

**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.

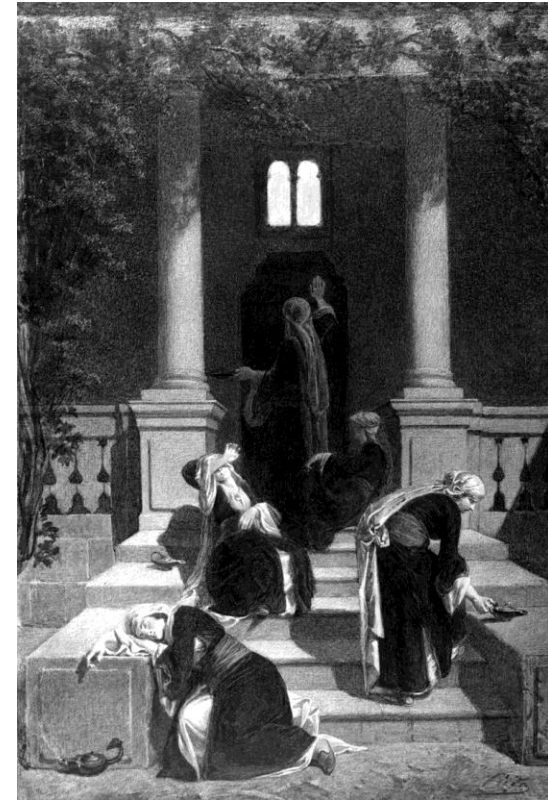
#### **A Prayer after Communion**

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 Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday  
November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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*“Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the Bridegroom.” St. Matthew 25:1*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	“Ewing”	Rodger Kalbfleisch
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	“Jerusalem the Golden”	Δ TLH 613
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>	(Prayers are located on back cover)	ASBH p. 7
<b>The Invocation</b>		ASBH p. 7
<b>The Confession of Sins</b>	(All may kneel)	ASBH p. 8
<b>Versicles</b>		ASBH p. 8
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		ASBH p. 8-9
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
<b>The Introit</b>	(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)	ASBH p. 124
<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. 124
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 124
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	(First Setting)	ASBH p. 14
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. Matthew 25:1-13
<b>The Creed</b>	(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”	ASBH 65
<b>The Sermon</b>	They That Were Ready Went In	
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Offertory</b>		ASBH p. 18-19
	(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)	
<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>	“Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying”	TLH 609
<b>The Lavabo</b>	(During Hymn)	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>	(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)	ASBH p. 30
<b>The Pax Domini</b>	(All may bow and cross themselves)	ASBH p. 31

<b>The Agnus Dei</b>	(All may kneel)	ASBH p. 31-32
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Distribution</b>	(Prayers are located on back cover)	
<b>The Hymn</b>	“Jerusalem, Thou City Fair and High”	TLH 619
<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>	“For Thee, O Dear, Dear Country”	Δ TLH 614
<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>	(First Setting)	ASBH p. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	“Wachet auf”	Johann Gottfried Walther

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Table of Duties (pages 29-34) & Questions 312-319 (Part V. The Office of the Keys, and Confession, How the Unlearned Should be Taught to Confess, pages 138-140).

### Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.  
TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

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

## November 28<sup>th</sup>—A Day of General or Special Thanksgiving

**Lesson:** Isaiah 26:1-12  
**Lesson:** 1 Timothy 2:1-8

## November 30<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle

**Epistle:** Romans 10:10-18  
**Gospel:** St. Matthew 4:18-22

## December 1<sup>st</sup>—Ad te levavi

**Epistle:** Romans 13:11-14  
**Gospel:** St. Matthew 21:1-9

### In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Peggy Holder, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Katie, Dan, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Rev. Jerald Dulas, Tanya Dulas, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Glen Madden, Becky Phillips, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Rachel Epperson, Tammy Wilson, John Crossley, Marlin Palm, Jamey Hochstein, Isaac Wigington, Jack Newton, Graham Hardaway, 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.*
- That the Lord might send *Faithful Laborers* into His harvest.
- For *St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Seminary* and our seminarians, *Duncan Geldenhuys* and *Jonathon Teo Zin Han.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Deacon and Sherrill Smithey,* 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 Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today</b>	Micah 5-7; Matt. 5:13-16	Nahum; Revelation 21:1-7
<b>Monday:</b>	Habakkuk; 2 Peter 3:1-18	Zephaniah; Isaiah 65:17-25
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Haggai; Jude	Zechariah 1-2; Ezekiel 37:15-28
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Zech. 3-4; 1 John 2:18-29	Zechariah 5-6; Habakkuk 3:1-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Zech. 7-8; 1 John 3:1-12	Zechariah 9-10; Isaiah 40:27-31
<b>Friday:</b>	Zech. 11-12; 1 John 3:19-24	Zechariah 13-14; Jeremiah 14:7-9
<b>Saturday:</b>	Malachi 1-2; 1 John 4:1-8	Malachi 3-4

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

	Morning	Evening
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 103, 119:1-40	Psalms 27, 97, 119:41-88
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 103, 119:89-128	Psalms 27, 97, 119:129-176
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 103, 120-125	Psalms 27, 97, 126-132
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 103, 133-135	Psalms 27, 97, 136-139
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 103, 140-141	Psalms 27, 97, 142-143
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 103, 144	Psalms 27, 97, 145
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 103, 146-147	Psalms 27, 97, 148-150

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.65-77  
**Tuesday:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.78-86  
**Wednesday:** Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.87—XII.4  
**Thursday:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XII.5-27  
**Friday:** The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XII.28-40

### 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 65—"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

**Evening:** TLH 609—"Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying"

## Calendar for the week after the Last Sunday after Trinity

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

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Budget Planning Meeting

**Monday:** No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Wednesday:** No Events Scheduled

**Thursday: A Day of General or Special Thanksgiving—White**

*Thanksgiving Day*

**Friday:** *Black Friday*

**Saturday: The Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle—Red**

*Small Business Saturday*

**Next Sunday: Ad te levavi—Violet**

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

## Annual Budget Planning Meeting

The annual budget planning meeting is TODAY after the Divine Service.

The proposed budget will be made available to the rest of the parish for approval at our next parish meeting on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Midweek Advent Services

This year's Midweek Advent Services will begin on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday until December 18<sup>th</sup>. Private confession will be offered in connection with each Service.

## St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The winter quarter of the diocesan seminary will begin on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

## An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"How is this to be understood? Did He grant this power and privilege to all men, who, as we know, are all children of wrath (Eph. 2:3)? The evangelist replies: 'No, not to all; but to all without limit and to the exclusion of none who believe in His Name; this means, to all who accept His Word in faith, who remain steadfast and call upon Him.' Here you

hear explicitly that this high honor, glorious liberty, and power to become the children of God can be attained through no other means or method than solely through a knowledge of, and faith in, Christ. Ascetic life, the Carthusian order, the rules of St. Francis, free will, human skills, devotion, holiness, whatever you may mention on earth, yes, angelic piety and humility, also God's Law—all these prove bootless. This glory is preached and offered to us year after year and day after day. No man, no matter who he may be, can ponder the magnificence sufficiently or express it adequately in words. We poor mortals, who are condemned and miserable sinners through our first birth from Adam, are singled out for such great honor and nobility that the Eternal and Almighty God is our Father and we are His children. Christ is our Brother, and we are His fellow heirs (Rom. 8:17). And the dear angels, such as Michael and Gabriel, are not to be our masters but our brothers and servants; for they also call God their Father, just as we do. This is a grand and overpowering thought! Whoever really reflects on it—the children of the world will not, but Christians will, although not all of them either—will be so startled and frightened by the thought that he will be prompted to ask: 'My dear, can this really be possible and true?' Therefore the Holy Spirit must be the Master here and inscribe this knowledge and faith deep in our hearts, must bear witness to our spirit, and say yea and amen to the fact that we have become and eternally remain children of God through faith in Christ (Rom. 8:16). St. John's Gospel was not the product of human volition. No, the evangelist was impelled by the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Truth and, therefore, will surely not deceive us. Without the witness of the Holy Spirit it would be hard to believe that a poor human being is destined to be a son of God and a fellow heir with Christ." *From Luther's, "Sermons on the Gospel of St. John, chapters 1-4."*

## The Lutheran Herald

The November 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 Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday**

**Epistle:**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**Gospel:**

St. Matthew 25:1-13