

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 people be instructed 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 Bishops, 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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Judica
March 18th, 2018

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“Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word he shall never see death.” St. John 8:51

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell	
Silent Prayer	
The Hymn	<i>“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”</i>
<i>Stand</i>	TLH 145
The Confiteor	
The Invocation and Address	TLH p. 15
Versicles	TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution	TLH p. 16
The Introit	<i>(Tone 7)</i>
The Kyrie	INSERT
The Salutation	TLH p. 17
The Collect for the Day	TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Season of Lent	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>	INSERT
The Lesson	Genesis 12:1-3
<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>	
<i>R: Thanks be to God.</i>	
The Gradual	INSERT
The Epistle	Hebrews 9:11-15
The Tract	INSERT
<i>Stand</i>	
The Gospel	St. John 8:46-59
The Nicene Creed	TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>	
The Hymn	<i>“When O’er My Sins I Sorrow”</i>
The Sermon	TLH 152
<i>Before Abraham Was I AM</i>	
<i>Stand</i>	
The Offertory	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>
<i>Sit</i>	TLH p. 22-23
Recitation of the Small Catechism	How One Should Be Taught to Confess
The Offering	
<i>Stand</i>	
The General Prayer	TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>	
The Hymn	<i>“Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light”</i>
<i>Stand</i>	TLH 148
The Preface	TLH p. 24
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The Sanctus and Benedictus	TLH p. 26
The Lord’s Prayer	TLH p. 27
The Verba Domini	TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini	TLH p. 27

The Agnus Dei

TLH p. 28

Sit

The Distribution

*Stand***The Post-Communion Canticle** *“The Nunc Dimittis”* TLH p. 29-30**The Thanksgiving** *“Ye Do Show the Lord’s Death”* TLH p. 30

R: Ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

The Post-Communion Collect

*Sit***The Hymn** *“Not All the Blood of Beasts”* TLH 156*Stand***The Salutation** TLH p. 31**The Benedicamus** TLH p. 31**The Benediction** TLH p. 31**Silent Prayer***Sit***Announcements**

In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Rev. Ned Brockwell, Lynne Smith, Doug Schultz, Denise Heiser, Rev. Donald Hunter, Emily Benson, Donna Dorgelo, Nancy, Pat, Caroline, Rev. Mark Mueller, Eleanor Smolen, Jo Kope, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Marie Scheck, Paul Meadows, Vera Davis, Nellie Noegel, and Vince Bost.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, Richmond, MO;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Charles D. Hudson.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary,* and her seminarian, *Josiah Scheck.*
- For our catechumens.
- For all those who serve in the military, especially, *Luke Sekula and Nicholas Silva.*
- For those struggling with addiction, especially, *Thomas Allred.*
- For those near death.
- For those celebrating a birthday this week.
- For those celebrating an anniversary this week.
- For those traveling this week.

Passiontide, Holy Week, and Easter Schedule

March 18th—**Judica:** 10:00 a.m. Divine Service
11:15 a.m. Bible Study

March 25th—**Palmarum:** 10:00 a.m. Divine Service
11:15 a.m. Bible Study

March 29th—**Maundy Thursday:** 7:00 p.m. Divine Service

March 30th—**Good Friday:** 7:00 p.m. Divine Service

April 1st—**The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord**
10:00 a.m. Divine Service
11:15 a.m. Bible Study

April 4th—**The Festival of the Annunciation of Our Lord**
7:00 p.m. Divine Service

Announcements

Daily Readings for the Week after Judica

	Morning	Evening
Today	Jer. 1-3; Matt. 10:32-42	Jeremiah 4-6; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31
Monday:	Jer.7-8; Mark 14:32-72	Jeremiah 9-10; Jeremiah 2:1-19
Tuesday:	Jer. 11-12; Mark 15:1-19	Jeremiah 13-14; Hosea 13:9-14
Wednesday:	Jer. 15-16; Mark 15:20-47	Jeremiah 17-18; Zephaniah 3:1-8
Thursday:	Jer. 19-20; John 12:1-19	Jeremiah 21-22; Micah 3:9-12
Friday:	Jer. 23-24; John 12:20-50	Jeremiah 25-26; Isaiah 66:1-9
Saturday:	Jer. 27-28; John 13:16-38	Jeremiah 29-30; Zechariah 9:1-17

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 54, 89	Psalms 27, 90-92
Monday:	Psalms 54, 93-95	Psalms 27, 96-100
Tuesday:	Psalms 54, 101-102	Psalms 27, 103-104
Wednesday:	Psalms 54, 105	Psalms 27, 106
Thursday:	Psalms 54, 107	Psalms 27, 108-111
Friday:	Psalms 54, 112-115	Psalms 27, 116-118
Saturday:	Psalms 54, 119:1-40	Psalms 67, 119:41-88

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.22-47
Tuesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.48-74
Wednesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.75-85
Thursday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.86-102
Friday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IV.103-121

Reciting the Catechism Daily:

Sunday: Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer
Monday: Baptism, Confession, Lord's Supper
Tuesday: Morning & Evening Prayer; Prayers Before & After Meals

Wednesday: Table of Duties I—Bishops, Pastors, & Preachers; What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors; Of Civil Government; Of Subjects
Thursday: Table of Duties II—To Husbands; To Wives; To Parents; To Children; To Servants, Hired Men & Employees; To Employers; To the Young in General; To Widows; To All in Common
Friday: How One Should Be Taught to Confess
Saturday: Christian Questions with Their Answers

Hymns for the Week:

Morning: TLH 152—“When O’er My Sins I Sorrow”

Evening: TLH 148—“Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light”

Calendar for the Week after Judica

Today: Judica (*Passion Sunday*)—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: *Spring Begins*

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Vespers

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Palmarum—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

The Lutheran Herald

The March 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>. There are also printed copies in the back of the nave.

St. Ignatius Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary

The winter quarter of our seminarian’s last year continues. Please keep the seminary and the seminarian in your prayers.

Needs for the McCall Hospice House

There is an urgent need at the hospice house for the following items: Hard Candy (individually wrapped) any kind, mints included; Chips, individual size, any kind; Ponytail Holders; Notebooks and notepads; Men’s deodorant; Hair brushes; Q-Tips; Toothpaste, in regular and

travel size; and Individual teeth flossers.

Other needs for in-home patients: XL Twin Sheet Sets; Ensure, any kind; and Baby wipes and adult wipes. Please give all collected items to Mike Miller.

To Read in Observance for this week’s Festivals:

Today—Judica

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 12:1-3

Epistle:

Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel:

St. John 8:46-59

March 25th—Palmarum

Old Testament Lesson:

Zechariah 9:9-10

Epistle:

Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel:

St. Matthew 21:1-9 & St. Matthew 26:1—27:66

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“What does Christ do here? His life He abandons to shame and dishonour, is silent and suffers them to call Him a Samaritan; while He takes pains to defend His doctrine. For the doctrine is not ours, but God’s, and God dare not suffer in the least, here patience is at an end; but I should stake all that I have and suffer, all that they do, in order that the honour of God and of His Word may not be injured. For if I perish, no great harm is done; but if I let God’s Word perish, and I remain silent, then I do harm to God and to the whole world. Although I cannot now close their mouth nor prevent their wickedness, I shall nevertheless not keep silent, nor act as if they are right, as I do about My good life, so that they retain their right. Although they do me injustice at the time, yet it remains right before God. Further, Christ excuses himself, and says: “I have not a demon,” that is, My doctrine is not of the devil’s lies; “but I honour my father,” that is, I preach in My doctrine the grace of God, through which He is to be praised, loved and honoured by believers. For the evangelical Office of the Ministry is nothing but glorifying God, Ps. 19:2, “The heavens declare the glory of God” etc. “But you dishonour me,” that is, you call Me the devil’s liar, who reviles and dishonours God.” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Judica.*

JUDICA (PASSION SUNDAY)

March 18th, 2018



Introit

P: VIN- - DI- - || cate | — | me, | O | God, *

C: And plead my cause against an un- | god- | ly | na- | tion; -

P: || Oh, deliver me from the deceitful | and | un- | just | man! *

C: For You are the | God | of | my | strength; - (Psalm 43:1-2a)

P: || Oh, send out Your | light | and | Your | truth! *

C: Let them lead me; let them bring me to | Your | ho- | ly | hill. -

P: || Then I will go to the | al- | tar | of | God, *

C: To God my | ex- | ceed- | ing | joy. -

P: || Why are you cast | down, | O | my | soul? *

C: And why are you disquiet- | ed | with- | in | me? -

P: || Hope in God; for I | shall | yet | praise | Him, *

C: The help of my counte- | nance | and | my | God. - (Psalm 43:3a, 4-5)

(From Judica through Holy Saturday the Gloria Patri is omitted.)

P: || Vindi- | cate | me, | O | God, *

C: And plead my cause against an un- | god- | ly | na- | tion; -

P: || Oh, deliver me from the deceitful | and | un- | just | man! *

C: For You are the | God | of | my | strength; - (Psalm 43:1-2a)

Collect

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people, that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for the Season of Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God, our Father, Who hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with the Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || Deliver me, O Lord, from | my | en- | e- | mies; *

C: Teach me | to | do | Your | will. -

P: || He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who | rise | a- | gainst | me; *

C: You have delivered me from the | vi- | o- | lent | man. - (Psalm 143:9a, 10a, 18:48)

Tract (From Septuagesima to Holy Saturday, the Tract replaces the Verse)

P: ||“Many a time they have afflicted | me | from | my | youth,” *

C: Let Is- | ra- | el | now | say -

P: || —“Many a time they have afflicted | me | from | my | youth; *

C: Yet they have not pre- | vailed | a- | gainst | me.” - (Psalm 129:1-2)

Genesis 12:1-3

¹ Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Hebrews 9:11-15

¹¹ But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

St. John 8:46-59

⁴⁶ “Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷ He who is of God

hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.” ⁴⁸ Then the Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰ And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges. ⁵¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.” ⁵² Then the Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.’” ⁵³ Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom do You make Yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, “If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. ⁵⁵ Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷ Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” ⁵⁹ Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

TLH 145 “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

Girolamo Savonarola, 1563

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,
Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended,
Gaze upon the sinner’s fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended,
Thou didst bear the pain of all.

2. Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see Thee wounded, bleeding,
See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath bro’t us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us
Calms the sinner’s stormy breast.

3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning
To Thy cross of agony
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts forever
Dwell the cross, the Crucified! Amen.

TLH 152 “When O’er My Sins I Sorrow”

Justus Gesenius, 1646

1. When o’er my sins I sorrow,
Lord, I will look to Thee
And hence my comfort borrow
That Thou wast slain for me;
Yea, Lord, Thy precious blood was spilt
For me, O most unworthy,
To take away my guilt.

2. Oh, what a marvelous off’ring!
Behold, the Master spares
His servants, and their suff’ring
And grief for them He bears.
God stoopeth from His throne on high;
For me, His guilty creature,
He deigns as man to die.

3. My manifold transgression
Henceforth can harm me none
Since Jesus’ bloody Passion
For me God’s grace hath won.
His precious blood my debts hath paid;

Of Hell and all its torments

I am no more afraid.

4. Therefore I will forever
Give glory unto Thee,
O Jesus, loving Savior,
For what Thou didst for me.
I’ll spend my breath in songs of thanks
For Thy sad cry, Thy suff’rings,
Thy wrongs, Thy guiltless death. Amen.

TLH 148 “Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light”

Martin Behm, 1610

1. Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, my Light,
My Strength by day, my Trust by night,
On Earth I’m but a passing guest
And sorely with my sins oppress.

2. Far off I see my fatherland,
Where thro’ Thy blood I hope to stand.
But ere I reach that Paradise,
A weary way before me lies.

3. My heart sinks at the journey’s length,
My wasted flesh has little strength;
My soul alone still cries in me:
“Lord, take me home, take me to Thee!”

4. Oh, let Thy suff’rings give me pow’r
To meet the last and darkest hour!
Thy blood refresh and comfort me;
Thy bonds and fetters make me free.

5. Oh, let Thy holy wounds for me
Clefts in the rock forever be
Where as a dove my soul can hide
And safe from Satan’s rage abide.

6. And when my spirit flies away,
Thy dying words shall be my stay.
Thy cross shall be my staff in life,
Thy holy grave my rest from strife.

7. Lord, in Thy nail-prints let me read
That Thou to save me hast decreed
And grant that in Thine opened side
My troubled soul may ever hide.

8. Since Thou hast died, the Pure, the Just.
I take my homeward way in trust.
The gates of Heaven, Lord, open wide
When here I may no more abide.

9. And when the last Great Day shall come
And Thou, our Judge, shalt speak the doom,
Let me with joy behold the light
And set me then upon Thy right.

10. Renew this wasted flesh of mine
That like the sun it there may shine
Among the angels pure and bright,
Yea, like Thyself in glorious light.

11. Ah, then I'll have my heart's desire,
When, singing with the angels' choir,
Among the ransomed of Thy grace,
Forever I'll behold Thy face! Amen.

TLH 156 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

Isaac Watts, 1709

1. Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

2. But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

3. My faith would lay her hand
On that dear head, of Thine
While like a penitent I stand
And there confess my sin.

4. My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursèd tree
And knows her guilt was there.

5. Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love. Amen.