

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 Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14th, 2024

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“And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee.” St. John 2:1

The Order of Divine Service

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| The Prelude | “Wo Gott zum Haus” | Johann Pachelbel |
| The Ringing of the Bell | | |
| <i>Stand</i> | | |
| The Hymn | “Oh, Blest the House Whate’er Befall” | ASBH 47 |
| Silent Prayer | (Prayers are located on back cover) | ASBH p. 7 |
| The Invocation | | ASBH p. 7 |
| The Confession of Sins | | ASBH p. 8 |
| Versicles | (All may kneel) | ASBH p. 8 |
| Confession and Absolution | | ASBH p. 8-9 |
| <i>Stand (if kneeling)</i> | | |
| The Introit | (Congregation joins Pastor on Gloria Patri) | ASBH p. 58 |
| 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. 58 |
| Collect Amen | | ASBH p. 14 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Epistle | | Romans 12:6-16a |
| The Gradual | | ASBH p. 58 |
| The Triple Hallelujah | (First Setting) | ASBH p. 14 |
| <i>Stand</i> | | |
| The Gospel | | St. John 2:1-11 |
| The Creed | (All may bow at the words “And was made man.”) | ASBH p. 17 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Hymn | “Happy the Man Who Feareth God” | ASBH 11 |
| The Sermon | The Third Day | |
| <i>Stand</i> | | |
| The Offertory | | ASBH p. 18-19 |
| | (An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings) | |
| The General Prayer | | ASBH p. 19-20 |
| The Lord’s Prayer | | ASBH p. 20 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Hymn | “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” | Δ TLH 550 |
| <i>Stand</i> | | |
| The Exhortation | | ASBH p. 21 |
| The Lavabo | | ASBH p. 21 |
| Silent Prayer | (Prayers are located on back cover) | 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 | (All may bow when the Pastor genuflects) | ASBH p. 30 |

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| The Pax Domini | (All may bow and cross themselves) | ASBH p. 31 |
| The Agnus Dei | (All may kneel) | ASBH p. 31-32 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Distribution | (Prayers are located on back cover) | |
| The Hymn | “An Awe-full Mystery Is Here” | TLH 304 |
| <i>Stand</i> | | |
| The Nunc Dimittis | | ASBH p. 33-35 |
| The Thanksgiving and Collect | | ASBH p. 35-36 |
| The Hymn | “Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared” | TLH 306 |
| The Salutation | | ASBH p. 36 |
| The Benedicamus | | ASBH p. 37 |
| The Benediction | | ASBH p. 37 |
| The Triple Amen | (First Setting) | ASBH p. 37 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Postlude | “O Heilige Dreifaltigkeit” | Jan Bender |

Recitation of the Catechism

The Preface to the Small Catechism (pages 3-8) & Questions 208-218 (Part III, The Lord’s Prayer. Of Prayer in General, pages 108-111).

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, *Peggy Holder, Betty Ramsey, Brandon Dennie, Katie, Dan, Angelo, Kelly, Judy Horn, Mike Miller, Barbara Miller, Rev. Mark Mueller, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Paul Meadows, Vince Bost, Barb Eisold, Becky Phillips, Bill Kope, Martin Kope, Sally Kope, John Burton, Carol Laflay, 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, *Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MN;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Mark Mueller.*
- For the moral and spiritual support of those involved with our mission in Knoxville, TN, *Nikolas and Ana Likourentzos; Deacon and Sherrill Smithy; Kenny Earickson; and Bobby, Barb, and Bob 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 the Week after the Second Sunday after Epiphany

| | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Today | 1 Timothy 4; Luke 19:1-10 | 1 Timothy 5; Ephesians 5:21-33 |
| Monday: | 1 Timothy 6; Matt. 4:18-25 | 2 Timothy 1; Genesis 17:1-22 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Timothy 2; Matt. 5:1-9 | 2 Timothy 3; Genesis 18:1-33 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Timothy 4; Matt. 5:27-48 | Titus 1; Genesis 19:1-29 |
| Thursday: | Titus 2; Matt. 6:1-23 | Titus 3; Genesis 21:1-8 |
| Friday: | Philemon; Matt. 7:1-14 | Hebrews 1; Genesis 24:1-28 |
| Saturday: | Hebrews 2; Matt. 7:24-29 | Hebrews 3; Genesis 24:29-67 |

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

| | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Today: | Psalms 34, 73 | Psalms 16, 74-76 |
| Monday: | Psalms 34, 77 | Psalms 16, 78 |
| Tuesday: | Psalms 34, 79-80 | Psalms 16, 81-83 |
| Wednesday: | Psalms 34, 84-85 | Psalms 16, 86-88 |
| Thursday: | Psalms 34, 89 | Psalms 16, 90-92 |
| Friday: | Psalms 34, 93-95 | Psalms 16, 96-100 |
| Saturday: | Psalms 34, 101-102 | Psalms 8, 103-104 |

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Large Catechism, II.9-24
Tuesday: The Large Catechism, II.25-37
Wednesday: The Large Catechism, II.38-54
Thursday: The Large Catechism, II.55-70
Friday: The Large Catechism, III.1-16

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 11—"Happy the Man Who Feareth God"

Evening: TLH 500—"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"

Calendar for the Week after the Second Sunday after Epiphany

Today: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany—Green

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

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

Monday: *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Divine Service and Bible class in Fort Myers, FL
(Pastor Henson)

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

**Friday: The Festival of St. Henry of Finland, Bishop and Martyr—
Red**

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

**Next Sunday: The Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord—
White**

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

An Excerpt from Luther's Writings

"Since then marriage has the foundation and consolation that it is instituted by God and that God loves it, and that Christ Himself so honors and comforts it, everybody ought to prize and esteem it, and the heart ought to be glad, that it is surely the state God loves and cheerfully endure every burden in it, even though the burdens be ten times heavier than they are. For this is the reason there is so much care and unpleasantness in marriage to the outward man, because everything that is God's Word and work, if it is to be blessed at all, must be distasteful, bitter and burdensome to the outward man. On this account marriage is a state that cultivates, and exercises faith in God and love to our neighbor by means of manifold cares, labors, unpleasantnesses, crosses and all kinds of adversities, that are to follow everything that is God's Word and work. All this the chaste whore-mongers, saintly effeminates and Sodomites nicely escape, serving God outside of God's ordinance by doings of their own." *From the Church*

Postil for the Second Sunday after Epiphany, 1525.

The Lutheran Herald

The January 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.

To Read in Preparation for this week's Festivals:

Today—The Second Sunday after Epiphany of our Lord

Epistle: Romans 12:6-16a

Gospel: St. John 2:1-11

January 19th—The Festival of St. Henry of Finland, Bishop and Martyr

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Gospel: St. Matthew 16:24-27

January 21st—The Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: St. Matthew 17:1-9