

**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.

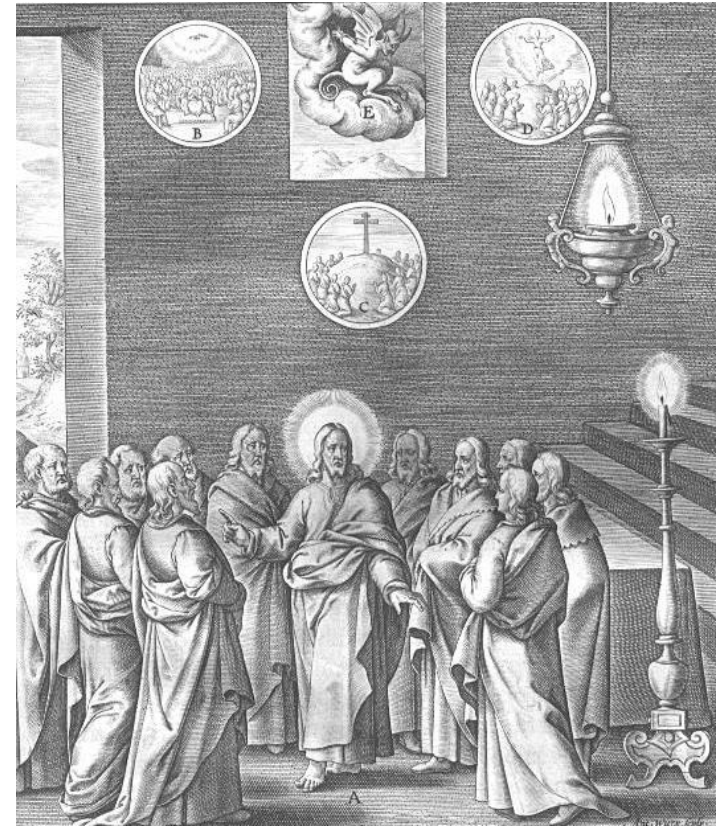
#### **A Prayer after Communion**

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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Cantate Sunday  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

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*“Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He shall guide you into all the truth.” St. John 16:13*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“Nun lob, mein’ Seel’”</i>	Johann Christoph Bach
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word”</i>	Δ INSERT
<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. 87
<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. 87
<b>Collect Amen</b>		ASBH p. 14
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Epistle</b>		James 1:16-21
<b>The Gradual</b>		ASBH p. 87
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(First Setting)</i>	ASBH p. 14
<b>The Gospel</b>	<i>(Gospel Responses ASBH p. 16)</i>	St. John 16:5-15
<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>“Look Down, O Lord, From Heav’n, Behold”</i>	ASBH 33
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>The Spirit of Truth</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>“I See Thee Standing, Lamb of God”</i>	INSERT
<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>“Invited, Lord, by Boundless Grace”</i>	INSERT
<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>“Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him”</i>	Δ 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. 37
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“O Gott, du frommer Gott”</i>	Johann Gottfried Walther

### Recitation of the Catechism

The Office of the Keys, and Confession (pages 19-25) & Questions 36-37 (Part I. The Ten Commandments. The Second Table, Introduction, pages 49-50).

### Announcements

*ASBH = Augustana Service Book and 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, Cole Chase-Cochran, Doris Creasi, 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, *Pastors Emeriti and Those without Parishes;* including, the *Rev. Emer. Douglas Handrich* and the *Rev. Daniel Mensing.*
- 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, especially *Mike Miller.*
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

## Announcements

### Daily Readings for the Week after Cantate Sunday

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Rev. 8; St. John 8:21-36	Revelation 9; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. 10; St. John 8:12-20	Revelation 11; Zechariah 12:1-14
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. 12; St. John 8:21-29	Revelation 13; Isaiah 65:1-7
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. 14; St. John 8:30-45	Revelation 15; Isaiah 65:8-16
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. 16; St. John 9:1-13	Revelation 17; Jeremiah 8:4-13
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. 18; St. John 9:14-34	Revelation 19; Zechariah 8:18-23
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. 20; St. John 9:35-41	Revelation 21; Isaiah 49:22-26

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

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 139, 18	Psalms 126, 19-22
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 139, 23-25	Psalms 126, 26-30
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 139, 31-32	Psalms 126, 33-34
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 139, 35	Psalms 126, 36-37
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 139, 38	Psalms 126, 39-41
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 139, 42-44	Psalms 126, 45-48
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 139, 49	Psalms 124, 50-51

### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

**Monday:** The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XII (V).68-78  
**Tuesday:** The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XII (V).79-90  
**Wednesday:** Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XII (V).91-97  
**Thursday:** Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VI.1-15  
**Friday:** The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VI.16-24

### 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 33—"Look Down, O Lord, From Heav'n, Behold"

**Evening:** INSERT—"I See Thee Standing, Lamb of God"

### **Calendar for the Week after Cantate Sunday**

**Today: Cantate Sunday—White**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Piedmont, SC

**Monday:** No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday:** *Cinco de Mayo*

**Wednesday:** Mike Miller's Birthday

**Thursday:** *National Day of Prayer*

**Friday:** *Artisphere*

**Saturday:** *Artisphere*

**Next Sunday: Rogate Sunday—White**

*Mother's Day*

*Artisphere*

10:00 a.m. Divine Service and Bible Class in Piedmont, SC

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

The Diocesan seminary is in the last half of the Spring Quarter. The Spring Quarter will conclude on May 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 May 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 in the back of the nave for your use and distribution.

### **An Excerpt from Luther's Writings**

"Moreover, Christ says further: 'He shall guide you into all the truth.' Here we conclude: If what the councils teach be the truth, that one is to wear the tonsure and the cap and live a life of celibacy, then the apostles never came to the truth, since none of them ever entered a cloister, nor kept any of those foolish laws. Thus, Christ must indeed have betrayed us

in this, that He said the Holy Spirit should guide us into all the truth, when in reality He wished to teach how we were to become priests and monks and not to eat meat on certain days, and like foolish things.

"Without doubt it is 'truth' before God when one lives an upright and sincere life. But if we now look at our ecclesiasts, pope, bishops, priests and monks, we see nothing but carnival masks, who give themselves the outward appearance of being pious, but in their hearts they are villains. What popes, bishops, and orders have ever led us into this truth, which should spring from within—out of the heart? In everything they are concerned about the outward appearance of things, in order that they may make a display before the eyes of the people.

"Thus they have perverted this text masterfully in order to strengthen their lies; and yet we are to call them gracious lords! To hear such things is exasperating and it should grieve our hearts that we are to suffer such great outrage—should see how shamefully the people act against the precious Word of God and that they make the Holy Spirit a liar. Should not this single passage be powerful enough against the pope and the councils, even if we had no other in the Scriptures?" *From Martin Luther's Sermon in the Church Postil for Cantate Sunday, 1523.*

### **To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:**

**Today—Cantate Sunday**

**Epistle:**

James 1:16-21

**Gospel:**

St. John 16:5-15

**May 10<sup>th</sup>—Rogate Sunday**

**Epistle:**

James 1:22-27

**Gospel:**

St. John 16:23b-30

# 140. Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Liebster Jesus, wir sind hier

St. 1-3, Tobias Clausnitzer, 1667; St. 4, unknown, 1707

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1858; St. 4, unknown

Liebster Jesu

Johann R. Ahle, 1664

1. Bless-ed Je - sus, at Thy word  
 2. All our know - ledge, sense, and sight  
 3. Glo - rious Lord, Thy - self im - part,  
 Δ4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

We are gath - ered all to hear Thee;  
 Lie in deep - est dark - ness shroud - ed  
 Light of Light, from God pro - ceed - ing;  
 Praise to Thee and ad - o - ra - tion!

Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 Till Thy Spir - it breaks our night  
 O - pen Thou our ears and heart,  
 Grant that we Thy Word may trust

Now to seek and love and fear Thee,  
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed.  
 Help us by Thy Spir - it's plead - ing;  
 And ob - tain true con - so - la - tion

By Thy teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,  
 Thou a - lone to God canst win us;  
 Hear the cry Thy peo - ple rais - es,  
 While we here be - low must wan - der,

Drawn from earth to love Thee sole - ly.  
 Thou must work all good with - in us.  
 Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
 Till we sing Thy prais - es yon - der. A-men.

# 189. I See Thee Standing, Lamb of God

Hans Adolf Brorson, †1764  
Tr., composite, 2025

Release  
Lowell Mason, †1872

1. I see Thee stand - ing, Lamb of God,  
2. In - no - cent Lamb! So pi - ti - ful

On Zi - on's heav'n - ly height:  
Thou sac - ri - ficed wouldst be,

A - las, Thou hadst to bear the rod,  
For love ac - cord - ing to Thy will

To claim Thy Fa - ther's right!  
Bound Thee and set us free.

The bur - den that was cast on Thee,  
Thou bore our pain and pri - son chains

The whole world's sin and shame,  
Nailed to that curs - ed tree.

That made Thee sink so will - ing - ly  
From the grave as a Li - on came

In woe that none can name.  
Vic - tor o'er Death to be. A - men.

3. Now all the sheep throng  
'round Thy throne,  
A flock as white as snow.  
All eyes gleam like the sun full shone  
Thou, Lamb of God, to know.  
The truth of how the Lamb was slain,  
Who for us man became,  
The angels will fore'er proclaim  
In hymns of our Lord's fame.

4. Twelve times twelve thousand  
join the strain,  
All with a harp in hand.  
Upon their heads Thy Father's Name  
Makes known this holy band.  
With sound like rushing rivers run  
They strum with sheer delight.  
O, Lamb of God, who heaven won  
We thank and praise Thee, quite!

## 196. Invited, Lord, by Boundless Grace

Emanuel Cronenwett, 1880

Das walt' Gott Vater

Daniel Vetter, 1713

1. In - vit - ed, Lord, by bound - less grace, I  
2. How ho - ly is this sac - ra - ment Where

stand a guest be - fore Thy face;  
par - don, peace, and life are spent!

As Host Thou spreadst no com - mon food: Here  
This Bread and Cup my lips have pressed; Thou

is Thy Bod - y and Thy Blood.  
bless - edst, and my soul is blessed. A - men.

3. Now lettest Thou Thy guest depart  
With full assurance in his heart;  
For such communion, Lord, with Thee  
A new life may my offering be.

4. When Thou shalt in Thy glory come  
To gather all Thy people home,  
Then let me, as Thy heav'nly guest,  
In anthems praise Thee with the blest!

## 262. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen

Joachim Neander, 1679

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

Lobe den Herren, den

"Erneuertes Gesangbuch"

Stralsund, 1665

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the  
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so  
3. Praise to the Lord, who hath fear - ful - ly,  
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy

King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,  
won - drous - ly reign - eth, Who, as on  
won - drous - ly, made thee; Health hath vouch -  
work and de - fend thee, Who from the

praise Him, for He is thy Health and Sal -  
wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - eth, sus -  
safed and, when heed - less - ly fall - ing, hath  
heav - ens the streams of His mer - cy doth

va - tion! Join the full throng;  
 tain - eth. Hast thou not seen  
 stayed thee. What need or grief  
 send thee. Pon - der a - new

Wake, harp and psal - ter and song;  
 How thy de - sires all have been  
 Ev - er hath failed of re - lief?—  
 What the Al - might - y can do,

Sound forth in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?  
 Wings of His mer - cy did shade thee.  
 Who with His love doth be - friend thee. A - men.

5. Praise to the Lord!  
 Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
 All that hath life and breath,  
     come now with praises before Him!  
 Let the Amen  
 Sound from His people again;  
 Gladly for aye we adore Him.