

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.

Scripture quotations are from the Revised Version of the Holy Bible (1895) with Apocrypha. This work is in the Public Domain.



The Festival of St. Lucy, Martyr
December 13th, 2023

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*“The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure
hidden in the field.” St. Matthew 13:44*

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

Stand

The Processional Hymn

“O Thou, Who dost Accord Us the Highest Prize and Guerdon” ASBH 75

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. 128

The Kyrie ASBH p. 10

The Salutation ASBH p. 13

The Collect for the Day ASBH p. 128

The Collect for Populus Sion ASBH p. 46

The Collect for the Season of Advent ASBH p. 45

Collect Amen ASBH p. 14

Sit

The Epistle 2 Corinthians 10:17—11:2

The Gradual ASBH p. 128

The Sentence for the Season of Advent ASBH p. 41

Stand

The Gospel St. Matthew 13:44-52

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

Sit

The Hymn “Rejoice, All Ye Believers” ASBH 67

The Sermon One Pearl of Great Price

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 “Thee Lord, Our God, We Praise” ASBH 56

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 “Lord of the Church, We Humbly Pray” ASBH 76

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis ASBH p. 33-35

The Thanksgiving and Collect ASBH p. 35-36

The Hymn “In Peace and Joy I Now Depart” ASBH 77

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 Apostles’ Creed (pages 13-15) & Questions 159-167 (Part II, The Creed, The Second Article. Of Redemption, pages 89-92).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Christmas Season Schedule

December 24th

Rorate coeli

Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

Bible class 11:15 a.m.

Decorate for Christmas Noon

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

7 p.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL

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

Private confession 9:30 a.m.

Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

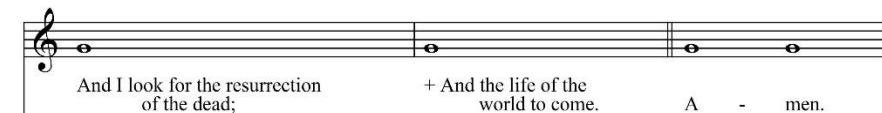
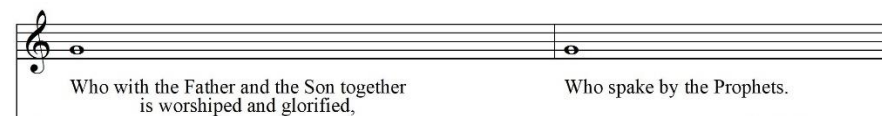
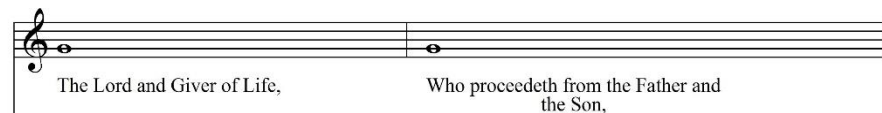
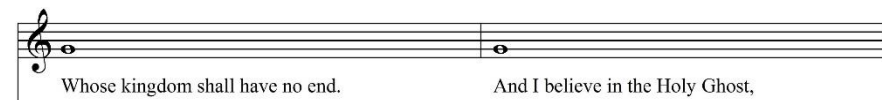
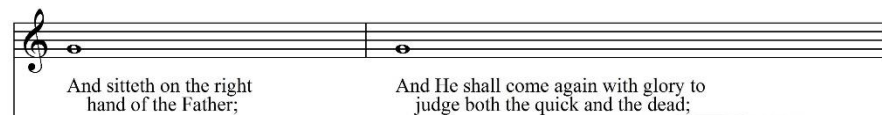
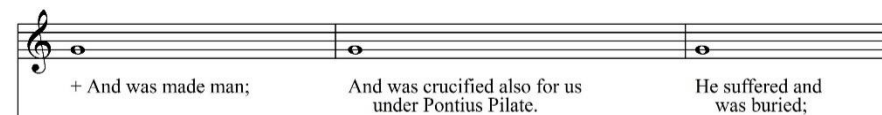
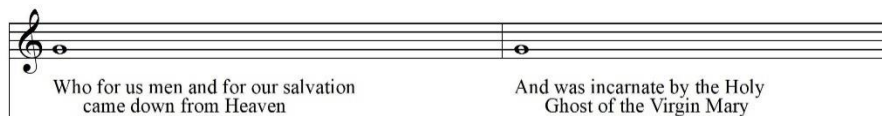
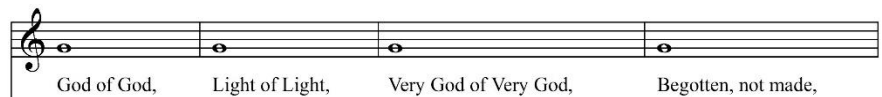
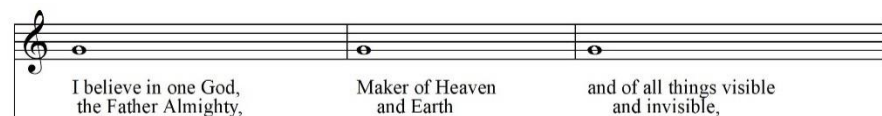
January 6th

The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord

Private Confession 4:30 p.m.

Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

The Nicene Creed



+ — 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.