

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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“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

St. Matthew 11:15

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Ach bleib bei uns”</i>	Steven Went
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”</i>	TLH 262
<i>Stand</i>		
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>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Gloria in Excelsis		TLH p. 17-19
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
The Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity Sunday		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		2 Chronicles 29:12-19
<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		Revelation 14:6-7
The Verse		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Matthew 11:12-15
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”</i>	TLH 258
The Sermon	<i>The Kingdom of Heaven Suffers Violence</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Offering		
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”</i>	TLH 387
<i>Stand</i>		
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The Verba Domini		TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini		TLH p. 27
The Agnus Dei		TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Post-Communion Canticle	<i>“The Nunc Dimittis”</i>	TLH p. 29-30
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<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word”</i>	TLH 266
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
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Silent Prayer		
<i>Sit</i>		
Announcements		
The Postlude	<i>“Ein’ feste Burg”</i>	Samuel Scheidt

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION OF THE CHURCH

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Introit

P: **THE - LORD** - || of | hosts | is | with | us; *

C: The God of Jacob | is | our | re- | **fuge.** -

P: || Therefore we will not fear, even though the | earth | be | re- | moved, *

C: And though the mountains be carried into the | midst | of | the | **sea.** -
(*Psalm 46:7, 2*)

P: || God is our | re- | fuge | and | strength, *

C: A very present | help | in | trou- | **ble.** -

P: || There is a river whose streams shall make glad the | ci- | ty | of | God, *

C: The holy place of the tabernacle | of | the | Most | **High.** -

P: || God is in the midst of her, she | shall | not | be | moved; *

C: God shall help her, just at | the | break | of | **dawn.** -

P: || The nations raged, the | king- | doms | were | moved; *

C: He uttered His voice, | the | earth | melt- | **ed.** -

P: || Be still, and know | that | I | am | God; *

C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalt- | ed | in | the |
earth! - (*Psalm 46:1, 4-6, 10*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || The Lord of | hosts | is | with | us; *

C: The God of Jacob | is | our | re- | **fuge.** -

P: || Therefore we will not fear, even though the | earth | be | re- | moved, *

C: And though the mountains be carried into the | midst | of | the | **sea.** -
(*Psalm 46:7, 2*)

Collect

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, pour out, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy faithful people, keep them steadfast in Thy grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all enemies of Thy Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church Militant Thy saving peace; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || Great is the Lord, and great- | ly | to | be | praised *
C: In the city of our God, in His | ho- | ly | moun- | **tain.** -

P: || Walk about Zion, count her towers; mark well her bulwarks, consider | her |
pal- | a- | ces; *
C: That you may tell it to the genera- | tion | fol- | low- | **ing.** - (*Psalm 48:1, 12-13*)

Verse

P: || Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia! *

C: Al- | — | le- | lu- | **ia!** -

P: || For this is God, our God forev- | er | and | ev- | er; *

C: He will be our guide even to death. | Al- | le- | lu- | **ia!** - (*Psalm 48:14*)

2 Chronicles 29:12-19

¹² Then these Levites arose: Mahath the son of Amasai and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah; ¹³ of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; ¹⁴ of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaiah and Uzziel. ¹⁵ And they gathered their brethren, sanctified themselves, and went according to the commandment of the king, at the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. ¹⁶ Then the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD to cleanse it, and brought out all the debris that they found in the temple of the LORD to the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it out and carried it to the Brook Kidron. ¹⁷ Now they began to sanctify on the first day of the first month, and on the eighth day of the first month they came to the vestibule of the LORD. Then they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days, and on the sixteenth day of the first month they finished. ¹⁸ Then they went in to King Hezekiah and said, “We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, the altar of burnt offerings with all its articles, and the table of the showbread with all its articles.

¹⁹ Moreover all the articles which King Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his transgression we have prepared and sanctified; and there they are, before the altar of the LORD.”

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people—⁷ saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

St. Matthew 11:12-15

¹¹ “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴ And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

TLH 262 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Martin Luther, 1529

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need
That hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On Earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is.
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there’s none other God;
He holds the field forever.

3. Tho’ devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world’s prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He’s judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He’s by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth. Amen.

TLH 258 “Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”
Matthäus A. von Löwenstern, 1644

1. Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and Hope of ev’ry nation,
Hear and receive Thy Church’s supplication,
Lord God Almighty.

2. See round Thine ark the hungry billows curling;
See how thy foes their banners are unfurling.

Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,
Thou canst preserve us.

3. Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth;
Lord, Thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;
Lord, o’er Thy Church nor death nor hell prevaieth;
Grant us Thy peace, Lord:

4. Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging;
Peace in Thy Church where brothers are engaging;
Peace when the world its busy war is waging.
Calm Thy foes’ raging.

5. Grant us Thy help till backward they are driven;
Grant them Thy truth that they may be forgiven;
Grant peace on Earth or, after we have striven,
Peace in Thy Heaven. Amen.

TLH 387 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”
Martin Luther, 1523

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,
How His right arm the vict’ry won;
Right dearly it hath cost Him.

2. Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay,
Death brooded darkly o’er me,
Sin was my torment night and day,
In sin my mother bore me;
Yea, deep and deeper still I fell,
Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

3. My own good works availed me naught,
No merit they attaining;
Free will against God’s judgment fought,
Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left naught but death to be my share;
The pangs of hell I suffered.

4. But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world’s foundation,
And, mindful of His mercies great,
He planned my soul’s salvation.
A father’s heart He turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently:
He gave His dearest Treasure.

5. He spoke to His beloved Son:
'Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown,
And bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free,
Slay bitter death for him that he
May live with Thee forever.

6. The Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my Brother.
No garb of pomp or power He wore,
A servant's form, like mine, He bore,
To lead the devil captive.

7. To me He spake: Hold fast to Me,
I am thy Rock and Castle;
Thy Ransom I Myself will be,
For thee I strive and wrestle;
For I am with thee, I am thine,
And evermore thou shalt be Mine;
The Foe shall not divide us.

8. The Foe shall shed My precious blood,
Me of My life bereaving.
All this I suffer for thy good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the victory win,
My innocence shall bear thy sin;
So art thou blest forever.

9. Now to My Father I depart,
The Holy Spirit sending
And, heavenly wisdom to impart,
My help to thee extending.
He shall in trouble comfort thee,
Teach thee to know and follow Me,
And in all truth shall guide thee.

10. What I have done and taught, teach thou,
My ways forsake thou never;
So shall My kingdom flourish now
And God be praised forever.
Take heed lest men with base alloy
The heavenly treasure should destroy;
This counsel I bequeath thee. Amen.

TLH 266 "O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word"
Unknown, 1527

1. O God, our Lord, Thy holy Word
Was long a hidden treasure
Till to its place It was by grace

Restored in fullest measure.
For this today Our thanks we say
And gladly glorify Thee.
Thy mercy show And grace bestow
On all who still deny Thee.

2. Salvation free By faith in Thee,
That is Thy Gospel's preaching,
The heart and core Of Bible-lore
In all its sacred teaching.
In Christ we must Put all our trust,
Not in our deeds or labor;
With conscience pure And heart secure
Love Thee, Lord, and our neighbor.

3. Thou, Lord, alone This work hast done
By Thy free grace and favor.
All who believe Will grace receive
Thro' Jesus Christ, our Savior.
And tho' the Foe Would overthrow
Thy Word with grim endeavor,
All he hath wrought Must come to naught,—
Thy Word will stand forever.

4. My Lord art Thou, And for me now
Death holds no dreadful terrors;
Thy precious blood, My highest good,
Hath blotted out my errors.
My thanks to Thee! Thou wilt to me
Fulfil Thy promise ever
And mercy give While here I live
And heav'nly bliss forever. Amen.