

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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Laetare
March 19th, 2023

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“Jesus therefore took the loaves; and having given thanks, He distributed to them that were set down; likewise also of the fishes as much as they would.”

St. John 6:11

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

Stand

The Hymn “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness” TLH 305

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. 73

The Kyrie ASBH p. 10

The Salutation ASBH p. 13

The Collect for the Day ASBH p. 73

The Collect for the Festival of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

Mary and Guardian of our Lord ASBH p. 144

The Collect for the Season of Lent ASBH p. 66

Collect Amen ASBH p. 14

Sit

The Epistle Galatians 4:21-31

The Gradual ASBH p. 73

The Sentence for the Season of Lent ASBH p. 41

Stand

The Gospel St. John 6:1-15

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

Sit

The Hymn “Christ the Life of All the Living” ASBH 23

The Sermon Whence Are We to Buy Bread?

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 Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread” TLH 312

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 “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior” TLH 311

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis ASBH p. 33-35

The Thanksgiving and Collect ASBH p. 35-36

The Hymn “O Lord, We Praise Thee” TLH 313

The Salutation ASBH p. 36

The Benedicamus ASBH p. 37

The Benediction ASBH p. 37

The Triple Amen (Second Setting) ASBH p. 38

Sit

Recitation of the Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer, (pages 15-19) & Questions 204-207 (Of Eternal Life, pages 106-107).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 2nd—**Palmarum:** 10:00 am. Divine Service & Bible Class in Simpsonville, SC & Knoxville, TN

April 3rd—**Holy Monday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

April 4th—**Holy Tuesday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

April 5th—**Holy Wednesday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

April 6th—**Maundy Thursday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

April 7th—**Good Friday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

April 8th—**The Vigil of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord:**
4:30 p.m. Private Confession
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Divine Service

April 9th—**The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord:**
10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible Class
3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

April 10th—**Easter Monday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

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, Barb Eisold, Belinda Goodson, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Bruce Carter, Denise Heiser, 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, *Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, Tualatin, OR;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Daniel P. Mensing.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Lutheran Theological Seminary.*
- For our seminarians, *Ben Henson and Jacob Henson.*
- For our catechumen, *Zach McGaha.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Ana Heiser, Nikolas Likourentzos, Zach McGaha, 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 and Joshua Johnson.*
- For *Nikolas Likourentzos* and *Anastasia Heiser* who are engaged 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 Laetare

	Morning	Evening
Today	Joshua 23-24; John 6:36-51	Judges 1-2; 2 Peter 1:2-11
Monday:	Judges 3-4; Luke 23:26-56	Judges 5-6; Deuteronomy 9:1-29
Tuesday:	Judges 7-8; Matt. 26:1-35	Judges 9-10; Deuteronomy 10:1-22
Wednesday:	Judges 11-12; Mt. 26:36-75	Judges 13-14; Deuteronomy 11:1-32
Thursday:	Judges 15-16; Matt. 27:1-38	Judges 17-18; Deuteronomy 28:1-14
Friday:	Judges 19-20; Mt. 27:39-66	Judges 21; Deuteronomy 28:15-68
Saturday:	Ruth 1-2; Mark 14:1-31	Ruth 3-4; Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 46, 93-95	Psalms 139, 96-100
Monday:	Psalms 46, 101-102	Psalms 139, 103-104
Tuesday:	Psalms 46, 105	Psalms 139, 106
Wednesday:	Psalms 46, 107	Psalms 139, 108-111
Thursday:	Psalms 46, 112-115	Psalms 139, 116-118
Friday:	Psalms 46, 119:1-40	Psalms 139, 119:41-88
Saturday:	Psalms 46, 119:89-128	Psalms 27, 119:129-176

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

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

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 23—"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

Evening: TLH 312—"Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread"

Calendar for the Week after Laetare

Today: Laetare/The Festival of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Guardian of our Lord (Commemorated)—Rose

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

Monday: *Spring Begins*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service in Pawleys Island, SC
Communion Visit to Pawleys Island, SC

Tuesday: Communion Visit to Pawleys Island, SC

Wednesday: Midweek Lenten Vespers—Violet

5:00 p.m. Vespers
6:00 p.m. Private confession

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: The Festival of the Annunciation of our Lord—White

4:30 p.m. Private confession
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Next Sunday: Judica (*Passion Sunday*)—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible Class
3:00 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. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

Easter Lilies

Please consider donating an Easter lily (or two) to help decorate our sanctuary for the Easter season. Easter lilies may be brought to the

church during Holy Week. We will keep them in the back until the Easter Vigil.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"In today's Gospel Christ gives us another lesson in faith, that we should not be overanxious about our daily bread and our temporal existence...for here we see, since the people followed Christ for the sake of God's Word and the signs, and thus sought the Kingdom of God, He did not forsake them but richly fed them. He hereby also shows that, rather than those who seek the Kingdom of God should suffer need, the grass in the desert would become wheat, or a crumb of bread would be turned into a thousand loaves; or a morsel of bread would feed as many people and just as satisfactorily as a thousand loaves; in order that the words in Matthew 4:4 might stand firm, that "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Laetare.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Laetare/The Festival of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Guardian of our Lord (Commemorated)

Epistle: Galatians 4:21-31

Gospel: St. John 6:1-15

March 22nd—Midweek Lenten Vespers

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:2-11

Gospel: St. John 6:36-51

March 25th—The Festival of the Annunciation of our Lord

Epistle: Isaiah 7:10-16

Gospel: St. Luke 1:26-38

March 26th—Judica (*Passion Sunday*)

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: St. John 8:46-59