

**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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Laetare  
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*“Jesus therefore took the loaves; and having given thanks, He distributed to them that were set down; likewise also of the fishes as much as they would.”*

*St. John 6:11*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”</i>	TLH 305
<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. 73
<b>The Kyrie</b>		ASBH p. 10
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 13
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		ASBH p. 73
<b>The Collect for the Season of Lent</b>		ASBH p. 66
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		Galatians 4:21-31
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 73
<b>The Sentence for the Season of Lent</b>		ASBH p. 41
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. John 6:1-15
<b>The Creed</b>	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Christ, the Life of All the Living”</i>	ASBH 23
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>He Himself Knew What He Would Do</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>“Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread”</i>	TLH 312
<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>“Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”</i>	TLH 311
<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>“O Lord, We Praise Thee”</i>	TLH 313
<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>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 38
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>Recitation of the Catechism</b>		
The Table of Duties (pages 29-34) & Questions 168-170 (Part II. The Creed. The Third Article. Of Sanctification, page 93).		

### Announcements

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

### Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 13 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Palmarum:</b>	10:00 am. Divine Service
April 14 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Holy Monday:</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 15 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Holy Tuesday:</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 16 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Holy Wednesday:</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 17 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Maundy Thursday:</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 18 <sup>th</sup> — <b>Good Friday:</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
April 19 <sup>th</sup> — <b>The Vigil of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord/The Festival of Philip Melancthon, Confessor (Commemorated):</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Divine Service
April 20 <sup>th</sup> — <b>The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord:</b>	10:00 a.m. Divine Service & Bible Class
April 21 <sup>st</sup> — <b>Easter Monday:</b>	4:30 p.m. Private Confession 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

## In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Peggy Holder, Patricia Wood, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Katie, Dan, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Glen Madden, Becky Phillips, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, Rachel Epperson, Tammy Wilson, Marlin Palm, Jamey Hochstein, Isaac Wigington, Jack Newton, Graham Hardaway, Eleanor Cannon, David Benson, Chuck Webber, and Vito Gerardi.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *St. Boniface Ev. Lutheran Church, Niles, MI;* and her pastor, the *Rev. John Rutowicz.*
- That the Lord might send *Faithful Laborers* into His harvest.
- For *St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Seminary* and our seminarians, *Duncan Geldenhuys* and *Jonathon Teo Zin Han.*
- For our catechumens, especially *Gabriel Bunch.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Deacon and Sherrill Smithey,* and *Bob, Barbara, and Bobby Eisold.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially *Thomas Allred, Brennan David,* and *John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military, especially *Nicholas Silva.*
- For those celebrating a birthday this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for week after Laetare Sunday

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today</b>	Joshua 23-24; John 6:36-51	Judges 1-2; 2 Peter 1:2-11
<b>Monday:</b>	Judges 3-4; Luke 23:26-56	Judges 5-6; Deuteronomy 9:1-29
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Judges 7-8; Matt. 26:1-35	Judges 9-10; Deuteronomy 10:1-22
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Judges 11-12; Mt. 26:36-75	Judges 13-14; Deuteronomy 11:1-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	Judges 15-16; Matt. 27:1-38	Judges 17-18; Deuteronomy 28:1-14
<b>Friday:</b>	Judges 19-20; Mt. 27:39-66	Judges 21; Deuteronomy 28:15-68
<b>Saturday:</b>	Ruth 1-2; Mark 14:1-31	Ruth 3-4; Deuteronomy 34:1-12

### Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 46, 146	Psalms 139, 147
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 46, 148	Psalms 139, 149-150
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 46, 1-4	Psalms 139, 5-8
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 46, 9-11	Psalms 139, 12-17
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 46, 18	Psalms 139, 19-22
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 46, 23-25	Psalms 139, 26-30
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 46, 31-32	Psalms 27, 33-34

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

<b>Monday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.108-122
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.123-139
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.140-152
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.153-166
<b>Friday:</b>	The Apology to the Augsburg Confession, III.167-176

### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Ten Commandments
<b>Monday:</b>	The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Sacrament of the Altar
<b>Thursday:</b>	How One Should Be Taught to Pray

**Friday:** The Table of Duties

**Saturday:** Christian Questions with Their Answers

**Hymns for the Week:**

**Morning:** ASBH 23—“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

**Evening:** TLH 312—“Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread”

**Calendar for the week after Laetare Sunday**

**Today: Laetare Sunday—Rose**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Fort Myers, FL and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

**Monday:** No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday:** *April Fool’s Day*

7:00 p.m. Catechesis

**Wednesday: Midweek Lenten Vespers**

5:00 p.m. Vespers

6:00 p.m. Private confession

**Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. Catechesis

**Friday:** *Last Frost Date*

**Saturday:** 1:00 p.m. Divine Service in Athens, GA

**Next Sunday: Judica (Passion) Sunday—Violet**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Simpsonville, SC and Knoxville, TN (Deacon Smithey)

3:00 p.m. Divine Service in Augusta, GA

**Easter Lilies**

Please consider donating an Easter lily (or two) to help decorate our sanctuary for the Easter season. Easter lilies may be brought to the church during Holy Week. We will keep them in the back until the Easter Vigil.

**St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary**

The Seminary will continue its Spring Quarter until this Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Then they will take a three-week break for Holy Week, Easter, and the ELDoNA Synod and Colloquium. They will resume classes on May 5<sup>th</sup> and continue until June 6<sup>th</sup>. The summer quarter will begin on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the Seminary and her students in your prayers.

**An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings**

“The two fishes are the example and witness of the patriarchs and prophets, who are also in the basket; for by them the Apostles confirm and strengthen their doctrine and the believers like St. Paul does in Rom. 4:2-

6, where he cites Abraham and David etc. But there are two, because the examples of the saints are full of love, which cannot be alone, as faith can, but must go out in exercise to its neighbor. Furthermore the fishes were prepared and cooked; for such examples are indeed put to death by many sufferings and martyrdoms, so that we find nothing carnal in them, and they comfort none by a false faith in his own works, but always point to faith and put to death works and their assurance.

The twelve baskets of fragments are all the writings and books the Apostles and Evangelists bequeathed to us; therefore they are twelve, like the Apostles, and these books are nothing but that which remains from and has been developed out of the Old Testament. The fishes are also signified by the number five (Moses’ books); as John 21:25 says: ‘Even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written’ concerning Christ, all which nevertheless was written and proclaimed before in the Old Testament concerning Christ.” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Laetare.*

**The Lutheran Herald**

The March issue of “The Lutheran Herald,” the devotional booklet of the ELDoNA, is now available. It can be found on Facebook at: <http://tinyurl.com/LutheranHerald> and on the diocesan website: [eldona.org](http://eldona.org). There are also printed copies near the entrance for your use and distribution.

**To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:**

**Today—Laetare Sunday**

**Epistle:** Galatians 4:21-31

**Gospel:** St. John 6:1-15

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>—Midweek Lenten Vespers**

**Epistle:** 2 Peter 1:2-11

**Gospel:** St. John 6:36-51

**April 6<sup>th</sup>—Judica (Passion) Sunday**

**Epistle:** Hebrews 9:11-15

**Gospel:** St. John 8:46-59