

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 the Epiphany of our Lord
January 8th, 2023

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“How is it that ye sought me? knew ye not that I must be in my Father’s house?” St. Luke 2:49

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Lobt Gott, ihr Christen”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”</i>	Δ TLH 16
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
The Invocation		ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins		ASBH p. 8
Versicles	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
Confession and Absolution		ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
The Introit	<i>(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)</i>	ASBH p. 57
The Kyrie		ASBH p. 10
The Gloria in Excelsis		ASBH p. 10-13
The Salutation		ASBH p. 13
The Collect for the Day		ASBH p. 57
The Collect for the Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord		ASBH p. 56
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Romans 12:1-5
The Gradual		ASBH p. 57
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
The Gospel		St. Luke 2:41-52
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men”</i>	ASBH 10
The Sermon	<i>The Boy Jesus Tarried Behind in Jerusalem</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		ASBH p. 18-19
	<i>(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>	
<i>Sit</i>		
The Installation of Church Officers for 2023		
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		ASBH p. 19-20
The Lord’s Prayer		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”</i>	TLH 134
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		ASBH p. 21
The Lavabo		ASBH p. 21
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	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	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	ASBH p. 30
The Pax Domini	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	ASBH p. 31
The Agnus Dei	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	
The Hymn	<i>“An Awe-full Mystery Is Here”</i>	TLH 304
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
The Hymn	<i>“We Christians May Rejoice Today”</i>	TLH 107
The Salutation		ASBH p. 36
The Benedicamus		ASBH p. 37
The Benediction		ASBH p. 37
The Triple Amen	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“O Jesu Christ, dein Kripplein”</i>	Rudolf Moser

Recitation of the Catechism

The Table of Duties & Questions 102-107 (The First Article, Of Creation, pages 68-72).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

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, Angelo, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Bill Kope, Barb Eisold, Ray Heilener, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Bruce Carter, 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, *Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Harrison, AR; and Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Mission, Conway, AR; and their pastor, the Rev. Eric Stefanski.*
- 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, Brennan David, and John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Nicholas Silva.*
- For *Nikolas Likourentzos* and *Ana Heiser* who announced their engagement to be married.
- 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 the First Sunday after Epiphany

	Morning	Evening
Today	Gal. 4; Mark 10:13-16	Galatians 5; Ephesians 6:1-4
Monday:	Gal. 6; John 1:29-34	Ephesians 1; Genesis 8:1-22
Tuesday:	Eph. 2; John 1:35-42	Ephesians 3; Genesis 11:1-9
Wednesday:	Eph. 4; John 1:43-51	Ephesians 5; Genesis 12:1-20
Thursday:	Eph. 6; Luke 4:1-13	Philippians 1; Genesis 13:1-18
Friday:	Phil. 2; Mark 1:12-15	Philippians 3; Genesis 14:8-24
Saturday:	Phil. 4; Matt. 4:12-17	Colossians 1; Genesis 15:1-21

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 67, 42-44	Psalms 86, 45-48
Monday:	Psalms 67, 49	Psalms 86, 50-51
Tuesday:	Psalms 67, 52-54	Psalms 86, 55-57
Wednesday:	Psalms 67, 58-59	Psalms 86, 60-63
Thursday:	Psalms 67, 64-65	Psalms 86, 66-68
Friday:	Psalms 67, 69	Psalms 86, 70-72
Saturday:	Psalms 67, 73	Psalms 16, 74-76

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday:	The Large Catechism, II.9-24
Tuesday:	The Large Catechism, II.25-37
Wednesday:	The Large Catechism, II.38-54
Thursday:	The Large Catechism, II.55-70
Friday:	The Large Catechism, III.1-16

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: ASBH 10—“Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men”

Evening: TLH 134—“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Calendar for the Week after the First Sunday after Epiphany

Today: First Sunday after the Epiphany—Green

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible class

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany—Green

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

The Lutheran Herald

The January 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.

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“When God vouchsafes to us a strong faith and a firm trust in Him, so that we are assured He is our gracious God and we can depend upon Him, then we are in paradise. But when God permits our hearts to be discouraged and we believe that He takes from us Christ our Lord; when our conscience feels that we have lost Him and amidst trembling and despair our confidence is gone, then we are truly in misery and distress. For even if we are not conscious of any special sin, yet in such a condition we tremble and doubt whether God still cares for us; just as Mary here doubts and knows not whether God still deems her worthy to be the mother of His Son. Our heart thinks in the time of trial thus: God has indeed given me a strong faith, but perhaps He will take it from

me and will no longer want me as His child. Only strong minds can endure such temptations and there are not many people whom God tests to this degree. Yet we must be prepared, so that we may not despair if such trials should come upon us.” *From the Church Postil for the First Sunday after Epiphany, 1523.*

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—The First Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord

Epistle: Romans 12:1-5

Gospel: St. Luke 2:41-52

January 15th—The Second Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord

Epistle: Romans 12:6-16a

Gospel: St. John 2:1-11