

**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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Ember Friday in Advent  
December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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*“And Mary said, ‘My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.’”*

*St. Luke 1:46*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”</i>	TLH 73 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Tune)
<i>Stand</i>		
<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>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	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>	<i>(Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri)</i>	ASBH p. 49
<b>The Kyrie</b>		ASBH p. 10
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 13
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		ASBH p. 49
<b>The Collect for Gaudete</b>		ASBH p. 47
<b>The Collect for the Season of Advent</b>		ASBH p. 45
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		Isaiah 11:1-5
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 49
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Sentence for the Season of Advent</b>		ASBH p. 41
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. Luke 1:39-47
<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>“My Soul, O God, Magnifies Thee”</i>	INSERT
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>My Soul doth Magnify the Lord</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 Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee?”</i>	TLH 58 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tune)
<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>“My Soul doth Magnify the Lord”</i>	TLH 275
<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>“Praise We the Lord This Day”</i>	TLH 274
<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>Recitation of the Catechism</b>		
	The Office of the Keys and Confession (pages 21-25) & Questions 7-12 (Part I. The Ten Commandments, Introduction, pages 40-41).	
<b>Announcements</b>		

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

## Christmas Season Schedule

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

# 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.

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,<br>For naught withstandeth Thy strong arm:<br>Who in his own strength would depend,<br>Of such Thou soon dost make an end. | 9. Such mercy we have not deserved<br>Yet, Thou hast made all things to serve<br>The Word which to our fathers gave<br>That God Incarnate man might save. |
| 6. Thou shalt rest all counsels of man,<br>To work, O Lord, Thy wondrous plan,<br>For what work 'gainst Thee they would lay<br>Doth them undoubtedly betray.   | 10. Yea, to that dear man Abraham,<br>Thou didst reveal Thy holy plan,<br>For Heav'n to him was pledged by Thee,<br>And to his Seed eternally.            |
| 7. Yet, to the lowly and despised<br>Thy grace, by might, sheds its disguise:<br>With princes given equal name,<br>The poor made rich while rich are shamed.   | Δ11. Glory now and forever be<br>To the Most Holy Trinity:<br>God—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—<br>In Thy rich grace we daily boast.                       |
| 8. Thou, Lord, today hast worked Thine art<br>And mindful of Thy tender heart,<br>Thine Israel dost Thou succor give,<br>That Thine elect may ever live.       | 12. Who longest sinners to show grace,<br>To save from Hell our fallen race,<br>And when this fleeting life shall cease,<br>Bestow on us eternal peace.   |