

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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Septuagesima

January 28th, 2024

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“For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that was a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard.”

St. Matthew 20:1

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Es ist das Heil”</i>	Jacobus Kloppers
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”</i>	ASBH 35
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. 63
The Kyrie		ASBH p. 10
The Salutation		ASBH p. 13
The Collect for the Day		ASBH p. 63
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5
The Gradual		ASBH p. 63
<i>Stand</i>		
The Gospel		St. Matthew 20:1-16
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Salvation unto Us Has Come”</i>	ASBH 16
The Sermon	<i>He Sent Them into His Vineyard</i>	
<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>“If God Himself Be For Me”</i>	TLH 528
<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

Sit

The Distribution *(Prayers are located on back cover)*

The Hymn *“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”* TLH 314

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis ASBH p. 33-35

The Thanksgiving and Collect ASBH p. 35-36

The Hymn *“Seek Where Ye May to Find a Way”* TLH 383

The Salutation ASBH p. 36

The Benedicamus ASBH p. 37

The Benediction ASBH p. 37

The Triple Amen *(First Setting)* ASBH p. 37

Sit

The Postlude *“Such’, wer da will”* Paul Kickstat

Recitation of the Catechism

The Apostles’ Creed (pages 13-15) & Questions 225-230 (Part III, The Lord’s Prayer. The First Petition, pages 113-114).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Peggy Holder, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Katie, Dan, Angelo, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Becky Phillips, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Barbara Lucas, Carol Laflay, 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 Mensing.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Nikolas and Ana Likourentzos; Deacon and Sherrill Smithy; Kenny Earickson; 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 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 Septuagesima Sunday

	Morning	Evening
Today	Gen. 1-3; Matt. 25:14-30	Genesis 4-6; Acts 17:22-34
Monday:	Gen. 7-9; Mark 5:21-43	Genesis 10-12; Exodus 5:1-23
Tuesday:	Gen. 13-15; Mark 6:1-29	Genesis 16-18; Exodus 6:1-13
Wednesday:	Gen. 19-21; Mark 6:30-56	Genesis 22-24; Exodus 11:1-10
Thursday:	Gen. 25-27; Mark 7:1-30	Genesis 28-30; Exodus 12:1-28
Friday:	Gen. 31-33; Mark 8:10—9:1	Genesis 34-36; Exodus 12:29-42
Saturday:	Gen. 37-39; Mark 9:2-32	Genesis 40-42; Exodus 13:1-22

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 23, 140-141	Psalms 142-143
Monday:	Psalms 23, 144	Psalms 143, 145
Tuesday:	Psalms 23, 146	Psalms 143, 147
Wednesday:	Psalms 23, 148	Psalms 143, 149-150
Thursday:	Psalms 23, 1-4	Psalms 24, 5-8
Friday:	Psalms 24, 9-11	Psalms 24, 12-17
Saturday:	Psalms 23, 18	Psalms 25, 19-22

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Large Catechism, III.99-124
Tuesday: The Large Catechism, IV.1-18
Wednesday: The Large Catechism, IV.19-34
Thursday: The Large Catechism, IV.35-51
Friday: The Large Catechism, IV.52-70

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: How One Should Be Taught to Pray
Friday: The Table of Duties
Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 16—"Salvation unto Us Has Come"
Evening: TLH 528—"If God Himself Be For Me"

Calendar for the Week after Septuagesima Sunday

Today: Septuagesima—Violet

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

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: No Events Scheduled

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: The Festival of the Presentation of our Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary—White Groundhog Day

4:30 p.m. Private confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Sexagesima—Violet

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

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"Therefore, we must not consider this parable in every detail, but confine ourselves to the leading thought, that which Christ designs to teach by it. We should not consider what the penny or shilling means, not what the first or the last hour signifies; but what the householder had in mind and what he aims to teach, how he desires to have his goodness esteemed higher than all human works and merit, yea, that his mercy alone must have all the praise. Like in the parable of the unrighteous steward, Lk 16:5f., the whole parable in its details is not held before our eyes, that we should also defraud our Lord; but it sets forth the wisdom of the steward in that he provided so well and wisely for himself and planned in the very best way, although at the injury of his Lord. Now whoever would investigate and preach long on that parable about the doctors, what the book of accounts, the oil, the wheat and the measure signify, would miss the true meaning and be led by his own ideas which would never be of any

benefit to anyone. For such parables are never spoken for the purpose of being interpreted in all their minutia. For Paul compared Christ to Adam in Rom 5:18, and says, Adam was a figure of Christ; this Paul did because we inherited from Adam sin and death, and from Christ life and righteousness. But the lesson of the parable does not consist in the inheritance, but in the consequence of the inheritance. That just like sin and death cling to those who are born of Adam and descend by heredity, so do life and righteousness cling to those who are born of Christ, they are inherited. Just as one might take an unchaste woman who adorns herself to please the world and commit sin, as a figure of a Christian soul that adorns itself also to please God, but not to commit sin as the woman does." *From Martin Luther's Sermon for Septuagesima, 1525.*

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.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—Septuagesima

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:5

Gospel: St. Matthew 20:1-16

February 2nd—The Festival of the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Epistle: Malachi 3:1-4

Gospel: St. Luke 2:22-32

February 4th—Sexagesima

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19—12:9

Gospel: St. Luke 8:4-15