

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.

Scripture quotations are from the Revised Version of the Holy Bible (1895) with Apocrypha. This work is in the Public Domain.



The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord
April 5th, 2026

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“And they went out, and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them: and they said nothing to any one; for they were afraid.” St. Mark 16:8

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Christ lag in Todesbanden”</i>	Tobias Volekmar
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“Christ Is Arisen”</i>	INSERT
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. 82
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. 82
Collect Amen		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		Isaiah 52:13-15
The Epistle		1 Corinthians 5:6-8
The Gradual		ASBH p. 82
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	<i>“Christians, to the Paschal Victim”</i>	INSERT
The Gospel	<i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>	St. Mark 16:1-8
The Athanasian Creed		ASBH p. 39-40
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”</i>	INSERT
The Sermon	<i>They Come to the Tomb</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>“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”</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

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>“Thy Table I Approach”</i>	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		ASBH p. 33-35
The Thanksgiving and Collect		ASBH p. 35-36
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Jesus Lives! No Longer Now Can Thy Terrors”</i>	INSERT
<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>“Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!”</i> Δ	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Easter Hymn”</i>	Heinrich Fleischer

Recitation of the Catechism

The Preface to the Small Catechism (pages 3-8) & Questions 1-6 (Introduction to the Small Catechism, pages 39-40).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal.

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

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 5th—**The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord:**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

April 6th—**Easter Monday:** 4:30 p.m. Private Confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Dan, Katie, Kelly, Vince Bost, Brandon Dennie, Edward Dulas, Vito Gerardi, 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, *Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church, Tony, WI;* and, *Pure Blessings Ev. Lutheran Church, Brandon, WI;* and their pastor, the *Rev. Jeffery Ahonen.*
- 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* and *John Monahan.*
- For all those who serve in the military.
- For those celebrating birthdays this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

	Morning	Evening
Today	Acts 1; St. Matthew 28:1-8	Acts 2; 1 Peter 1:3-12
Monday:	Acts 3; John 20:1-18	Acts 4; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Tuesday:	Acts 5; Matt. 28:1-15	Acts 6; Ezekiel 21:25-27
Wednesday:	Acts 7; John 20:1-18	Acts 8; Haggai 2:20-23
Thursday:	Acts 9; Luke 24:1-12	Acts 10; Zechariah 6:9-15
Friday:	Acts 11; Luke 24:36-49	Acts 12; Ezekiel 17:22-24
Saturday:	Acts 13; Mark 16:9-14	Acts 14; Isaiah 44:21-28

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Ps. 2, 57, 111, 31-32	Psalms 113-114, 33-34
Monday:	Psalms 16, 35	Psalms 30, 36-37
Tuesday:	Psalms 16, 38	Psalms 30, 39-41
Wednesday:	Psalms 16, 42-44	Psalms 30, 45-48
Thursday:	Psalms 16, 49	Psalms 30, 50-51
Friday:	Psalms 16, 52-54	Psalms 30, 55-57
Saturday:	Psalms 16, 58-59	Psalms 21, 60-63

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.177-194
Tuesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.195-212
Wednesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.213-226
Thursday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.227-248
Friday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.249-256

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

Sunday: The Ten Commandments

Monday: The Apostles' Creed

Tuesday: The Lord's Prayer

Wednesday: Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys, and Confession

Thursday: The Sacrament of the Altar

Friday: How One Should Be Taught to Pray

Saturday: The Table of Duties

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: ASBH 29—"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

Evening: INSERT—"Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"

Calendar for the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

Today: The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

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

11:15 a.m. Fellowship and Snack Time

Monday: Easter Monday—White

4:30 p.m. Private confession

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Tuesday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

Wednesday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

Thursday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

Augusta Master's Tournament

Friday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

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Saturday: Within the Octave of the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord—White

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Next Sunday: Quasi modo geniti—White

Augusta Master's Tournament

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

11:15 a.m. Bible Class

St. Ignatius of Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Seminary

The Diocesan seminary is on their Holy Week/Easter Break. Classes will resume Monday, April 13th. This Quarter they are taking Greek Readings, Creation and Redemption, Reformation, and Isaiah. Please keep the seminary and her students in your prayers.

The Lutheran Herald

The April 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

"The question now arises: How can we say that He rose on the third day, since He lay in the grave only one day and two nights? According to the Jewish calculation it was only a day and a half; how shall we then persist in believing there were three days? To this we reply that He was in the state of death for at least a part of all three days. For He died at about two o'clock on Friday and consequently was dead for about two hours on the first day. After that night he lay in the grave all day, which is the true Sabbath. On the third day, which we commemorate now, He rose from the dead and so remained in the state of death a part of this day, just as if we say that something occurred on Easter-day, although it happens in the evening, only a portion of the day. In this sense Paul and the Evangelists say that He rose on the third day." *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Easter from the mid-1520s.*

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-15

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Gospel: St. Mark 16:1-8

April 6th—Easter Monday

Epistle: Acts 10:34-41

Gospel: St. Luke 24:13-35

April 5th—Quasi modo geniti

Lesson: Job 19:25-27

Epistle: 1 John 5:4-10

Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

144. Christ Is Arisen

Christ ist erstanden

Author unknown, c. 1100

Tr., Fredrick W. Herzberger, 1912

Christ ist erstanden

Latin melody, c. 1100

1. Christ is a - ris - en From death's pain - ful pris - on, Now

we re - joice with glad - ness, Christ will end all

sad - ness, Hal - le - lu - jah! 2. All the world had

end - ed, Had Je - sus not as - cend - ed From the grave tri -

um - phant - ly, For this, Lord Christ, we hon - or Thee,

Hal - le - lu - jah! 3. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Now we re - joice with glad - ness, Christ will end all

sad - ness, Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

147. Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Wipo of Burgundy, †1050, asc., cento
Tr., composite

Victimae Paschali, Mode I
Wipo of Burgundy, †1050, asc., ad.

1. Chris-tians, to the Pas - chal Vic - tim

Of - fer your thank - ful prai - ses!

2. A Lamb the sheep re - deem - eth:
3. Death and life have con - tend - ed

Christ, who on - ly is sin - less,
In that com - bat stu - pen - dous:

Re - con - cil - eth sin - ners to the Fa - ther;
The Prince of Life, who died, reigns im - mor - tal.

4. Speak Ma - ry, de - clar - ing

What thou saw - est way - far - ing:

5. "The Tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing,

The glo - ry of Je - sus' Re - sur - rec - tion:

6. Bright an - gels at - test - ing,

The shroud and nap - kin rest - ing.

7. Yea, Christ my hope is a - ris - en:

To Ga - li - lee He goes be - fore - you,"

8. Hap - py they who hear the wit - ness,
9. Christ in - deed from death is ris - en,

Ma - ry's word be - liev - ing
our new life ob - tain - ing.

A - bove the tales of Jew - ry - de - ceiv - ing.
Have mer - cy, Vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing! A - men.

Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

29. Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Martin Luther, 1524

Christ lag in Todesbanden

Tr., Richard Massie, 1854

Enchiridion, Erfurt, 1524

1. Christ Je - sus lay in Death's strong bands,
 2. No man from Death could vic - t'ry win,
 3. Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down,

For our of - fens - es giv - en;
 O'er all man - kind he reign - ed;
 That He might us de - liv - er,

But now at God's right hand He stands,
 A - las! that com - eth of our sin,
 And sin de - stroy - ing, took his crown

And brings us life from heav - en.
 There was not one un - stain - ed:
 From Death's pale brows for - ev - er:

Where - fore let us joy - ful be
 Where - fore Death in tri - umph came,
 Stript of pow'r, no more he reigns;

And sing to God right thank - ful - ly Loud
 And o - ver us a right did claim; He
 An emp - ty shape a - lone re - mains; His

songs of Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 held us all in thrall - dom. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

4. It was a strange and dreadful strife
 When Life and Death contended;
 The victory remained with Life;
 The reign of Death was ended:
 Holy Scripture plainly saith,
 That Death is swallowed up by Death,
 Made henceforth a derision. Hallelujah!

5. Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,
 Whom God so freely gave us;
 He died on the accursèd tree—
 So strong His love! to save us:
 See! His blood doth mark our door,
 Faith points to it, Death passes o'er,
 The Murd'rer cannot harm us. Hallelujah!

6. So let us keep the festival,
 Whereto the Lord invites us;
 Christ is Himself the joy of all,
 The Sun which warms and lights us;
 By His grace He doth impart
 Eternal sunshine to the heart;
 The night of sin is ended! Hallelujah!

7. Then let us feast this Easter day
 On the true Bread of heaven;
 The Word of grace hath purged away
 The old and wicked leaven:
 Christ alone our souls will feed,
 He is our meat and drink indeed;
 Faith lives upon no other. Hallelujah!

146. Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Victimae Paschali, c. 1100

Wipo of Burgundy, asc.

Tr., Jane E. Leeson, 1851

Llanfair

Robert Williams, 1817

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. For the sheep the Lamb hath bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Christ, the Vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Chris - tians, on this hap - py day Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, haste your vows to - pay; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and man hath re - con - ciled Al - le - lu - ia!
 Haste with joy your vows to - pay. Al - le - lu - ia!

Of - fer ye your prais - es meet Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Christ is ris'n," to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!
 While in strange and awe - full strife Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Christ is ris'n," to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!

At the Pas - chal Vic - tim's feet.
 Now He lives no more to - die.
 Met to - geth - er Death and Life.
 Now He lives no more to - die.

Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

5. Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
 Now the First-born from the dead, Alleluia!
 Throned in endless might and power, Alleluia!
 Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

6. Hail, eternal Hope on high! Alleluia!
 Hail, Thou King of victory! Alleluia!
 Hail, Thou Prince of Life adored! Alleluia!
 Help and save us, gracious Lord. Alleluia!

292. Thy Table I Approach

Ich trete frisch
Gerhard W. Molanus, 1673, cento
Tr., Matthias Loy, 1880

St. Michael
"Genevan Psalter," 1551

1. Thy Ta - ble I ap - proach;
2. Lo, I con - fess my sins,
3. Thy bod - y and Thy blood,
4. Here I with mouth and soul,

Dear Sav - ior, hear my pray'r,
And mourn their wretch - ed bands:
Once slain and shed for me,
In - com - pre - hen - si - bly,

Oh let no un - re - pent - ed sin
A con - trite heart is ev - er wont
Are tak - en at Thy ta - ble here—
Shall eat the pre - cious flesh of Christ

Prove hurt - ful to me there.
To find grace at Thy hands.
O won - drous mys - ter - y!
In blest re - al - i - ty. A - men.

5. Search not how this takes place,
Nor whether it can be;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than seemeth plain to thee.

6. Vouchsafe, O blesséd Lord,
That earth and hell combined,
May ne'er about this Sacrament
A doubt raise in my mind.

7. And may I never fail,
To thank Thee day and night,
For Thy true Body and true Blood,
O God, my peace and light.

210. Jesus Lives! No Longer Now Can Thy Terrors

Jesus lebt, mit ihm auch ich
Christian F. Gellert, 1757, ab.
Tr., Frances E. Cox, 1841

Jesus, meine Zuversicht
Johann Crüger, 1653

1. Je - sus lives! no long - er now
2. Je - sus lives! to Him the throne
3. Je - sus lives! for me He died,
4. Je - sus lives! I know full well,

Can thy ter - rors, Death, ap - pal me;
High o'er heav'n and earth is giv - en:
Hence will I, to Je - sus liv - ing,
Naught from me His Love shall sev - er;

Je - sus lives! by this I know
I shall go where He is gone,
Pure in heart and act a - bide,
Life, nor death, nor pow'rs of hell,

From the grave He will re - call me.
Live and reign with Him in heav - en.
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing.
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er.

Bright - er scenes will then com - mence;
God is pledged; weak doubt - ings, hence!
Free - ly God doth aid dis - pense;
God will be a sure De - fence:

This shall be my con - fi - dence.
This shall be my con - fi - dence.
This shall be my con - fi - dence.
This shall be my con - fi - dence. A - men.

5. Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath,
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense,
"Lord, Thou art my Confidence!"

205. Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

Surrexit Christus hodie
 Author unknown, c. 1373
 Tr., unknown, 1708-1882

Easter Hymn
 "Lyra Davidica," 1708, alt.

1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, —
 2. Hymns of praise, then, let us sing, —
 3. But the pains, which He en - dured,
 Δ4. Sing we to our God a - bove, —

Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love, Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. —
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. —
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. —
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. —

Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.