

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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Oculi
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“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.” St. Luke 11:17

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“All Depends on Our Possessing”</i>	TLH 425
<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 Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
The Collect for the Season of Lent		INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Lesson		2 Samuel 22:1-7
	<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		Ephesians 5:1-9
The Tract		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Gospel		St. Luke 11:14-28
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 God Has Come</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory	<i>“Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God”</i>	TLH p. 22-23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Recitation of the Small Catechism		The Sacrament of the Altar
The Offering		
<i>Stand</i>		
The General Prayer		TLH p. 23
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”</i>	TLH 263
<i>Stand</i>		
The Preface		TLH p. 24
The Proper Preface		TLH p. 25
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 *“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”* TLH 367

Stand

The Salutation

TLH p. 31

The Benedicamus

TLH p. 31

The Benediction

TLH p. 31

Silent Prayer

Sit

Announcements

have heard His love preached and were moved thereby to trust in Him. We learn therefore that faith comes through the Word....” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Oculi.*

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, *Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Herrin, IL;* and her pastors, the *Rev. Michael D. Henson* and the *Rev. Dcn. Gary K. Harroun.*
- 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 Oculi

	Morning	Evening
Today	Deut. 29-30; John 8:42-51	Deuteronomy 31-32; Revelation 2:1-7
Monday:	Deut. 33-34; Luke 18:15-30	Joshua 1-2; Numbers 22:2-41
Tuesday:	Josh. 3-4; Luke 19:1-40	Joshua 5-6; Numbers 23:1-30
Wednesday:	Josh. 7-8; Luke 20:1—21:4	Joshua 9-10; Numbers 24:1-13
Thursday:	Josh. 11-12; Lk. 21:37—22:38	Joshua 13-14; Numbers 27:12-23
Friday:	Josh. 15-16; Luke 22:39-71	Joshua 17-18; Deuteronomy 5:1-33
Saturday:	Josh. 19-20; Luke 23:1-25	Joshua 21-22; Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 43, 23-25	Psalms 86, 26-30
Monday:	Psalms 43, 31-32	Psalms 86, 33-34
Tuesday:	Psalms 43, 35	Psalms 86, 36-37
Wednesday:	Psalms 43, 38	Psalms 86, 39-41
Thursday:	Psalms 43, 42-44	Psalms 86, 45-48
Friday:	Psalms 43, 49	Psalms 86, 50-51
Saturday:	Psalms 43, 52-54	Psalms 139, 55-57

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

- Monday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXVII.27-48
- Tuesday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXVII.49—XXVIII.11
- Wednesday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXVIII.12-38
- Thursday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXVIII.39-60
- Friday:** The Augsburg Confession, XXVIII.61—Conclusion.17

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 258—“Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”

Evening: TLH 263—“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”

Calendar for the Week after Oculi

Today: Oculi—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

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

Thursday: Communion Visit to Central, SC

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Laetare—Violet

Daylight Saving Time Begins

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.

Vestry Meeting

There will be a Vestry meeting, TODAY at 11:30 a.m. to discuss and

adopt a parish budget for 2018.

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—Oculi

Old Testament Lesson:

2 Samuel 22:1-7

Epistle:

Ephesians 5:1-9

Gospel:

St. Luke 11:14-28

March 11th—Laetare

Old Testament Lesson:

Isaiah 49:8-13

Epistle:

Galatians 4:21-31

Gospel:

St. John 6:1-15

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“This is a beautiful Gospel from which we learn many different things, and in which nearly everything is set forth as to what Christ, His Kingdom and His Gospel are: what they accomplish and how they fare in the world. In the first place, like all the Gospels this one teaches us faith and love; for it presents Christ to us as a most loving Savior and Helper in every need and tells us that he who believes this is saved. For we see here that Christ had nothing to do with people who were healthy, but with a poor man who was greatly afflicted with many ills. He was blind, as Matthew says; also, dumb and possessed with a demon, as Luke tells us here. Now all mutes are also deaf, so that in the Greek language deaf and dumb are one word. By this act, Christ draws us to Himself, leads us to look to Him for every blessing, and to go to Him in every time of need. He does this that we also, according to the nature of love, should do unto others as He does unto us. This is the universal and the most precious doctrine of this Gospel and of all the Gospels throughout the Church year. This poor man, however, did not come to Christ without the Word; for those who brought him to Christ must

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Introit

P: **MY - EYES** - || are ever | to- | ward | the | Lord, *

C: For He shall pluck my feet | out | of | the | **net.** -

P: || Turn Yourself to me, and have | mer- | cy | on | me, *

C: For I am desolate | and | af- | flict- | **ed.** - (*Psalm 25:15-16*)

P: || To You, O Lord, I | lift | up | my | soul. *

C: O my God, I trust in You; let me | not | be | a- | **shamed;** -

P: || The troubles of my | heart | have | en- | larged; *

C: Bring me out of | my | dis- | tress- | **es!** -

P: || Look on my afflic- | tion | and | my | pain, *

C: And for- | give | all | my | **sins.** -

P: || Keep my soul, and | de- | liv- | er | me; *

C: Let me not be ashamed, for I put | my | trust | in | **You.** - (*Psalm 25:1-2a, 17-18, and 20*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || My eyes are ever | to- | ward | the | Lord, *

C: For He shall pluck my feet | out | of | the | **net.** -

P: || Turn Yourself to me, and have | mer- | cy | on | me, *

C: For I am desolate | and | af- | flict- | **ed.** - (*Psalm 25:15-16*)

Collect

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defense against all our enemies; 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: || Arise, O Lord, do not | let | man | pre- | vail; *

C: Let the nations be | judged | in | Your | **sight.** -

P: || When my en- | e- | mies | turn | back, *

C: They shall fall and perish | at | Your | pres- | **ence.** - (*Psalm 9:19, 3*)

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

P: || Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell | in | the | heav- | ens. *

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord, have | mer- | cy | on | **us!** - (*Ps. 123:1, 3a*)

2 Samuel 22:1-7

¹ Then David spoke to the LORD the words of this song, on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. ² And he said: “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; ³ The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. ⁴ I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. ⁵ When the waves of death surrounded me, the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. ⁶ The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. ⁷ In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry entered His ears.”

Ephesians 5:1-9

¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. ³ But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; ⁴ neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. ⁵ For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them. ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).

St. Luke 11:14-28

¹⁴ And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” ¹⁶ Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls. ¹⁸ If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. ²² But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. ²³ He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters. ²⁴ When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵ And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.” ²⁷ And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!” ²⁸ But He said, “More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

TLH 425 “All Depends on Our Possessing”

Unknown, c. 1673

1. All depends on our possessing
God’s abundant grace and blessing,
Tho’ all earthly wealth depart.
He who trusts with faith unshaken
In his God is not forsaken
And e’er keeps a dauntless heart.

2. He who hitherto hath fed me
And to many joys hath led me,
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who did so gently school me,
He who still doth guide and rule me,
Will remain my Help divine.

3. Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

4. When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope my heart anew will quicken,
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender;
For on Him alone I build.

5. Well He knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never, —
As God wills, so be it ever, —
I to Him commit my way.

6. If on Earth my days He lengthen,
He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace. Amen.

TLH 258 “Lord of Our Life and God of Our Salvation”

Matthäus von Löwenstern, 1644

1. Lord of our life and God of our salvation,
Star of our night and Hope of every 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 prevaileth;
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 263 “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”

Ascribed to Johann M. Altenburg, 1632, abridged

1. O little flock, fear not the Foe
Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow’r.
What tho’ your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o’er God’s saints
Lasts but a little hour.

2. Be of good cheer; your cause belongs
To Him Who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord.
Tho’ hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise,
Uphold you and His Word.

3. As true as God’s own Word is true.
Not Earth nor Hell with all their crew
Against us shall prevail.
A jest and byword are they grown;
God is with us, we are His own;
Our vict’ry cannot fail.

4. Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;
Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again!
So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

TLH 367 “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

Unknown, c. 1757

1. Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!

Hail, Thou Galilean King!

Thou didst suffer to release us;

Thou didst free salvation bring.

Hail, Thou universal Savior,

Who hast borne our sin and shame,

By whose merits we find favor!

Life is given thro' Thy Name.

2. Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,

All our sins on Thee were laid;

By almighty love anointed,

Thou hast full atonement made.

Ev'ry sin may be forgiven

Thro' the virtue of Thy blood;

Open is the gate of Heaven,

Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

3. Jesus, hail, enthroned in glory,

There forever to abide!

All the heav'nly host adore Thee,

Seated at Thy Father's side.

There for sinners Thou art pleading,

There Thou dost our place prepare,

Ever for us interceding

Till in glory we appear.

4. Worship, honor, power, and blessing

Thou art worthy to receive;

Loudest praises, without ceasing,

Meet it is for us to give.

Help, ye bright angelic spirits,

Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;

Help to sing our Savior's merits,

Help to chant Immanuel's praise. Amen.