

**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 Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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*“And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.” St. Matthew 2:10*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“O Welt, ich muss dich lassen”</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Processional Hymn</b>	<i>“Arise and Shine in Splendor”</i>	TLH 126
<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. 56
<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. 56
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		Isaiah 60:1-6
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 56
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 15
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. Matthew 2:1-12
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Announcement of the Movable Dates for 2025</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Creed</b>	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”</i>	ASBH 9
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>They Offered unto Him Gifts</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>“Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men”</i>	ASBH 10
<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>“An Awe-Full Mystery Is Here”</i>	TLH 304
<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>“Come Rejoicing, Praises Voicing”</i>	TLH 82
<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
<b>The Recessional Hymn</b>	<i>“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”</i>	ASBH 58
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“Wie schön leuchtet”</i>	Michael Praetorius

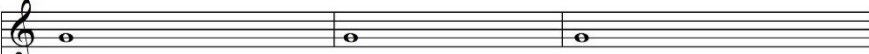
### Recitation of the Catechism

The Preface to the Small Catechism (pages 3-8) & Questions 38-44 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The Second Table. The Fourth Commandment, pages 50-52).

### Announcements

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

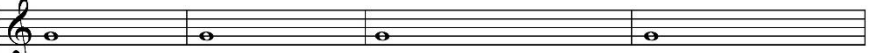
# The Nicene Creed



I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,          Maker of Heaven  
and Earth          and of all things visible  
and invisible,



And in One Lord  
+ Jesus Christ,          the Only-Begotten  
Son of God,          begotten of His Father  
before all worlds,



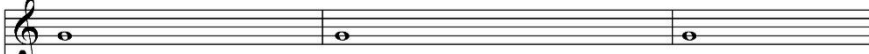
God of God,          Light of Light,          Very God of Very God,          Begotten, not made,



Being of one substance with the Father,          By Whom all things were made;



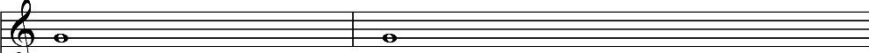
Who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from Heaven          And was incarnate by the Holy  
Ghost of the Virgin Mary



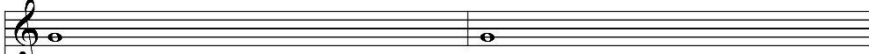
+ And was made man;          And was crucified also for us  
under Pontius Pilate.          He suffered and  
was buried;



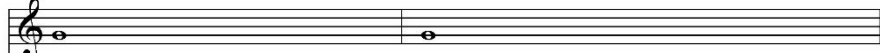
And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures;          And ascended into Heaven,



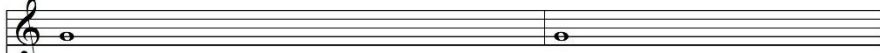
And sitteth on the right  
hand of the Father;          And He shall come again with glory to  
judge both the quick and the dead;



Whose kingdom shall have no end.          And I believe in the Holy Ghost,



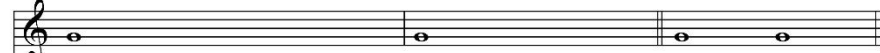
The Lord and Giver of Life,          Who proceedeth from the Father and  
the Son,



Who with the Father and the Son together  
is worshiped and glorified,          Who spake by the Prophets.



And I believe one holy Christian and  
Apostolic Church.          I acknowledge one Baptism for  
the remission of sins,



And I look for the resurrection  
of the dead;          + And the life of the  
world to come.          A - - men.

+ — 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.