

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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Misericordias Domini
April 15th, 2018

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“I AM the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” St. John 10:11

The Order of Divine Service

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| The Prelude | <i>“D Flat Major”</i> | Johann Pachelbel |
| The Ringing of the Bell | | |
| Silent Prayer | | |
| The Hymn | <i>“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”</i> | Δ TLH 233 |
| <i>Stand</i> | | |
| The Confiteor | | |
| The Address | | TLH p. 15 |
| Versicles | | TLH p. 15 |
| Confession and Absolution | | TLH p. 16 |
| The Introit | <i>(Tone 2)</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 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Lesson | | Ezekiel 34:11-16 |
| <i>After each Lesson:</i> | V: This is the Word of the Lord. | |
| | R: Thanks be to God. | |
| The Epistle | | 1 Peter 2:21-25 |
| The Greater Alleluia | | INSERT |
| The Triple Hallelujah | <i>(Second Setting)</i> | TLH p. 20 |
| <i>Stand</i> | | |
| The Holy Gospel | | St. John 10:11-16 |
| The Nicene Creed | | TLH p. 22 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Hymn | <i>“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”</i> | TLH 367 |
| The Sermon | <i>I Lay Down My Life</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> | | |
| Hymn | <i>“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”</i> | TLH 429 |
| <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 |

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| The Agnus Dei | | TLH p. 28 |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Distribution | | |
| <i>Stand</i> | | |
| The Cantic | <i>“The Nunc Dimittis”</i> | TLH p. 29-30 |
| The Thanksgiving | <i>(“And His mercy endureth forever”)</i> | TLH p. 30 |
| The Post-Communion Collect | | |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| The Hymn | <i>“Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”</i> | TLH 437 |
| The Salutation | | TLH p. 31 |
| The Benedicamus | | TLH p. 31 |
| The Benediction | | TLH p. 31 |
| Silent Prayer | | |
| <i>Sit</i> | | |
| Announcements | | |
| The Postlude | <i>“Fugue in G Major”</i> | Dietrich Buxtehude |

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

present and reigning among us continually, and never think of Him as sitting up there doing nothing, but rather that He from above fills and rules all things, as Paul says to the Ephesians (4:10), and especially that He is taking care of His Kingdom, which is the Christian faith, and that therefore His Kingdom among us here on Earth must prosper. This Kingdom, as we have said, is so constituted that we all must daily increase and grow in holiness, and it is not governed by any other power save the oral proclamation of the Gospel.” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Misericordias Domini Sunday from 1523.*

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, Jose, Rev. Mark Mueller, Eleanor Smolen, Jo Kope, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Marie Scheck, Paul Meadows, Vera Davis, Nellie Noegel, Richard Noegel, and Vince Bost.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Harrison, AR; Lamb of God Ev. Lutheran Mission, Rogers, AR; and Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Mission, Conway, AR; and their pastor, the Rev. Eric Stefanski.*
- 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 Misericordias Domini

| | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Today: | James 1; St. John 5:22-30 | James 2; Hebrews 13:20-21 |
| Monday: | James 3; St. John 5:1-17 | James 4; Micah 2:12-13 |
| Tuesday: | James 5; St. John 5:18-30 | 1 Peter 1; Isaiah 30:19-26 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Peter 2; St. John 5:31-47 | 1 Peter 3; Jeremiah 3:11-19 |
| Thursday: | 1 Peter 4; St. John 6:16-29 | 1 Peter 5; Ezekiel 34:1-11 |
| Friday: | 2 Peter 1; St. John 6:30-40 | 1 Peter 2; Ezekiel 34:12-22 |
| Saturday: | 2 Peter 3; St. John 6:41-59 | 1 John 1; Ezekiel 34:23-31 |

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

| | Morning | Evening |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Today: | Psalms 70, 77 | Psalms 23, 78 |
| Monday: | Psalms 70, 79-80 | Psalms 23, 81-83 |
| Tuesday: | Psalms 70, 84-85 | Psalms 23, 86-88 |
| Wednesday: | Psalms 70, 89 | Psalms 23, 90-92 |
| Thursday: | Psalms 70, 93-95 | Psalms 23, 96-100 |
| Friday: | Psalms 70, 101-102 | Psalms 23, 103-104 |
| Saturday: | Psalms 70, 105 | Psalms 146, 106 |

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, III.257-279
Tuesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VII/VIII.1-22
Wednesday: Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VII/VIII.23-37
Thursday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, VII/VIII.38-50
Friday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, IX.1—X.4

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 367—“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

Evening: TLH 429—“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

Calendar for the Week after Misericordias Domini

Today: Misericordias Domini—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: Pastor Eliason’s Baptismal Anniversary

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Jubilate—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

The Lutheran Herald

The April 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 spring quarter of our seminarian’s last year has begun. Please keep the seminary and the seminarian in your prayers. “Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest (Matt. 9:38).”

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.

2018 ELDoNA Synod and Summer Camp

This year’s Diocesan Synod will take place at Salem Lutheran Church (Malone, TX) during the week of June 25-29 so that it will coincide with the annual Summer Camp, which will also be at Salem.

Although the Colloquium and Synod usually occur during the same week, they were divided this year to accommodate the Seminary schedule, so that the clergy of the diocese would gather after the seminarian’s conclusion of his studies to conduct his theological colloquy. Josiah Scheck’s colloquy is presently scheduled to take place on Tuesday, June 26. The seminary graduation is scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 27.

This year’s Summer Camp will build on the theme of last year, continuing our exploration of the history of the Lutheran Church through the settlement of the Americas, beginning with the Church in New Sweden (DE) in the 1630s.

The Summer Camp is open to all members of parishes served by ELDoNA pastors. If you are interested in attending, please talk to Pastor Dulas.

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—Misericordias Domini

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:21-25

Gospel: St. John 10:11-16

April 22nd—Jubilate

Old Testament Lesson: Lamentations 3:18-26

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11-20

Gospel: St. John 16:16-23a

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“You have heard that after His sufferings and death Christ our Lord arose from the dead and entered upon, and was enthroned in, an immortal existence. Not that He might sit up there in Heaven idly and find pleasure in Himself, but that He might take charge of the Kingdom of which the prophets and all the Scriptures have so fully spoken, and might rule as a King. Therefore, we should think of Him as being

MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

April 15th, 2018



Introit

P: THE EARTH || is full of the goodness of the | Lord. | - *

C: By the word of the Lord the heav- | ens | were | made.
(Psalm 33:5b-6a)

P: || Rejoice in the Lord, O you | right- | eous! *

C: For praise from the upright is | beau- | ti- | ful.

P: || Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who | fear | Him, *

C: On those who hope in | His | mer- | cy.

P: || To deliver their soul from | death, | - *

C: And to keep them alive | in | fa- | mine.

P: || Our soul waits for the | Lord; | - *

C: He is our help | and | our | shield. *(Psalm 33:1, 18-20)*

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || The earth is full of the goodness of the | Lord. | - *

C: By the word of the Lord the heav- | ens | were | made.
(Psalm 33:5b-6a)

Collect

God, Who by the humiliation of Thy Son didst raise up the fallen world, grant unto Thy faithful ones perpetual gladness, and those whom Thou hast delivered from the danger of everlasting death do Thou make partakers of eternal joys; 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.

(From Quasimodogeniti through Whitsunday the Gradual is replaced by the Greater Alleluia.)



Greater Alleluia

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

C: Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || Then was the Lord Jesus known to | them | - *

C: In the breaking of bread. Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || I am the Good | Shep- | herd; *

C: And I know My sheep, and am known by My own. Al- | le- | lu- | ia! *(St. Luke 24:35b paraphrase; St. John 10:14)*

Ezekiel 34:11-16

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,” says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.”

1 Peter 2:21-25

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth;” ²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed

Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

St. John 10:11-16

¹¹ “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. ¹² But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. ¹³ The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. ¹⁵ As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.”

TLH 233 “Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

Ascribed to Rhabanus Maurus, died 856

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
Vouchsafe within our souls to rest;
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid
And fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

2. To Thee, the Comforter, we cry,
To Thee, the Gift of God Most High,
The Fount of life, the Fire of love,
The soul's Anointing from above.

3. The sev'nfold gifts of grace are Thine,
O Finger of the Hand Divine;
True promise of the Father Thou,
Who dost the tongue with speech endow.

4. Thy light to every thought impart
And shed Thy love in every heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.

5. Drive far away our wily Foe
And Thine abiding peace bestow;
If Thou be our protecting Guide,
No evil can our steps betide.

6. Make Thou to us the Father known,
Teach us the eternal Son to own
And Thee, Whose Name we ever bless,
Of both the Spirit, to confess.

Δ 7. Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, with them One;
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow! 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, pow'r, 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.

TLH 429 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

Martin Schalling, c. 1567

1. Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercies cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share,
Yea, Heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee no one could shake.
Thou art the Portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2. Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And serve and help my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile
And Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ,
My God and Lord, my God and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3. Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abram's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my Fount of grace,
Lord Jesus Christ,
My prayer attend, my prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end. Amen.

TLH 437 "Who Trusts in God, 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.