

**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.

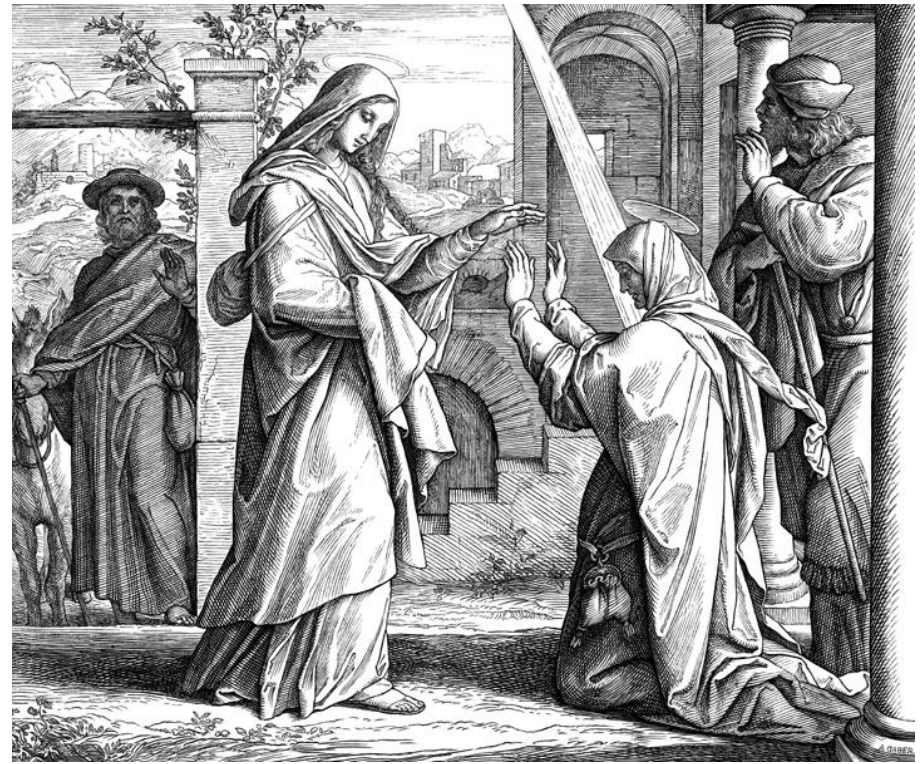
#### **A Prayer after Communion**

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 Festival of the Visitation  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

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*“And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come unto me?” St. Luke 1:43*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Herr Jesu Christ, dich”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Processional Hymn</b>	<i>“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”</i>	Δ TLH 3
<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>		ASBH p. 8
<b>Versicles</b>	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	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. 155
<b>The Kyrie</b>		ASBH p. 10
<b>The Gloria in Excelsis</b>		ASBH p. 10-13
<b>The Salutation</b>		ASBH p. 13
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		ASBH p. 155
<b>The Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity Sunday</b>		ASBH p. 99
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		Isaiah 11:1-5
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 155
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 15
<b>The Gospel</b>		St. Luke 1:39-56
<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>	Δ INSERT
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>When Elisabeth Heard the Salutation of Mary</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>“Now Praise We Christ, the Holy One”</i>	Δ TLH 104
<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>“O Lord, We Praise Thee”</i>	TLH 313
<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>“Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness”</i>	INSERT
<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. 38
<b>The Recessional Hymn</b>	<i>“Had God Not Come, May Israel Say”</i>	ASBH 36
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“Wo Gott zum Haus”</i>	Johann Pachelbel

### Recitation of the Catechism

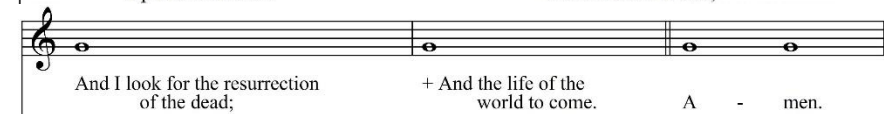
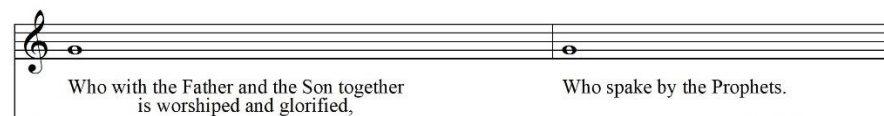
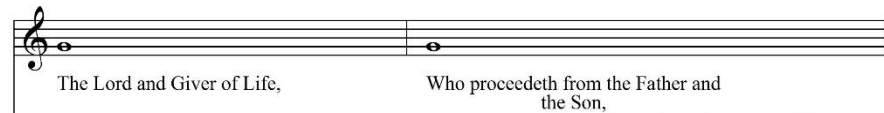
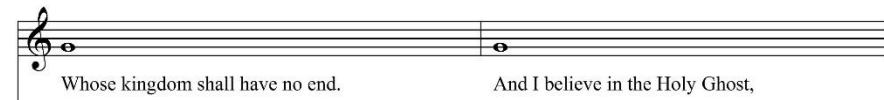
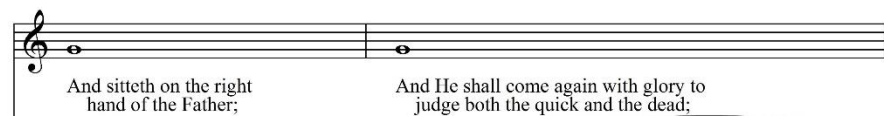
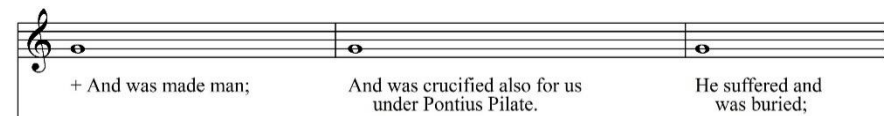
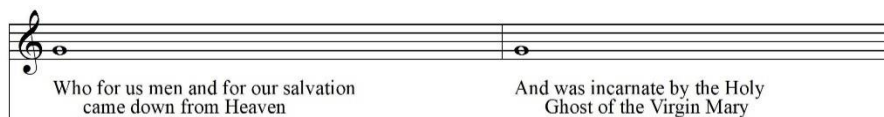
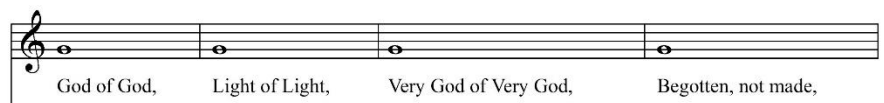
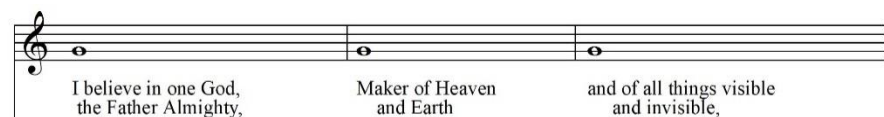
The Apostles’ Creed (pages 13-15) & Questions 321-333 (Part VI. Sacrament of the Altar, First, What the Lord’s Supper Is, pages 141-145).

### Announcements

*ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal. It is the name of the upcoming ELDoNA hymnal currently in development.*

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

# The Nicene Creed



+ —indicates that the worshipers 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.

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.

6. Thou shatt'rest all counsels of man,  
To work, O Lord, Thy wondrous plan,  
For what work 'gainst Thee they would lay  
Doth them undoubtedly betray.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Δ11. Glory now and forever be  
To the Most Holy Trinity:  
God—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost—  
In Thy rich grace we daily boast.

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.



## ##. Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johann Franck, 1649

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858

Schmücke dich

Johann Crüger, 1649

1. Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness,  
2. Hast - en as a bride to meet Him,  
3. He who cost - ly goods de - sir - eth  
4. Ah! how hun - gers all my spir - it

Leave the gloom - y haunts of sad - ness,  
And with low - ing re - ver - ence greet Him,  
To ob - tain, much gold re - quir - eth;  
For the love I do not mer - it!

Come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,  
For with words of life im - mor - tal  
But to free - ly give the trea - sure  
Oft have I, with sighs fast throng - ing,

There with joy thy prais - es ren - der  
Now He knock - eth at thy por - tal;  
Of Thy love is Thy good plea - sure,  
Thought up - on this food with long - ing,

Un - to Him whose grace un - bound - ed  
Haste to ope the gates be - fore Him,  
For on earth there is no cof - fer ed,  
In the bat - tle well - nigh worst - ed,

Hath this won - drous Ban - quet found - ed;  
Say - ing, while thou dost a - dore Him,  
Which as pay - ment we might of - fer ed,  
For this Cup of life have thirst - ed,

High o'er all the heav'ns He reign - eth,  
 "Suf - fer, Lord, that I re - ceive Thee,  
 For this Cup Thy blood con - tain - ing,  
 For the Friend, who here in - vites us,

Yet to dwell with thee He deign - eth.  
 And I nev - er more will leave Thee."  
 And this man - na, on us rain - ing.  
 And to God Him - self u - nites us. A - men.

5. Now I sink before Thee lowly,  
 Filled with joy most deep and holy,  
 As with trembling awe and wonder  
 On Thy mighty work I ponder,  
 How, by mystery surrounded,  
 Depths no man hath ever sounded,  
 None may dare to pierce unbidden,  
 Secrets that with Thee are hidden.

6. Nay, though reason here doth ponder,  
 It can never reach this wonder,  
 That this bread is never lessened,  
 Though it nourish thousands present,  
 And that Christ His blood is giving  
 With the wine we are receiving.  
 O, these mysteries unsounded  
 Are by God alone expounded!

7. Sun, who all my life doth brighten,  
 Light, who dost my soul enlighten,  
 Joy, the sweetest man e'er knoweth,  
 Fount, whence all my being floweth,—  
 At Thy feet I cry, my Maker,  
 Let me be a fit partaker  
 Of this blessed food from heaven,  
 For our good, Thy glory, given.

8. Lord, Thy fervent love hath driven  
 Thee to leave Thy throne in heaven,  
 For us on the cross to languish,  
 And to die in bitter anguish,  
 To forgo all joy and gladness,  
 And to shed Thy blood in sadness,  
 Which we drink now; grant that never  
 We forget Thy love, dear Savior!

9. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee,  
 Let me gladly here obey Thee,  
 Never to my heart invited,  
 Be Thy love with love requited;  
 From this Banquet let me measure,  
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure;  
 Thro' the gifts Thou here dost give me  
 As Thy guest in heaven receive me.