

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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Invocavit
February 18th, 2018

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“You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.” St. Matthew 4:10

unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst,' and Christ in Mt. 9:15, 'When the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, then will they fast.' This kind of fasting Christ teaches us here while in the wilderness alone without anything to eat, and while He suffers His penury without murmuring. The first kind of fasting, one can end whenever he wills, and can satisfy it by food; but the other kind we must observe and bear until God Himself changes it and satisfies us. Hence it is much more precious than the first, because it moves in greater faith." *From Martin Luther's Sermon for Invocavit.*

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 the Friends and Family* of Benjamin Smith, the son of Ben and Lynne Smith who entered his eternal reward this past week.
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Sts. Peter and Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Simpsonville, SC;* and her pastor, the *Rev. Jerald Dulas;* and Pastor Emeritus, the *Rev. Em. Gilbert Eliason.*
- 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 Invocavit

| | Morning | Evening |
|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Today | Num. 9-10; Luke 22:24-32 | Numbers 11-12 James 1:2-15 |
| Monday: | Num. 13-14; Luke 9:28-62 | Numbers 15-16; Numbers 3:5-13 |
| Tuesday: | Num. 17-18; Luke 10:1-22 | Numbers 19-20; Numbers 10:11-36 |
| Wed.: | Num. 21-22; Luke 10:38—11:13 | Numbers 23-24; Numbers 11:1-35 |
| Thursday: | Num. 25-26; Luke 11:29-36 | Numbers 27-28; Numbers 12:1-15 |
| Friday: | Num. 29-30; Luke 11:37-54 | Numbers 31-32; Numbers 13:1-25 |
| Saturday: | Num. 33-34; Luke 12:1-34 | Numbers 35-36; Numbers 13:26-33 |

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

| | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Today: | Psalms 32, 89 | Psalms 16, 90-92 |
| Monday: | Psalms 32, 93-95 | Psalms 16, 96-100 |
| Tuesday: | Psalms 32, 101-102 | Psalms 16, 103-104 |
| Wednesday: | Psalms 32, 105 | Psalms 16, 106 |
| Thursday: | Psalms 32, 107 | Psalms 16, 108-111 |
| Friday: | Psalms 32, 112-115 | Psalms 16, 116-118 |
| Saturday: | Psalms 32, 119:1-40 | Psalms 25, 119:41-88 |

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Augsburg Confession, XIII.1—XVII.5
Tuesday: The Augsburg Confession, XVIII.1—XX.11
Wednesday: The Augsburg Confession, XX.12-40
Thursday: The Augsburg Confession, XXI.1—XXII.12
Friday: The Augsburg Confession, XXIII.1-26

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 369—“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

Evening: TLH 262—“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Calendar for the Week after Invocavit

Today: Invocavit—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

2:00 p.m. Wake for Benjamin Smith at Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home, 108 Cross Creek Rd., Central, SC.

3:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Benjamin Smith at Duckett-Robinson Funeral Home

3:30 p.m. Burial Service for Benjamin Smith

Monday: *President’s Day*

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: Winter Ember Day—Violet

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Vespers

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: Winter Ember Day—Violet

Saturday: The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle and Martyr/Winter Ember Day—Red

Next Sunday: Reminiscere—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

The Lutheran Herald

The February 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 March 4, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. 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—Invocavit

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 3:1-24

Epistle:

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel:

St. Matthew 4:1-11

February 24th—The Festival of St. Matthias, Apostle and Martyr

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 66:1-2

Epistle:

Acts 1:15-26

Gospel:

St. Matthew 11:25-30

February 25th—Reminiscere

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 45:20-25

Epistle:

1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

Gospel:

St. Matthew 15:21-28

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“The Scriptures present to us two kinds of true fasting: one, by which we try to bring the flesh into subjection to the spirit, of which St. Paul speaks in 2 Cor. 6:5, ‘In labours, in watchings, in fastings.’ The other is that which we must bear patiently, and yet receive willingly because of our need and poverty, of which St. Paul speaks in 1 Cor. 4:11, ‘Even

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Introit

P: HE - SHALL - || call upon Me, and I | will | an- | swer | him; *

C: I will deliver him | and | hon- | or | **him.** -

P: || With long life I will | sat- | is- | fy | him, *

C: And show him | My | sal- | va- | **tion.** - (*Psalm 91:15-16*)

P: || He who dwells in the secret place | of | the | Most | High *

C: Shall abide under the shadow of | the | Al- | might- | **y.** -

P: || I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my | for- | tress; | My | God, *

C: In | Him | I | will | **trust.**” -

P: || Because you have made the Lord, who | is | my | re- | fuge, *

C: Even the Most High, | your | dwell- | ing | **place,** -

P: || No evil | shall | be- | fall | you, *

C: Nor shall any plague come | near | your | dwell- | **ing.** -

P: || You shall tread upon the lion | and | the | co- | bra,

C: The young lion and the serpent you shall tram- | ple | un- | der- | **foot.** - (*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || He shall call upon Me, and I | will | an- | swer | him; *

C: I will deliver him | and | hon- | or | **him.** -

P: || With long life I will | sat- | is- | fy | him, *

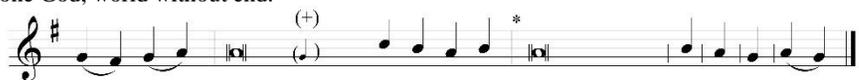
C: And show him | My | sal- | va- | **tion.** - (*Psalm 91:15-16*)

Collect

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to defend us from them that rise up against us; 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 hatest nothing that Thou 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: || For He shall give His angels | charge | o- | ver | you, *

C: To keep you | in | all | your | **ways.** -

P: || In their hands they | shall | bear | you | up, *

C: Lest you dash your foot | a- | gainst | a | **stone.** - (*Psalm 91:11-12*)

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

P: || He who dwells in the secret place | of | the | Most | High *

C: Shall abide under the shadow of | the | Al- | might- | **y.** -

P: || I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my | for- | tress; | My | God, *

C: In | Him | I | will | **trust.**” -

P: || He shall cover you | with | His | fea- | thers, *

C: And under His wings you | shall | take | re- | **fuge.** - (*Psalm 91:1-2, 4a*)

Genesis 3:1-24

¹ Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³ but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.” ¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” ¹² Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent: “Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” ¹⁶ To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.” ¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹ In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return.” ²⁰ And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹ Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. ²² Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and

live forever”—²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

2 Corinthians 6:1-10

¹ We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed. ⁴ But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, ⁵ in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; ⁶ by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, ⁷ by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, ⁸ by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

St. Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. ³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” ⁴ But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’” ⁵ Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and ‘in their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

TLH 437 “Who Trusts in Thee, a Strong Abode”
St. 1 Joachim Magdeburg, 1572; Sts. 2 & 3 unknown

1. Who trusts in God, a strong abode
In Heav'n and Earth possesses;
Who looks in love to Christ above,
No fear his heart oppresses.
In Thee alone, dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our Shield from foes, our Balm for woes,
Our great and sure Salvation.

2. Tho' Satan's wrath beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
While Thou art near, we will not fear;
Thy strength shall never fail us.
Thy rod and staff shall keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death nor Hell beneath
Our souls from Thee shall sever.

3. In all the strife of mortal life
Our feet shall stand securely;
Temptation's hour shall lose its pow'r,
For Thou shalt guard us surely.
O God, renew with heav'nly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand at Thy right hand
Thro' Jesus' saving merit. Amen.

TLH 369 “All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall”
Lazarus Spengler, 1524

1. All mankind fell in Adam's fall,
One common sin infects us all;
From sire to son the bane descends,
And over all the curse impends.

2. Thro' all man's pow'rs corruption creeps
And him in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt he draws his infant breath
And reaps its fruits of woe and death.

3. From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow tho'ts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul
Nor seeks nor finds its heav'nly goal.

4. But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our Life, our Light, our Way,
Our only Hope, our only Stay.

5. As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to Hell,
So by one Man, Who took our place,
We all received the gift of grace.

6. We thank Thee, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new powers:
This grace our every way attend
Until we reach our journey's end! Amen.

TLH 262 “A Might 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 our remaineth. Amen.

Preserve Us in Thy Word, O Lord

1 Pre - serve us in Thy Word, O Lord; Sub - due the
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Thy pow'r make known, For Thou art
 3 O Ho - ly Ghost, our Help di - vine, Make Thou Thy
 4 Lord, bring Thine e - ne - mies to naught, And let them
 5 Then must our foes at last con - fess That Thou, Lord

pope and Mus - lim horde, Who, yet in vain, Thy Son dis -
 Lord of lords a - lone. De - fend Thy Chris - ten - dom, that
 peo - ple of one mind. Stay by our side till life's last
 in the net be caught That they have hid - den to en -
 Je - sus, dost pos - sess The pow'r to res - cue and set

own And seek to wrest Him from Thy throne.
 we May sing Thy praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 breath, And lead us in - to life from death.
 snare Thy Chris - tians, who Thy truth de - clare.
 free Thy sheep, who trust in none but Thee. A - men.

Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort
 St. 1-3, Martin Luther, 1541
 St. 4-5, Justus Jonas, 1545
 Tr., Paul Rydecki, 2015

Erhalt uns, Herr
 "Geistliche Lieder"
 Wittenberg, 1543