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.



The Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord December 24th, 2024

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"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us" St. John 1:14

The Order of Divine Service		The Sanctus and Benedictus The Lord's Prayer ASBH p. 27-28 ASBH p. 29
The Prelude "Divinum Mysterium"	Ludwig Lenel	The Verba Domini (All may bow when the Pastor genuflects) ASBH p. 30
The Ringing of the Bell	Eddwig Lener	The Pax Domini (All may bow and cross themselves) ASBH p. 31
Stand		The Agnus Dei (All may kneel) ASBH p. 31-32
The Lighting of the Vigil Candles		Sit
The Processional Hymn "Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" TLH 90		The Distribution (Prayers are located on back cover)
Silent Prayer (Prayers are located on back cove		The Hymns: "Christ the Lord to Us is Born" TLH 86
All may extinguish their Candles	,, 110211 p. ,	"O Jesus! This Thy Manger Is" INSERT
The Invocation	ASBH p. 7	Stand
The Confession of Sins	ASBH p. 8	The Nunc Dimittis ASBH p. 33-35
Versicles (All may kneel)	ASBH p. 8	The Thanksgiving and Collect ASBH p. 35-36
Confession and Absolution	ASBH p. 8-9	Sit
Stand (if kneeling)	1	The Hymn "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful" TLH 102
The Introit (Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patr	<i>i</i>) ASBH p. 52	Stand
The Kyrie	ASBH p. 10	The Salutation ASBH p. 36
The Gloria in Excelsis	ASBH p. 10-13	The Benedicamus ASBH p. 37
The Salutation	ASBH p. 13	The Benediction ASBH p. 37
The Collect for the Day	ASBH p. 52	The Triple Amen (First Setting) ASBH p. 37
Collect Amen Sit	ASBH p. 14	The Recessional Hymn "Behold, a Branch Is Growing" TLH 645 Sit (Candles may be extinguished)
The Epistle	Hebrews 1:1-12	The Postlude "Es ist ein' Ros'—Ia" Albert Thate
The Gradual	ASBH p. 52	
Stand	115B11 p. 52	Announcements
The Lighting of the Vigil Candles (during Seque.	nce Hvmn)	
The Sequence Hymn "All Praise to Thee Eternal God" INSERT		ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.
The Gospel	St. John 1:1-14	TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal
The Creed (All may bow at the words "And was made made"	an") INSERT	
Sit (Candles may be extinguished)	•	Christmas Season Schedule
The Hymn "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"	TLH 85	December 25 th The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord
The Sermon The Word Was God		Divine Service 10:00 a.m.
Stand		December 26 th The Festival of St. Stephen, Martyr
The Offertory	ASBH p. 18-19	7 p.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL
(An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)		December 27 th The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
The General Prayer	ASBH p. 19-20	December 28 th The Festival of the Holy Innocents
The Lord's Prayer	ASBH p. 20	December 31 st The Sunday within the Octave of Christmas
Sit		Divine Service and Bible class in Simpsonville 10 a.m.
The Lighting of the Vigil Candles (during the Hy	Divine Service in Augusta, GA 3 p.m.	
The Hymn "All My Heart This Night Rejoices	" TLH 77	January 1st The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of our Lord

January 6th

ASBH p. 21

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Private confession 9:30 a.m.

Private Confession 4:30 p.m.

Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord

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The Preface

The Exhortation

The Proper Preface

Stand

(During Hymn)

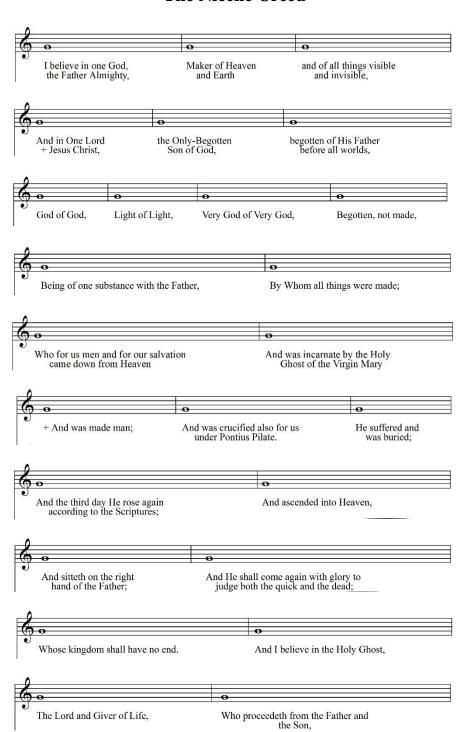
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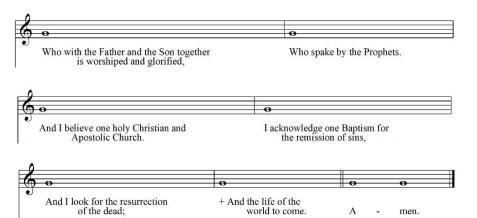




All this for us Thy love hath done;
 By this to Thee our love is won;
 For this our joyful songs we raise
 And shout our thanks in ceaseless praise,
 Hallelujah!

The Nicene Creed

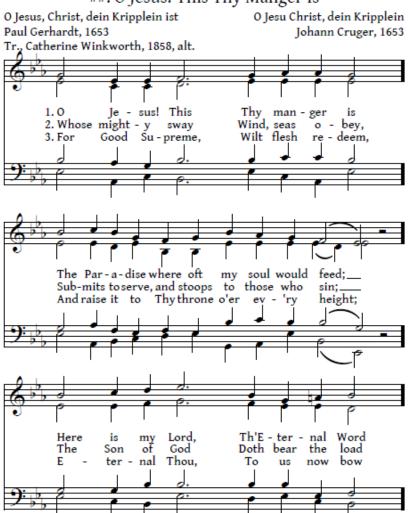


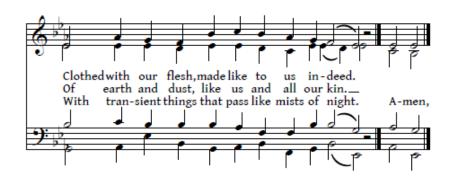


+ —indicates that the worshippers may make a sign of reverance (bow the head, genuflect, or make the sign of the holy cross) as is appropriate.

Christmas

##. O Jesus! This Thy Manger Is





- 4. Thy glory, joy Woe, grief destroy; Thou, Heav'nly Treasure, dost all wealth restore! Thou Living Well! Immanuel! Dost conquer sin and death forevermore!
- 5. Come, all who art, Of a sad heart,
 Take courage now, let this thy fears dispel:
 His Son most dear God's giv'n thee here,
 It cannot be but God doth love thee well.
- 6. How oft thou think Thou'll surely sink,
 That hope and comfort are no more for thee;
 Come then and gaze Upon His face,
 And here the love of God Incarnate see.
- 7. Ah now the door Is ope'd e'ermore To all the joys of this world and the next; This Babe's our Friend, Will make an end Of all that faithful hearts long time hath vexed.
- 8. Earth, we no more Seek thy rich store, If but this treasure will be still our own; He who holds fast, Till this life's past, Our Lord will crown with joy before His throne.