

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.

Scripture quotations are from the Revised Version of the Holy Bible (1895) with Apocrypha. This work is in the Public Domain.



Ember Wednesday in Advent
December 18th, 2024

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*“Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with
God.” St. Luke 1:30*

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
The Invocation		ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
Versicles		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. 48
The Kyrie		ASBH p. 10
The Salutation		ASBH p. 13
The Collect for the Day		ASBH p. 48
The Collect for Gaudete		ASBH p. 47
The Collect for the Season of Advent		ASBH p. 45
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Isaiah 2:2-5
The Gradual		ASBH p. 48
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sentence for the Season of Advent		ASBH p. 41
The Gospel		St. Luke 1:26-38
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.)</i>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Awake! Sons of the Kingdom”</i>	INSERT
The Sermon	<i>The Son of God</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>“Word Supreme, Before Creation”</i>	INSERT
The Lavabo	<i>(During Hymn)</i>	ASBH p. 21
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		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

<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	
The Hymn	<i>“Once He Came in Blessing”</i>	TLH 74
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“My Soul, O God, Magnifies Thee”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		ASBH p. 36
The Benedicamus		ASBH p. 37
The Benediction		ASBH p. 37
The Triple Amen	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
Recitation of the Catechism		
	The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (pages 19-21) & Questions 1-6 (Introduction, pages 39-40).	
Announcements		

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

Christmas Season Schedule

December 24th	<i>The Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord</i> Private Confession 4:30 p.m. Candlelight Divine Service 5:00 p.m.
December 25th	<i>The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord</i> Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
December 26th	<i>The Festival of St. Stephen, Martyr</i>
December 27th	<i>The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>
December 28th	<i>The Festival of the Holy Innocents</i>
December 29th	<i>The Sunday Within the Octave of Christmas</i> Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA 3:00 p.m.
January 1st	<i>The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus</i> Private confession 4:30 p.m. Divine Service 5:00 p.m.
January 5th	<i>The Second Sunday after Christmas</i> Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
January 6th	<i>The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord</i> Private Confession 4:30 p.m. Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Season

#. Hail to the Lord's Anointed

James Montgomery, 1821

Freut euch, ihr lieben
Leonhart Schröter, 1587

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great
 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y To
 3. He shall come down like show - ers Up -
 4. A - ra - bia's des - ert ran - ger To

Da vid's great - er King! Hail, in the time ap -
 those who suf - fer wrong; To help the poor and
 on the fruit - ful earth, And joy and hope, like
 Him shall bow the knee, The E - thi - o - pian

point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!
 need - y And bid the weak be strong;
 flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.
 stran - ger His glo - ry come to see;

He comes to break op - pres - sion, To
 To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their
 Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall
 With of - frings of de - vo - tion Ships

set the cap - tive free, To take a - way trans -
 dark - ness turn to light, Whose souls, con - demned and
 peace, the her - ald, go And right - eous - ness, in
 from the isles shall meet To pour the wealth of

gres - sion, And rule in e - qui - ty.
 dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.
 foun - tains, From hill to val - ley flow.
 o - cean In tri - bute at His feet. A - men.

5. Kings shall bow down before Him
 And gold and incense bring;
 All nations shall adore Him,
 His praise all peoples sing;
 To Him shall prayer unceasing
 And daily vows ascend,
 His kingdom still increasing,
 A kingdom without end.

6. O'er every foe victorious,
 He on His throne shall rest,
 From age to age more glorious,
 All blessing and all-blest.
 The tide of time shall never
 His covenant remove;
 His name shall stand forever—
 That name to us is Love.

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.

##. Awake! Sons of the Kingdom

Johann Rist, 1651.
Tr. Composite, 1880

Aus meines Herzens Grunde
Eisleben G. B., 1598

1. A - wake! sons of the king - dom,
2. Look up! ye droop - ing mourn - ers,
3. A - rise! ye much af - flict - ed,
4. Up, up! ye faint and fear - ful,
5. Haste then, with ea - ger foot - steps,

The King is draw - ing nigh; A - rise, and hail
The King is ver - y near; A way with grief
Your King is not a - far; Re - joice, ye long
The King now comes with might; His heart hath long
To see your Sov - ereign; there He rides as King

with glad - ness The Ru - ler from on high.
and sor - row, For lo! our Help is here.
de - ject - ed, Here comes the Morn - ing Star.
since loved us, And makes our dark - ness light.
of Zi - on, Strong, glo - rious, meek, and fair.

Ye Chris - tians, sound the peal! Your praise and hom -
Be - hold, in ho - ly place— O bless - ed con -
The Lord is with us now; Though trou - bles here
Now are our sor - rows o'er; No wrath shall e'er
Draw near the Lord, and give Him your heart's sal -

age bring Him, And loud ho - san - nas sing Him
so - la - tion!— We find Him, our Sal - va - tion,
dis - tress you, With com - fort He will bless you:
be - fail us, Since God in grace doth call us
u - ta - tion, Who bring - eth great sal - va - tion,

With ho - ly fes - tive zeal.
In His pure means of grace.
E'en death to Him shall bow.
His chil - dren ev - er - more.
And bids the sin - ner live. A - men.

6. Our Sovereign still remembers
His loved ones here below
With gifts of royal treasures,
Yea, doth Himself bestow
Through His blest Word and grace;
O King, arrayed in splendor,
To Thee all praise we render,
Here, and there face to face.

7. Lord, how Thou dost enrich us!
Thyself made poor and weak;
O Love beyond expression,
That can thus sinners seek!
What can we do for Thee?
We will love's tribute bring Thee,
And glad hosannas sing Thee,
And ever grateful be.

Festival of St. John

71. Word Supreme, Before Creation

John Keble, 1856, cento

"Geistreiches Gesangbuch"
Darmstadt, 1698

1. Word Su - preme, be - fore cre - a - tion
2. Now 'tis come, and faith es - pies Thee,
3. Much he asked in lov - ing won - der,

Born of God e - ter - nal - ly,
Like an ea - glet in the morn
On Thy bos - om lean - ing, Lord.

Who didst will for our sal - va - tion
One in stead - fast wor - ship eyes Thee,
In the se - cret place of thun - der

To be born on earth and die,
Thy be - loved, Thy lat - est born.
An - swer kind didst Thou ac - cord,

Well Thy saints have kept their sta - tion,
In Thy glo - ry - he des - cries Thee
Wis - dom for Thy Church to pon - der

Watch - ing till Thine hour drew nigh.
Reign - ing from the Tree of scorn.
Till the day of dread a - ward. A - men.

4. Lo, heav'n's doors lift up, revealing
How Thy judgments earthward move;
Scrolls unfolded, trumpets pealing,
Winecups from the wrath above;
Yet o'er all a soft voice stealing,
"Little children, trust and love."

Δ5. Thee, th' almighty King eternal,
Father of th' eternal Word,
Thee, the Father's Word supernal,
Thee, of both the Breath adored,
Heav'n and earth and realms infernal
Own one glorious God and Lord.

Festival of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

94. My Soul, O God, Magnifies Thee

Mein' Seel', o Gott! muß loben dich
Bartholomäus Gesius, † 1613
Tr., composite

Wo Gott zum Haus
"Geistliches Lieder"
Wittenburg, 1535

1. My soul, O God, mag - ni - fies Thee,
2. Since Thou be - held my low - li - ness,
3. Might - y Thou art, dear Lord, in deed,
4. Thou mer - ci - ful art e'er to he

My Sav - lor who doth come to me:
Hence - forth will all men call me blest;
Thy pow'r di - vine doth ne'er re - cede;
Whose heart a - lone now fear - eth Thee;

Thou bring'st me joy and glo - ry great,
From far and wide I'll laud - ed be,
A - bove all else is Thy Name's worth,
The poor Thou wilt for - e'er give aid,

De - spis - ing not my low es - tate.
For - Thou hast done great things to me.
Yet poor - ly praised art Thou on earth.
When grief and pain on him are laid. A - men.

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| 5. Let pride of man us never charm,
For naught withstandeth Thy strong arm:
Who in his own strength would depend,
Of such Thou soon dost make an end. | 9. Such mercy we have not deserved
Yet, Thou hast made all things to serve
The Word which to our fathers gave
That God Incarnate man might save. |
| 6. Thou shalt rest all counsels of man,
To work, O Lord, Thy wondrous plan,
For what work 'gainst Thee they would lay
Doth them undoubtedly betray. | 10. Yea, to that dear man Abraham,
Thou didst reveal Thy holy plan,
For Heav'n to him was pledged by Thee,
And to his Seed eternally. |
| 7. Yet, to the lowly and despised
Thy grace, by might, sheds its disguise:
With princes given equal name,
The poor made rich while rich are shamed. | Δ11. Glory now and forever be
To the Most Holy Trinity:
God—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—
In Thy rich grace we daily boast. |
| 8. Thou, Lord, today hast worked Thine art
And mindful of Thy tender heart,
Thine Israel dost Thou succor give,
That Thine elect may ever live. | 12. Who longest sinners to show grace,
To save from Hell our fallen race,
And when this fleeting life shall cease,
Bestow on us eternal peace. |