

**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.

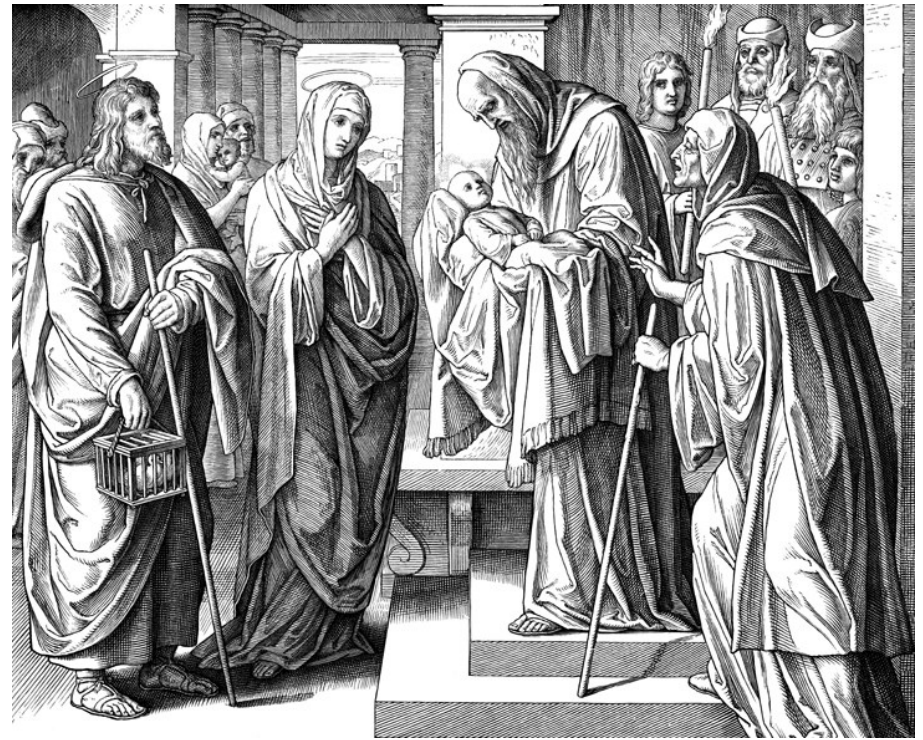
#### **A Prayer after Communion**

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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The First Sunday after Christmas  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

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*“Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and  
rising of many in Israel.”*

*St. Luke 2:34*

## The Order of Divine Service

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>“E Flat Major”</i>	Orlando Di Lasso
<b>The Ringing of the Bell</b>		
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”</i>	TLH 90
<b>The Confiteor</b>		
<b>The Invocation and Address</b>		TLH p. 15
<b>Versicles</b>		TLH p. 15
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		TLH p. 16
<b>The Introit</b>	<i>(Tone 5)</i>	INSERT
<b>The Kyrie</b>		TLH p. 17
<b>The Gloria in Excelsis</b>		TLH p. 17-19
<b>The Salutation</b>		TLH p. 19
<b>The Collect for the Day</b>		INSERT
<b>The Collect for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord</b>		
<b>The Collect for New Year’s Eve</b>		
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Lesson</b>		Isaiah 11:1-5
<i>After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.</i>		
<i>R: Thanks be to God.</i>		
<b>The Gradual</b>		INSERT
<b>The Epistle</b>		Galatians 4:1-7
<b>The Verse</b>		INSERT
<b>The Triple Hallelujah</b>	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Holy Gospel</b>		St. Luke 2:33-40
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”</i>	TLH 103
<b>The Sermon</b>	<i>This Child</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Offertory</b>	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Offering</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The General Prayer</b>		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“Thou Light of Gentile Nations”</i>	TLH 138
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Preface</b>		TLH p. 24
<b>The Proper Preface</b>		TLH p. 25
<b>The Sanctus and Benedictus</b>		TLH p. 26
<b>The Lord’s Prayer</b>		TLH p. 27

<b>The Verba Domini</b>		TLH p. 27
<b>The Pax Domini</b>		TLH p. 27
<b>The Agnus Dei</b>		TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Distribution</b>		
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Post-Communion Canticle</b>	<i>“The Nunc Dimittis”</i>	TLH p. 29-30
<b>The Thanksgiving</b>	<i>(“And His mercy endureth forever”)</i>	TLH p. 30
<b>The Post-Communion Collect</b>		
<i>Sit</i>		
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>“In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”</i>	TLH 137
<i>Stand</i>		
<b>The Salutation</b>		TLH p. 31
<b>The Benedicamus</b>		TLH p. 31
<b>The Benediction</b>		TLH p. 31
<b>Silent Prayer</b>		
<b>The Postlude</b>	<i>“D Dorian”</i>	Girolamo Frescobaldi
<b>Announcements</b>		

then, when nothing as yet was known of Jesus, they were indeed marvelous, and this lowly child was very unlike the great and mighty being portrayed by Simeon. But Joseph and Mary believed it nevertheless, and just therefore they marveled. If they had not believed it, the words of Simeon would have appeared to them insignificant, untrue and worthless, and not at all wonderful. Therefore, the fact that they were marveling, shows that Joseph and Mary possessed a strong and sublime faith.” *From the Church Postil for Rorate coeli, 1522.*

### Christmas Season Schedule

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**The Circumcision of Our Lord**

**January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**The Epiphany of Our Lord**

Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

**January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**The First Sunday after Epiphany**

Divine Service 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study 11:15 a.m.

### In Our Prayers:

- For all those who are sick or infirmed, especially, *Rev. Ned Brockwell, Lynne Smith, Ben Smith, Doug Schultz, Denise Heiser, Rev. Donald Hunter, Emily Benson, Orlin Palm, Donna Dorgelo, Nancy, Pat, Caroline, Rev. Mark Mueller, Eleanor Smolen, Jo Kope, Mike Miller, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Marie Scheck, Paul Meadows, David Benson, Vera Davis, Cindy's Granddaughter, Diana Eliason, and Vince Bost.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, Las Cruces, NM; and, Sts. Peter and Paul Ev. Lutheran Mission, Silver City, NM, and their pastor, the Rev. Paul Rydecki.*
- 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.

### Announcements

#### Daily Readings for the Week after the First Sunday after Christmas

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today</b>	2 Cor. 1-3; Matt. 2:13-15	2 Corinthians 4-6 Isaiah 55:1-13
<b>Monday:</b>	2 Cor. 7-9; Luke 4:16-21	2 Corinthians 10-11; James 4:13-17
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 Cor. 12-13; Matt. 2:16-18	Galatians 1-3; Isaiah 42:1-9
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Gal. 4-6; Matt. 2:19-23	Ephesians 1-3 Isaiah 61:1-11
<b>Thursday:</b>	Eph. 4-6; Matt. 3:1-12	Philippians 1; Isaiah 56:1-8
<b>Friday:</b>	Phil. 2; Luke 3:1-9	Philippians 3; Isaiah 12:1-6
<b>Saturday:</b>	Phil. 4; Luke 3:23-38	Colossians 1; Genesis 7:1-24

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

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Today:</b>	Psalms 121, 148	Psalms 90, 115, 149-150
<b>Monday:</b>	Psalms 122, 72, 1-4	Psalms 90, 115, 5-8
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Psalms 121, 9-11	Psalms 111, 12-17
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Psalms 121, 18	Psalms 111, 19-22
<b>Thursday:</b>	Psalms 121, 23-25	Psalms 111, 26-30
<b>Friday:</b>	Psalms 121, 31-32	Psalms 72, 33-34
<b>Saturday:</b>	Psalms 96, 35	Psalms 86, 36-37

#### Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

<b>Monday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.183-198
<b>Tuesday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.199-216
<b>Wednesday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.217-231
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.232-247
<b>Friday:</b>	The Large Catechism, I.248-264

#### Reciting the Catechism Daily:

<b>Sunday:</b>	Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer
<b>Monday:</b>	Baptism, Confession, Lord's Supper
<b>Tuesday:</b>	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 103—“To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”

**Evening:** TLH 138—“Thou Light of Gentile Nations”

### Calendar for the Week after The First Sunday after Christmas

**Today: The First Sunday after Christmas—White**

*New Year’s Eve*

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

**Monday: The Festival of the Circumcision of our Lord—White**

*New Year’s Day*

**Tuesday: The Ninth Day of Christmas—White**

**Wednesday: The Tenth Day of Christmas—White**

**Thursday: The Eleventh Day of Christmas—White**

**Friday: The Twelfth Day of Christmas—White**

**Saturday: The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord—White**

7:00 p.m. Divine Service

**Next Sunday: The First Sunday after Epiphany—White**

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

### 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>. 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.

### Vestry Meeting

There will be a Vestry meeting on January 14, 2018 to discuss and

adopt a parish budget for 2018. Please make arrangements to be there.

### 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—The First Sunday after Christmas**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Isaiah 11:1-5

**Epistle:**

Galatians 4:1-7

**Gospel:**

St. Luke 2:33-40

**January 1<sup>st</sup>—The Festival of the Circumcision of our Lord**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Isaiah 55:1-13

**Epistle:**

Galatians 3:23-29

**Gospel:**

St. Luke 2:21

**January 6<sup>th</sup>—The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Isaiah 49:1-7

**Epistle:**

Isaiah 60:1-6

**Gospel:**

St. Matthew 2:1-12

**January 7<sup>th</sup>—The First Sunday after Epiphany**

**Old Testament Lesson:**

Isaiah 61:1-3

**Epistle:**

Romans 12:1-5

**Gospel:**

St. Luke 2:41-52

### An Excerpt from Martin Luther’s Sermons

“Now it must indeed excite wonder that such things were proclaimed openly by Simeon in that public and sacred place with reference to that poor and insignificant Child, Whose mother was so humble and lowly and Whose father Joseph was not wealthy. How could such a Child be considered the Savior of all men, the Light of the Gentiles and the Glory and Honor of all Israel? At present, after we have had so many proofs of Christ’s greatness, these words do no longer seem so wonderful; but

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017



## Introit

P: YOUR TEST- || imonies are very | sure; | - \*

C: Holiness adorns Your house, O | Lord, | for- | ev- | er.

P: || Your throne is established from of | old; | - \*

C: You are from | ev- | er- | last- | ing. (*Psalm 93:5, 2*)

P: || The Lord reigns, He is clothed with | *ma-jes-* • | ty; \*

C: The Lord is clothed, He has girded | Him- | self | with | strength.

P: || Surely the world is es- | tab- | lished, \*

C: So that it | can- | not | be | moved.

P: || The floods have lifted up their | voice; | - \*

C: The floods | lift | up | their | waves.

P: || The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many | wat- | ers, \*

C: Than the mighty | waves | of | the | sea. (*Psalm 93:1, 3-4*)

## GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || Your testimonies are very | sure; | - \*

C: Holiness adorns Your house, O | Lord, | for- | ev- | er.

P: || Your throne is established from of | old; | - \*

C: You are from | ev- | er- | last- | ing. (*Psalm 93:5, 2*)

## Collect

Almighty and Everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure, that in the Name of Thy Beloved Son we may be made to abound in good works; 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: || You are fairer than the sons of | men; | - \*

C: Grace is poured | u- | pon | Your | lips.

P: || My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the | King; | - \*

C: My tongue is the pen of a | read- | y | writ- | er. (*Psalm 45:2a, 1*)

## Verse

P: || Alle- | lu- | ia! \*

C: Al- | — | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || The Lord reigns, He is clothed with | *ma-jes-* • | ty; \*

C: The Lord is clothed; He has girded Himself with strength. | Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 93:1*)

## Isaiah 11:1-5

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; <sup>4</sup> But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

## Galatians 4:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, <sup>2</sup> but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. <sup>3</sup> Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

<sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

## St. Luke 2:33-40

<sup>33</sup> And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against <sup>35</sup> (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” <sup>36</sup> Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; <sup>37</sup> and this woman was a widow of about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup> So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

### **TLH 90 “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”**

Paul Gerhardt, 1667

1. Come, your hearts and voices raising,  
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;  
Loudly sing His love amazing,  
Worthy folk of Christendom.

2. Sin and death may well be groaning,  
Satan now may well be moaning;  
We, our full salvation owning,  
Cast our ev'ry care away.

3. See how God, for us providing,  
Gave His Son and life abiding;  
He our weary steps is guiding  
From Earth's woe to heav'nly joy.

4. Christ, from Heaven to us descending  
And in love our race befriending,  
In our need His help extending,  
Saved us from the wily Foe.

5. Jacob's Star in all its splendor  
Beams with comfort sweet and tender,  
Forcing Satan to surrender,  
Breaking all the powers of Hell.

6. From the bondage that oppressed us,  
From sin's fetters that possessed us,  
From the grief that sore distressed us,  
We, the captives, now are free.

7. Oh, the joy beyond expressing  
When by faith we grasp this blessing  
And to Thee we come confessing  
That our freedom thou hast wrought!

8. Gracious Child, we pray Thee, hear us,  
From Thy lowly manger cheer us,  
Gently lead us and be near us  
Till we join th' angelic choir. Amen.

### **TLH 103 “To Shepherds as They Watched by Night”**

Martin Luther, 1543

1. To shepherds as they watched by night  
Appeared a host of angels bright;  
Behold the tender Babe, they said,  
In yonder lowly manger laid.

2. At Bethlehem, in David's town,  
As Micah did of old make known;

'Tis Jesus Christ, your Lord and King,  
Who doth to all salvation bring.

3. Oh, then rejoice that thro' His Son  
God is with sinners now at one;  
Made like yourselves of flesh and blood,  
Your brother is th' eternal God.

4. What harm can sin and death then do?  
The true God now abides with you.  
Let Hell and Satan rage and chafe,  
Christ is your Brother—ye are safe.

5. Not one He will or can forsake  
Who Him his confidence doth make.  
Let all his wiles the Tempter try,  
You may his utmost powers defy.

6. Ye shall and must at last prevail;  
God's own ye are, ye cannot fail.  
To God forever sing your praise  
With joy and patience all your days. Amen.

### **TLH 138 “Thou Light of Gentile Nations”**

Johann Franck, 1674

1. Thou Light of Gentile nations,  
Thou Savior from above,  
Drawn by Thy Spirit's leading,  
We come with joy and love  
Into Thy holy temple  
And wait with earnest mind  
As Simeon had waited  
His God and Lord to find.

2. Yea, Lord, Thy servants meet Thee,  
In ev'ry holy place  
Where Thy true Word has promised  
That we should see Thy face.  
Today Thou still dost grant us  
Who gather round Thee here  
In arms of faith to bear Thee  
As did that aged seer.

3. Be Thou our Joy and Brightness,  
Our Cheer in pain and loss,  
Our Sun in darkest terror,  
The Glory round our cross,  
A Star for sinking spirits,  
A Beacon in distress,  
Physician, Friend, in sickness,  
In death our Happiness.

4. Let us, O Lord, be faithful  
Like Simeon to the end,  
So that his prayer exultant  
May from our hearts ascend:  
“O Lord, now let Thy servant  
Depart in peace, I pray,  
Since I have seen my Savior  
And here beheld His day.”

Fed and lighted.  
He is Israel's Praise and Bliss,  
Their Joy, Reward, and Glory. Amen.

5. My Savior, I behold Thee  
With faith's enlightened eye;  
Of Thee no foe can rob me,  
His threats I can defy.  
Within Thy heart abiding,  
As Thou, O Lord, in me,  
Death can no longer frighten  
Nor part my soul from Thee.

6. Lord, here on Earth Thou seemest  
At times to frown on me,  
And through my tears I often  
Can scarce distinguish Thee;  
But in the heavenly mansions  
Shall nothing dim my sight;  
There shall I see Thy glory  
In never-changing light. Amen.

**TLH 137 “In Peace and Joy I Now Depart”**  
Martin Luther, 1524

1. In peace and joy I now depart  
At God's disposing;  
For full of comfort is my heart,  
Soft reposing.  
So the Lord hath promised me,  
And death is but a slumber.

2. 'Tis Christ that wrought this work for me,  
My faithful Savior,  
Whom Thou hast made mine eyes to see  
By Thy favor.  
Now I know He is my Life,  
My Help in need and dying.

3. Him Thou hast unto all set forth  
Their great Salvation  
And to His Kingdom called the Earth,  
Every nation,  
By Thy dear and wholesome Word,  
In every place resounding.

4. He is the Hope and saving Light  
Of lands benighted;  
By Him are they who dwelt in night