

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 Feast of the Nativity of our Lord
December 25th, 2024

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“Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.” St. Luke 2:10

The Order of Divine Service

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| The Prelude | <i>“Gelobet sei ’st du, Jesu”</i> | Johann Pachelbel |
| The Ringing of the Bell | | |
| <i>Stand</i> | | |
| The Processional Hymn | <i>“A Great and Mighty Wonder”</i> | TLH 76 |
| Silent Prayer | <i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i> | ASBH p. 7 |
| The Invocation | | ASBH p. 7 |
| The Confession of Sins | | ASBH p. 8 |
| Versicles | <i>(All may kneel)</i> | 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. 53 |
| The Kyrie | | ASBH p. 10 |
| The Gloria in Excelsis | | ASBH p. 10-13 |
| The Salutation | | ASBH p. 13 |
| The Collect for the Day | | ASBH p. 53 |
| Collect Amen | | ASBH p. 14 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Lesson | | Isaiah 7:10-14 |
| The Epistle | | Titus 2:11-14 |
| The Gradual | | ASBH p. 53 |
| <i>Stand</i> | | |
| The Sequence Hymn | <i>“All Praise to Thee, Eternal God”</i> | INSERT |
| The Gospel | | St. Luke 2:1-14 |
| The Athanasian Creed | | ASBH p. 39-40 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Hymn | <i>“O Jesus Christ, All Praise to Thee”</i> | ASBH 5 |
| The Sermon | <i>Glory to God in the Highest!</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>“Behold! Behold! What Wonders Here”</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 |

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| 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 Hymns: | <i>“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”</i> | TLH 85 |
| | <i>“We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise”</i> | TLH 108 |
| <i>Stand</i> | | |
| The Nunc Dimittis | | ASBH p. 33-35 |
| The Thanksgiving and Collect | | ASBH p. 35-36 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Hymn | <i>“Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One”</i> | TLH 104 |
| <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 |
| The Recessional Hymn | <i>“O Gladsome Light, O Grace”</i> | TLH 101 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Postlude | <i>“Vom Himmel hoch”</i> | Johann Gottfried Walther |

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal: 2022 Supplement.

TLH = The Lutheran Hymnal

Christmas Season Schedule

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| December 26th | <i>The Festival of St. Stephen, Martyr</i> |
| | 7 p.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL |
| December 27th | <i>The Festival of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i> |
| December 28th | <i>The Festival of the Holy Innocents</i> |
| December 31st | <i>The Sunday within the Octave of Christmas</i> |
| | Divine Service and Bible class in Simpsonville 10 a.m. |
| | Divine Service in Augusta, GA 3 p.m. |
| January 1st | <i>The Festival of the Circumcision and Name of our Lord</i> |
| | Private confession 9:30 a.m. |
| | Divine Service 10:00 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. |

##. All Praise to Thee, Eternal God

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ, based on Latin seq. 11th. c.
 German, st. 1, 1370; Martin Luther, 1524, cento
 Tr., unknown, 1858
 Gelobet seist du, Jesu
 Ancient melody, c. 1400

1. All praise to Thee, e - ter - nal God,
 2. Once did the skies be - fore Thee bow;
 3. A lit - tle Child, Thou art our Guest
 4. Thou com - est in the dark - some night

Who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
 A vir - gin's arms con - tain Thee now,
 That wea - ry ones in Thee may rest;
 To make us chil - dren of the light,

Dost take a man - ger for Thy throne,
 While an - gels, who in Thee re - jice,
 For - lorn and low - ly is Thy birth
 To make us in the realms di - vine,

While worlds on worlds are Thine a - lone.
 Now lis - ten for Thine in - fant voice.
 That we may rise to heav'n from earth.
 Like Thine own an - gels, round Thee shine.

Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

5. 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!

[Season]


##. Behold! Behold! What Wonders Here!

Paul Gerhardt, 1667.

Du lieber, heil'ger, frommer Christ

Tr. by John Kelly, 1867

From Psalterlust



1. Be - hold! Be - hold! What won - ders here!
2. A won - drous light it is, I trow,
3. What means He to an - nounce to us,
4. To us vouch - saf - ed can it be
5. 'Tis ev - en so for from the sky
6. O bless - ed - ness! the good - ly throng



The gloom - y night turns bright and clear,
And not the an - cient sun shines now;
Who na - ture's course can al - ter thus?
The Sun of Righ - teous - ness to see,
Heav'n's host with joy - ful ti - dings hie,
Of saint - ed fa - thers wait - ed long



A bril - liant light dis - pels the shade,
For, con - tra - ry to na - ture, night
A migh - ty work de - signed must be,
The Star from Ja - cob's stem so bright,
That He is born in Beth - l'hem's stall,
To see this day, with hope de - ferred,



The stars be - fore it pale and fade.
Is turned by it to day so bright.
When such a migh - ty sign we see.
The Wo - man's Seed, the Gen - tiles' Light?
Who Sav - ior is and Lord of all!
As we may learn from God's own Word. A - men.