

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.



Misericordias Domini
April 23rd, 2023

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*"I AM the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd
layeth down His life for the sheep." St. John 10:11*

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Belmont”</i>	Henry V. Gerike
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”</i>	Δ TLH 233
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. 85
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. 85
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		1 Peter 2:21-25
The Gradual		ASBH p. 85
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. John 10:11-16
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”</i>	ASBH 31
The Sermon		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		ASBH p. 18-19
	<i>(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>	
The General Prayer		ASBH p. 19-20
The Lord’s Prayer		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”</i>	TLH 429
<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>“Thy Table I Approach”</i>	TLH 310
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
The Hymn	<i>“Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”</i>	TLH 437
The Salutation		ASBH p. 36
The Benedicamus		ASBH p. 37
The Benediction		ASBH p. 37
The Triple Amen	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 38
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Was mein Gott will”</i>	Hermann Grabner

Recitation of the Catechism

The Office of the Keys and Confession (pages 21-25) & Questions 271-281
(The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The First Part, pages 125-128).

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, 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, Becky Phillips, Cliff Hardaway, 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, *St. Luke Ev. Lutheran Church, Kenai, AK;* and, *Homer Ev. Lutheran Mission, Homer, AK;* and their pastor, the *Rev. Tim 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, *Nikolas and Ana Likourentzos; Zach McGaha; Ken Marshall; Deacon and Sherrill Smithey;* and *Bobby, Barb, 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 and Anastasia Likourentzos* who were married yesterday.
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week, especially *Dora Ashby.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week, especially *Nikolas and Ana Likourentzos,* and *Pastor and Tanya Dulas.*

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after Misericordias Domini

	Morning	Evening
Today:	James 1; St. John 5:22-30	James 2; Hebrews 13:20-21
Monday:	James 3; St. John 5:1-17	James 4; Micah 2:12-13
Tuesday:	James 5; St. John 5:18-30	1 Peter 1; Isaiah 30:19-26
Wednesday:	1 Peter 2; St. John 5:31-47	1 Peter 3; Jeremiah 3:11-19
Thursday:	1 Peter 4; St. John 6:16-29	1 Peter 5; Ezekiel 34:1-11
Friday:	2 Peter 1; St. John 6:30-40	1 Peter 2; Ezekiel 34:12-22
Saturday:	2 Peter 3; St. John 6:41-59	1 John 1; Ezekiel 34:23-31

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 103, 112-115	Psalms 23, 116-118
Monday:	Psalms 103, 119:1-40	Psalms 23, 119:41-88
Tuesday:	Psalms 103, 119:89-128	Psalms 23, 119:129-176
Wednesday:	Psalms 103, 120-125	Psalms 23, 126-132
Thursday:	Psalms 103, 133-135	Psalms 23, 136-139
Friday:	Psalms 103, 140-141	Psalms 23, 142-143
Saturday:	Psalms 103, 144	Psalms 145-146

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XII.68-78
Tuesday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XII.79-90
Wednesday: Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XII.91-97
Thursday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, VI.1-15
Friday: The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, VI.16-24

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 31—"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

Evening: TLH 429—"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

Calendar for the Week after Misericordias Domini

Today: Misericordias Domini—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible Class in Knoxville,
TN (Deacon Smithey)

Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Monday: Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Tuesday: The Festival of St. Mark, Evangelist—Red

Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Wednesday: Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Dora Ashby's Birthday

Thursday: Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Friday: *Arbor Day*

Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Saturday: 2:00 p.m. Nikolas and Anastasia Likourentzos'

Wedding Reception in TN.

Pastor Dulas on Vacation

Next Sunday: Jubilate—White

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

The Lutheran Herald

The April 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

"You have heard that after His sufferings and death Christ our Lord arose from the dead and entered upon, and was enthroned in, an immortal existence. Not that He might sit up there in Heaven idly and find pleasure in Himself, but that He might take charge of the Kingdom of which the prophets and all the Scriptures have so fully spoken, and might rule as a King. Therefore, we should think of Him as being

present and reigning among us continually, and never think of Him as sitting up there doing nothing, but rather that He from above fills and rules all things, as Paul says to the Ephesians (4:10), and especially that He is taking care of His Kingdom, which is the Christian faith, and that therefore His Kingdom among us here on Earth must prosper. This Kingdom, as we have said, is so constituted that we all must daily increase and grow in holiness, and it is not governed by any other power save the oral proclamation of the Gospel." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Misericordias Domini Sunday from 1523.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Misericordias Domini

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-25

Gospel: St. John 10:11-16

April 25th—The Festival of St. Mark, Evangelist

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel: St. John 15:1-11

April 30th—Jubilate

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11-20

Gospel: St. John 16:16-23a