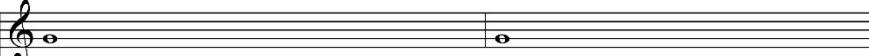
And was incarnate by the Holy
Ghost of the Virgin Mary



+ 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;



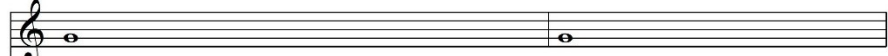
Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,



The Lord and Giver of Life,

Who proceedeth from the Father and
the Son,



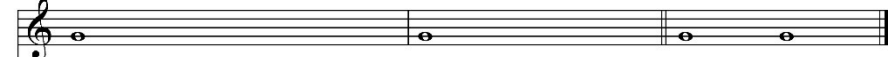
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,

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.