

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 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday
November 16th, 2025

Sts. Peter & Paul Ev. Luth. Church, U.A.C.

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“But when the Son of Man shall come in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then shall He sit on the throne of His glory.” St. Matthew 25:31

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Nun danket alle Gott”</i>	Georg Friedrich Kaufmann
The Ringing of the Bell		
The Hymn	<i>“Though in Midst of Life We Be”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
Silent Prayer	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover)</i>	ASBH p. 7
The Invocation		ASBH p. 7
The Confession of Sins	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	ASBH p. 8
Versicles		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. 123
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. 123
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		2 Peter 3:3-14
The Gradual		ASBH p. 123
<i>Stand</i>		
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
The Gospel	<i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>	St. Matthew 25:31-46
The Creed	<i>(All may bow at the words “And was made man.”)</i>	ASBH p. 17
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Now Thank We All Our God”</i>	Δ ASBH 64
The Sermon	<i>When the Son of Man Shall Come</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>“Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning”</i>	TLH 607
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
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 Hymn	<i>“A Rest Remaineth for the Weary”</i>	TLH 615
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“That Day of Wrath, That Dreadful Day”</i>	TLH 612
<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
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Windham”</i>	Carl Schalk

Recitation of the Catechism

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (pages 19-21) & Questions 116-125 (Part II. The Creed. The First Article. Of Creation, pages 75-78).

Announcements

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

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

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Dan, Katie, Kelly, Vince Bost, Brandon Dennie, Rachel Epperson, Vito Gerardi, Graham Hardaway, Michelle Harris, Peggy Holder, Judy Horn, Glen Madden, Paul Meadows, Barbara Miller, Mike Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Jack Newton, Becky Phillips, Betty Ramsey, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Chuck Webber, Gerald Weerts, and Tammy Wilson.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, and those in our international fellowship, especially, *St. Mary's Ev. Lutheran Church, Navotas, Philippines;* and *Annunciation Ev. Lutheran Mission, Singapore;* and their pastor, the *Rev. Filmore Lorenz Alvarez.*
- That the Lord might send *Faithful Laborers* into His harvest.
- For *St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Seminary* and our seminarians, *Duncan Geldenhuys* and *Jonathan Teo Zin Han.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Bob, Barbara, and Bobby Eisold,* and *Deacon and Sherrill Smithey.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially *Thomas Allred, Brennan David,* and *John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week, especially *Deacon Smithey.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week, *Deacon and Sherrill Smithey.*
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity

	Morning	Evening
Today	Hosea 1-2; Matt. 11:25-30	Hosea 3-4; Hebrews 4:9-13
Monday:	Hosea 5-6; 1 Peter 1:1-12	Hosea 7-8; Zephaniah 3:9-20
Tuesday:	Hos. 9-10; 1 Pet. 1:13—2:10	Hosea 11-12; Isaiah 34:1-17
Wednesday:	Hosea 13-14; 1 Peter 4:1-7	Joel; Isaiah 35:1-10
Thursday:	Amos 1-3; 1 Peter 4:12-19	Amos 4-6; Isaiah 54:1-17
Friday:	Amos 7-9; 2 Peter 1:1-15	Obadiah; Isaiah 60:7-22
Saturday:	Jonah 1-2; 2 Peter 2:1-22	Jonah 3-4; Isaiah 62:1-12

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 111, 79-80	Psalms 18, Part III, 81-83
Monday:	Psalms 111, 84-85	Psalms 18, Part III, 86-88
Tuesday:	Psalms 111, 89	Psalms 18, Part III, 90-92
Wednesday:	Psalms 111, 93-95	Psalms 18, Part III, 96-100
Thursday:	Psalms 111, 101-102	Psalms 18, Part III, 103-104
Friday:	Psalms 111, 105	Psalms 18, Part III, 106
Saturday:	Psalms 111, 107	Psalms 27, 97, 108-111

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.4-14
Tuesday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.15-27
Wednesday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.28-36
Thursday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.37-47
Friday: The Full Declaration of the Formula of Concord, XI.48-64

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

Sunday: The Ten Commandments
Monday: The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer
Tuesday: Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession
Wednesday: The Sacrament of the Altar
Thursday: How One Should Be Taught to Pray
Friday: The Table of Duties
Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 64—"Now Thank We All Our God"

Evening: TLH 607—"Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning"

Calendar for the Week of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Today: The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

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

Monday: Deacon Smithey's Birthday

Seminary Fall Quarter Ends

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: Deacon and Sherrill Smithey's Anniversary

Sherrill Smithey's Baptismal Anniversary

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

10:00 a.m. Divine Service in Simpsonville, SC

11:15 a.m. Budget Planning Meeting

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The Diocesan seminary will be on break after classes tomorrow. They will begin the Winter Quarter on December 8th. I will be teaching a class on the Psalms. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

Budget Planning Meeting

The annual budget planning meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, November 23rd, after the Divine Service. The budget planning committee will come up with a proposed budget, which will be shared with the congregation after the meeting, and be reviewed for final acceptance at the next parish meeting on December 14th.

The Lutheran Herald

The November 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. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"Now Christ says also in Matt. 12:36, that men must give an account on

the day of judgment not only of the transgressions of these commandments, but also of every idle word they have spoken. Then where shall the works of the first table, the greatest commandment, as right teaching, faith, prayer, hearing and preaching of God's Word, and the like, find their place? Why does He pronounce such a harsh and severe judgment only upon those who have omitted to do the works of the fifth commandment? Because these works appear almost the same as those which the heathen do. For the Turks do more works of this kind and boast more of them than we who are called Christians. Among them each one regards his neighbor as his brother and shares with him whatever he has. Nay, they regard it the greatest unfaithfulness and most shameful vice not to share bread with a neighbor in times of hunger. Why does He so highly extol these works which shine so brightly also among the Turks and among the heathen? Certainly He does not mean to say that those also who are not Christians merit eternal life by reason of such works?

"For Christ Himself shows that He is speaking of the works of believing Christians, when He says: 'I was hungry and ye gave Me to eat,' etc.; 'what ye have done unto the least of these My brethren ye have done unto Me.' For there is no doubt that he who performs such works of mercy to Christians, must himself be a Christian and a believer; but he who does not believe in Christ, will certainly never be so kind toward a Christian, much less toward Christ, so that for His sake he would show mercy to the poor, and needy; therefore He will refer to these works at the judgment, and accordingly pronounce the verdict to both parties, to those who have done, and those who have not done these works, as a public testimony of the fruits of their faith or of their unbelief." *From the Church Postil for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: 2 Peter 3:3-14

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:31-46

November 23rd—The Last Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:1-13

##. Though in Midst of Life We Be

Mitten wir im Leben sind

Martin Luther, 1524

Tr., Richard Massie, 1854

Mitten wir im Leben sind

Based on "Media vita," c. 1200

1. Tho' in midst of life we be,
2. While in midst of death we be,
3. In - to hell's fierce a - gon - y

Snares of death sur - round us:
Hell's grim pow'rs o'er - take us:
Sin doth head - long drive us:

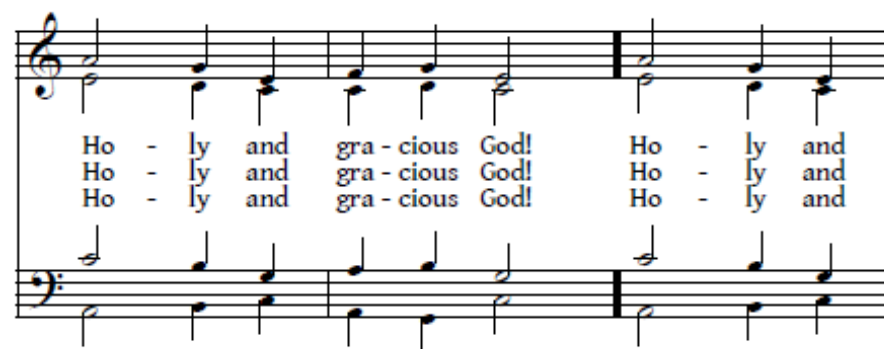
Where shall we for suc - cor flee,
Who from such dis - tress will free,
Where shall we for suc - cor flee,

Lest our foes con - found us?
Who se - cure who will make us?
Who, Oh cure who will hide us?

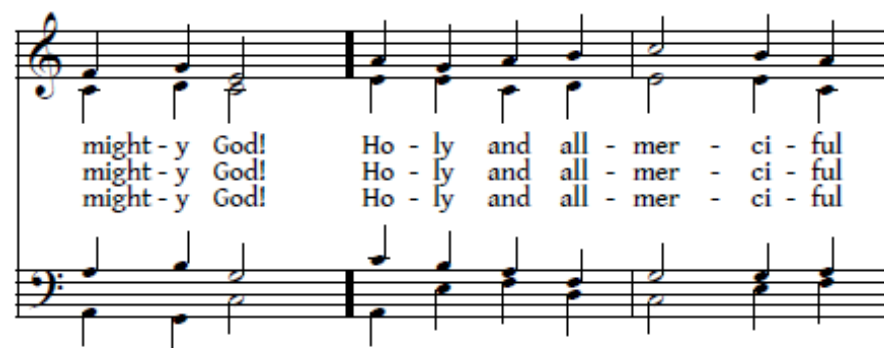
To Thee a - lone, our Sav - ior! We
Thou on - ly, Lord, canst do it! It
Thou on - ly, bles - sed Sav - ior; Thy

mourn our griev - ous sin, which hath
moves Thy ten - der heart to see
pre - cious blood was shed to win

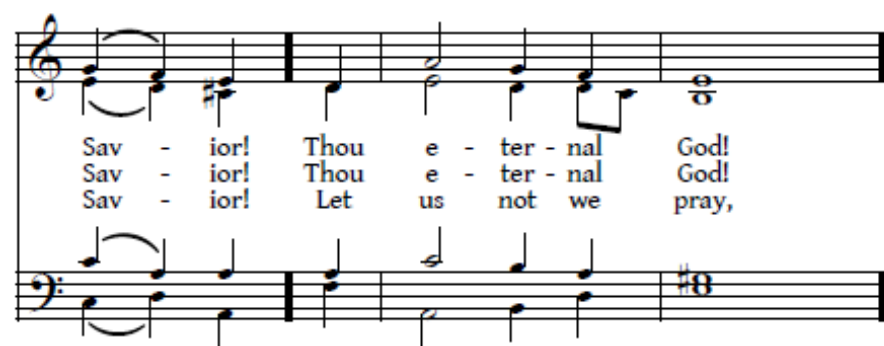
Stirred the fire of Thy fierce wrath:
Our great sin and don't mis - er - y:
Peace and par - don for our sin:



Ho - ly and gra - cious God! Ho - ly and
 Ho - ly and gra - cious God! Ho - ly and
 Ho - ly and gra - cious God! Ho - ly and



might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful
 might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful
 might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful



Sav - ior! Thou e - ter - nal God!
 Sav - ior! Thou e - ter - nal God!
 Sav - ior! Let us not we pray,



Save us, Lord, from sink - ing In the deep and
 Let not hell dis - may us With its deep and
 From the true faith's com - fort Fall in our last



bit - ter flood: Have mer - cy, O Lord!
 burn - ing flood: Have mer - cy, O Lord!
 need a - way. Have mer - cy, O Lord! A - men.