

**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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The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

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*“Be ye merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”*

*St. Luke 6:36*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“All’ Ehr’ und Lob”</i>	George Th. Miles
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”</i>	Δ TLH 236
<b>Silent Prayer</b>	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
<b>The Invocation</b>		ASBH p. 7
<b>The Confession of Sins</b>		ASBH p. 8
<b>Versicles</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
<b>The Introit</b>	<i>(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)</i>	ASBH p. 101
<b>The Kyrie</b>		ASBH p. 10
<b>The Gloria in Excelsis</b>		ASBH p. 10-13
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 13
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		ASBH p. 101
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		Romans 8:18-23
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 101
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. Luke 6:36-42
<b>The Creed</b>	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Highest Good”</i>	ASBH 42
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>He Spake Also a Parable</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Offertory</b>		ASBH p. 18-19
<i>(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>		
<b>The General Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 19-20
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 20
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“O God, Thou Faithful God”</i>	TLH 395
<b>The Lavabo</b>	<i>(During Hymn)</i>	ASBH p. 21
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Exhortation</b>		ASBH p. 21
<b>The Preface</b>		ASBH p. 22
<b>The Proper Preface</b>		ASBH p. 23-27
<b>The Sanctus and Benedictus</b>		ASBH p. 27-28
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		ASBH p. 29
<b>The Verba Domini</b>	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	ASBH p. 30
<b>The Pax Domini</b>	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	ASBH p. 31

<b>The Agnus Dei</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Distribution</b>	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“O Lord, We Praise Thee”</i>	TLH 313
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Nunc Dimittis</b>		ASBH p. 33-35
<b>The Thanksgiving and Collect</b>		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee”</i>	TLH 321
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 36
<b>The Benedicamus</b>		ASBH p. 37
<b>The Benediction</b>		ASBH p. 37
<b>The Triple Amen</b>	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten”</i>	Johann Michael Bach

### Recitation of the Catechism

Christian Questions with Their Answers (pages 34-38) & Questions 102-108 (Part II. The Creed. The First Article. Of Creation, pages 68-72).

### 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, 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, Rachel Epperson, Barbara Lucas, Tammy Wilson, 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, *Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, MO;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Josiah Scheck.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Nikolas Likourentzos, Ana Heiser, Deacon and Sherrill Smithey, Kenny Earickson, and Bob, Barbara, and Bobby 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 week after the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today</b>	1 Kings 16; Matt. 5:43-48	1 Kings 17; Romans 14:7-17
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Kings 18; Acts 27:1-44	1 Kings 19; 1 Samuel 9:1-27
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Kings 20; Acts 28:1-31	1 Kings 21; 1 Sam. 10:1-27
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Kings 22; Rom. 1:1-15	2 Kings 1; 1 Samuel 12:1-25
<b>Thursday:</b>	2 Kings 2; Rom. 1:16-32	2 Kings 3; 1 Samuel 13:1-14
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Kings 4; Rom. 2:1-29	2 Kings 5; 1 Samuel 15:1-35
<b>Saturday:</b>	2 Kings 6; Rom. 3:1-31	2 Kings 7; 1 Samuel 16:1-23

### Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 112-115	Psalms 92, 116-118
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 119:1-40	Psalms 92, 119:41-88
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 119:25-32, 89-128	Psalms 92, 119:129-176
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 120-125	Psalms 92, 126-132
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 133-135	Psalms 92, 136-139
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 140-141	Psalms 92, 142-143
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 119, Part IV, 144	Psalms 113, 145

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XXVII.45-57  
**Tuesday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XXVII.58-69  
**Wednesday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XXVIII.1-11  
**Thursday:** The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, XXVIII.12-27  
**Friday:** The Smalcald Articles, Preface.1-15

### 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 42—"Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Highest Good"  
**Evening:** TLH 395—"O God, Thou Faithful God"

**Calendar for the week after the Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Today: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green**

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

**Monday: The Festival of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist—White**

**Tuesday: The Festival of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession—White**

Bishop Heiser's Ordination Anniversary

4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Wednesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Thursday:** No Events Scheduled

**Friday:** No Events Scheduled

**Saturday: The Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles—Red**

4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green**

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

3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

**An Excerpt from Luther's Writings**

“Now this has been said of faith and works as an introduction to our Gospel lesson, namely, that the motion of faith is inward and upward, of works outward and downward. For thus are we righteous before God and men, in that we honor God and look direct to Him and believe according to His Word, and in love do sufficient for our neighbour. Let us now consider the words of today's Gospel in their order. ‘Be ye merciful, even as your Father is merciful.’

Now how is God our heavenly Father merciful? Thus, in that He gives us all things, natural and spiritual, temporal and eternal, gratuitously and out of pure goodness. For should He give unto us out of and according to our merits, He would have to give us only hell-fire and eternal condemnation. Therefore what He gives us in our possessions and honor, is given out of pure mercy. He sees that we are captives of death; but He is merciful and gives us life. He sees that we are the children of Hell; but He is merciful and gives us Heaven. He sees that we are poor, naked and exposed, hungry and thirsty; but He is merciful, and clothes, feeds and gives us to drink, and satisfies us with all good things. Thus, whatever we have for the body or spirit, He gives us out of mercy, and pours His blessings over us and into us. Therefore Christ says here: Imitate your

Father and be also merciful, as He is merciful.” *From Martin Luther's sermon for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, 1523.*

**The Lutheran Herald**

The June 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](http://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— The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Epistle:** Romans 13:18-23

**Gospel:** St. Luke 6:36-42

**June 24<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

**Epistle:** Isaiah 40:1-5

**Gospel:** St. Luke 1:57-80

**June 25<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession**

**Epistle:** Galatians 2:16-21

**Gospel:** St. John 8:31-36

**June 29<sup>th</sup>—The Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**Epistle:** Acts 12:1-11

**Gospel:** St. Luke 5:1-11

**June 30<sup>th</sup>—The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Epistle:** 1 Peter 3:8-15a

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 16:13-20