

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

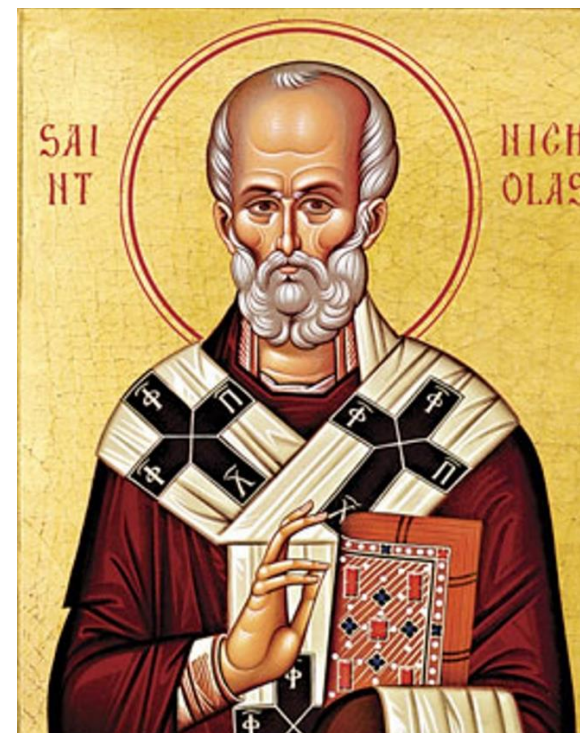
Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

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.



The Festival of St. Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor
December 6th, 2023

Sts. Peter & Paul Ev. Luth. Church, U.A.C.

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“His lord said unto him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord.’” St. Matthew 25:21

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

Stand

The Processional Hymn “Lord God, We All to Thee Give Praise” ASBH 101

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. 126

The Kyrie ASBH p. 10

The Salutation ASBH p. 13

The Collect for the Day ASBH p. 126

The Collect for Ad te levavi ASBH p. 45

Collect Amen ASBH p. 14

Sit

The Epistle Hebrews 7:23-27

The Gradual ASBH p. 126

The Sentence for the Season of Advent ASBH p. 41

Stand

The Gospel St. Matthew 25:14-23

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

Sit

The Hymn “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” Δ INSERT

The Sermon Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant

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 “Christ Is Our Corner-stone” ASBH 106

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 “Rise, Ye Children of Salvation” INSERT

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis ASBH p. 33-35

The Thanksgiving and Collect ASBH p. 35-36

The Hymn “Zion Stands by Hills Surrounded” ASBH 73

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 Preface to the Small Catechism (pages 3-8) & Questions 143-148 (Part II, The Creed, The Second Article. Of Redemption, pages 85-86).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

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.

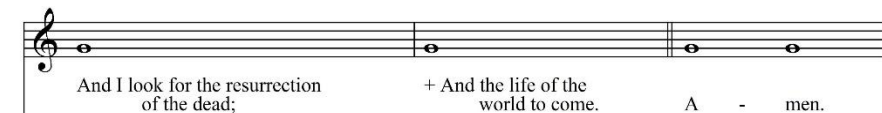
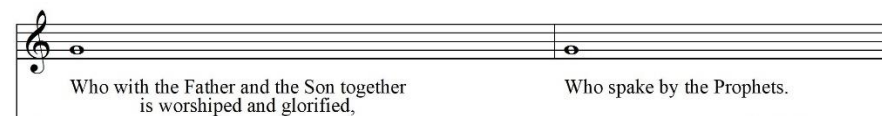
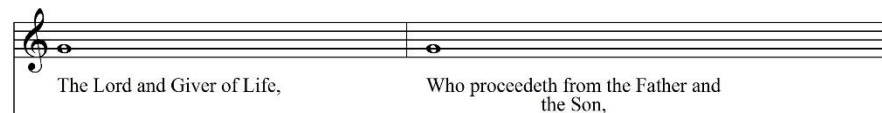
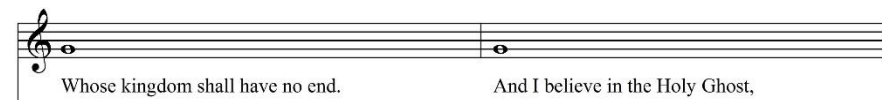
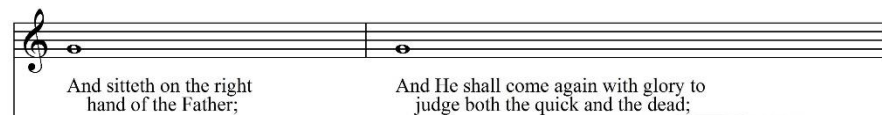
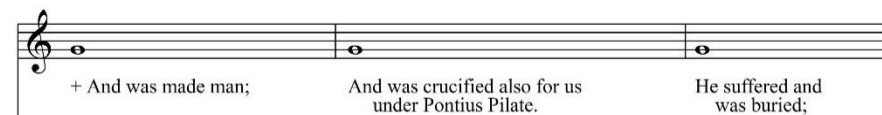
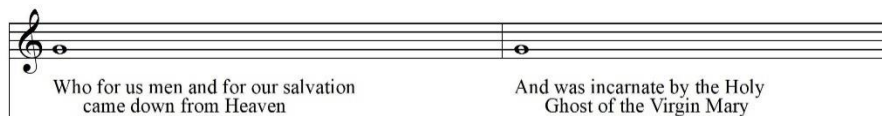
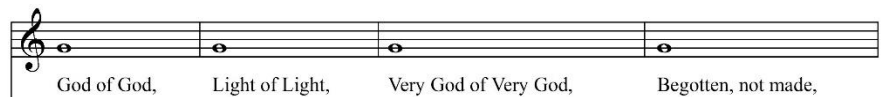
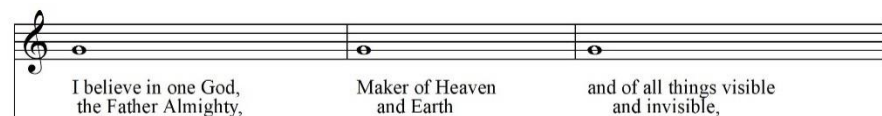
January 6th

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.

Festival of St. Nicholas
66. Of the Father's Love Begotten

Aurelius C. Prudentius, †413, cento
Tr., John M. Neale, 1854, and
Henry W. Baker, 1861

Divinum mysterium
Plain-song tune, 12th century

1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten
2. Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed

Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
When the Vir - gin, full of grace,

He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,

He the Source, the End - ing He,
Bare the Sav - ior of our race,

Of the things that are, that have been,
And the Babe, the world's Re - deem - er,

And that fu - ture years shall see
First re - vealed His sa - cred face

Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

3. O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praisees sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him
And extol our God and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

4. This is He whom Heav'n-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord;
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word.
Now He shines, the Long-expected;
Let creation praise its Lord
Evermore and evermore.

Δ5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
And unending praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore.

Festival of David Henkel
88. Rise, Ye Children of Salvation

Auf, ihr Christen, Christi Glieder

Justus Falckner, 1697, cento

Tr., Emma F. Bevan, 1858

Neander

Joachim Neander, 1680



1. Rise, ye chil - dren of sal - va - tion,
2. Saints and he - roes long be - fore us
3. Fight - ing, we shall be vic - to - rious
4. When His ser - vants stand be - fore Him,

All who cleave to Christ, the Head.
Firm - ly on this ground, have stood;
By the blood of Christ, our Lord;
Each re - ceiv - ing his re - ward;

Wake, a - rise, O might - y na - tion,
See their ban - ner wav - ing o'er us,
On our fore - heads, bright and glo - rious,
When His saints in light a - dore Him,



Ere the Foe on Zi - on tread.
Con - qu'rors through the Sav - ior's blood.
Shines the wit - ness of His Word;
Giv - ing glo - ry to the Lord,

He draws nigh and would de - fy
Ground we hold where - on of old
Spear and shield on bat - tle - field,
'Vic - to - ry!' our song shall be

All the hosts of God Most High.
Fought the faith - ful and the bold.
His great name we can - not yield.
Like the thun - der of the sea. A - men.