

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 Festival of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist
June 24th, 2018

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“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways.” St. Luke 1:76

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“D Major”</i>	Johann Erasmus Kindermann
The Ringing of the Bell		
Silent Prayer		
The Hymn	<i>“Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”</i>	TLH 61
<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 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		Malachi 4:4-6
<i>After each Lesson:</i>	V: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	R: Thanks be to God.	
The Gradual		INSERT
The Epistle		Isaiah 40:1-5
The Verse		INSERT
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(First Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
The Holy Gospel		St. Luke 1:57-80
The Nicene Creed		TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“When All the World Was Cursed”</i>	TLH 272
The Sermon	<i>His Name Is John</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>“Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”</i>	TLH 307
<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
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Canticle	<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>“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”</i>	TLH 305
<i>Stand</i>		
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

does them, and the same works of God we receive alone through faith. Then we should apply ourselves to our neighbor and arrange all our affairs to the end that they serve our neighbor. Before God all should be done in pure faith alone. The reason of this is because no one can help us but God, and what we have in body and soul we have alone from God, and in Him alone should we anchor our heart.” *From Martin Luther’s sermon for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, 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, Nancy, Pat, Caroline, Jose, Rev. Charles Hudson, Rev. Mark Mueller, Eleanor Smolen, Jo Kope, Rev. Eric Stefanski, Brandon Dennie, Paul Meadows, Vera Davis, Nellie Noegel, Marie Scheck, Maile Manalo, Richard 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, Joshua and Christopher Heck, 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 of the Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Today	1 Kings 16; Matt. 5:43-48	1 Kings 17; Romans 14:7-17
Monday:	1 Kings 18; Acts 27:1-44	1 Kings 19; 1 Samuel 9:1-27
Tuesday:	1 Kings 20; Acts 28:1-31	1 Kings 21; 1 Samuel 10:1-27
Wednesday:	1 Kings 22; Rom. 1:1-15	2 Kings 1; 1 Samuel 12:1-25
Thursday:	2 Kings 2; Rom. 1:16-32	2 Kings 3; 1 Samuel 13:1-14
Friday:	2 Kings 4; Rom. 2:1-29	2 Kings 5; 1 Samuel 15:1-35
Saturday:	2 Kings 6; Rom. 3:1-31	2 Kings 7; 1 Samuel 16:1-23

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalm 119:1-40	Psalms 92, 119:41-88
Monday:	Psalm 119:25-32, 89-128	Psalms 92, 119:129-176
Tuesday:	Ps. 119, Part IV, 120-125	Psalms 92, 126-132
Wednesday:	Ps. 119, Part IV, 133-135	Psalms 92, 136-139
Thursday:	Ps. 119, Part IV, 140-141	Psalms 92, 142-143
Friday:	Psalms 119, Part IV, 144	Psalms 92, 145
Saturday:	Ps. 119, Part IV, 146-147	Psalms 113, 148-150

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XXVII.45-57
Tuesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XXVII.58-69
Wednesday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XXVIII.1-11
Thursday: The Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XXVIII.12-27
Friday: The Smalcald Articles, Preface.1-15

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 287—“That Man a Godly Life Might Live”

Evening: TLH 395—“O God, Thou Faithful God”

Calendar for the Week after the Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday
Today: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist/The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—White

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

Monday: The Festival of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession—White

Tuesday: ELDoNA Synod and Seminary Colloquy

Wednesday: ELDoNA Synod and Seminary Graduation

Thursday: Pastor returns from Synod

Friday: The Festival of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles—Red (Five-year Anniversary of Parish)

7:00 p.m. Divine Service

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday—Green

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:15 a.m. Bible Study

The Lutheran Herald

The June 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 seminarian’s examination will be Tuesday during the ELDoNA Synod and his graduation will take place Wednesday during Divine Service. He will then be eligible to receive a call and will be ordained and installed at a future date. If you know of anyone interested in attending our seminary to be a pastor in our diocese, please contact either Bishop Heiser, or Pastor Dulas. Please keep the seminary and the

seminarian in your prayers.

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.

Ask the Pastor

The Rev. Josh Sullivan of Holy Cross Ev. Luth. Church, Kerrville, TX puts out weekly videos dealing with a wide range of theological topics. Please check them out and subscribe to be notified when a new one is published at <http://www.youtube.com/user/ATPHolyCross>.

To Read in Preparation for this week’s Festivals:

Today—The Nativity of St. John the Baptist/The Fourth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Old Testament Lesson:

Malachi 4:4-6

Epistle:

Isaiah 40:1-5

Gospel:

St. Luke 1:57-80

June 29th—The Festival of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Old Testament Lesson:

Jeremiah 26:12-16

Epistle:

Acts 12:1-11

Gospel:

St. Matthew 16:13-20

July 1st—The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Sunday

Old Testament Lesson:

Jeremiah 16:14-21

Epistle:

1 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel:

St. Luke 5:1-11

An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings

“Therefore, observe here what a perversion it is for man to exercise himself in doing works to God, which should be done to his neighbor; and then centers his faith in men and saints, which he should center alone in God. Turn this around, and then it is right, thus: faith must belong alone to God, whoever receives the divine works, God alone

THE FESTIVAL OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 24, 2018



Introit

P: THE VOICE || of one crying in the | *wild-er- ·* | ness: *

C: “Prepare the way of the Lord make straight in the desert a highway
| for | our | God.

P: || The glory of the | Lord | - *

C: Shall | be | re- | vealed. (*Isaiah 40:3, 5a*)

P: || It is good to give thanks to the | Lord, | - *

C: And to sing praises to Your name, | O | Most | High.

P: || To declare Your lovingkindness in the | morn- | ing, *

C: And Your faithfulness | ev- | er-*y ·* | night.

P: || For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your | work; | - *

C: I will triumph in the works | of | Your | hands.

P: || O Lord, how great are Your | works! | - *

C: Your thoughts are | ver- | y | deep. (*Psalms 92:1-2, 4-5*)

GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal)

P: || The voice of one crying in the | *wild-er- ·* | ness: *

C: “Prepare the way of the Lord make straight in the desert a highway
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Collect

O Lord God, Heavenly Father, Who through Thy servant Saint John the Baptist didst bear witness that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world, and that all who believe in Him shall inherit eternal life, we humbly pray Thee to enlighten us by Thy Holy Spirit that we may at all times find comfort and joy in this witness, continue steadfast in the true faith, and at last with all believers attain unto eternal life; 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: || Before I formed you in the womb I | knew | you; *

C: Before you were born I sanc- | ti- | fied | you.

P: || Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my | mouth, | - *

C: And the Lord said to me: “Behold, I have put My words | in | your | mouth. (*Jeremiah 1:5a, 9*)

Verse

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

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

P: || The voice of one | cry- | ing: *

C: “Prepare the way of the Lord.” Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Is. 40:3 paraphrase*)

Malachi 4:4-6

⁴ “Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. ⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

Isaiah 40:1-5

¹ “Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. ² “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.” ³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight and the rough places smooth; ⁵ The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

St. Luke 1:57-80

⁵⁷ Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. ⁵⁸ When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. ⁶⁰ His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.” ⁶¹ But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.” ⁶² So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marveled.

⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. ⁶⁵ Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶ And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, “What kind of child will this be?” And the hand of the Lord was with him. ⁶⁷ Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: ⁶⁸ “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people, ⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, ⁷⁰ as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began, ⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, ⁷² to perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath which He swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, ⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins, ⁷⁸ through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; ⁷⁹ To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” ⁸⁰ So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

TLH 61 “Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”

Johann Olearius, 1671

1. Comfort, comfort, ye My people,
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning ‘neath their sorrows’ load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over.

2. Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day,
Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.

3. Hark, the Herald’s voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance
Since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

4. Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o’er Earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His Word is never broken. Amen.

TLH 272 “When All the World Was Cursed”

Johann Olearius, 1697

1. When all the world was cursed
By Moses’ condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came
With words of consolation.
With true forerunner’s zeal
The Greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown,
As Savior he proclaimed.

2. Before he yet was born,
He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord

Whose mother he was greeting.

By Jordan’s rolling stream,
A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him
Of Whom the prophets told:

3. Behold the Lamb of God
That bears the world’s transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes
The Enemy’s oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God,
Who beareth all our sin,
Who for our peace and joy
Will full atonement win.

4. Thrice blessed every one
Who heeds the proclamation
Which John the Baptist brought,
Accepting Christ’s salvation.
He who believes this truth
And comes with love unfeigned
Has righteousness and peace
In fullest measure gained.

5. Oh, grant, Thou Lord of Love,
That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John,
Our true repentance voicing;
That gladly we may walk
Upon our Savior’s way
Until we live with Him
In His eternal day. Amen.

TLH 307 “Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”

Samuel Kinner, 1638

1. Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord
And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

2. He that His saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav’nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3. Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love be with us now. Amen.

TLH 305 "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

Johann Franck, 1649

1. Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,
Leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous Supper founded.
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

2. Hasten as a bride to meet Him
And with loving rev'rence greet Him;
For with words of life immortal
Now He knocketh at thy portal.
Haste to ope the gates before Him,
Saying, while thou dost adore Him,
Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee,
And I nevermore will leave Thee.

3. He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of Heaven
God to us hath freely given.
Tho' the wealth of Earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true Body, for thee riven,
And His Blood, for thee once given.

4. Ah, how hungers all my spirit
For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging,
Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted,
For this Cup of Life have thirsted,
For the Friend Who here invites us
And to God Himself unites us.

5. In my heart I find ascending
Holy awe, with rapture blending,
As this mystery I ponder,
Filling all my soul with wonder,
Bearing witness at this hour
Of the greatness of God's power;
Far beyond all human telling
Is the power within Him dwelling.

6. Human reason, though it ponder,
Cannot fathom this great wonder
That Christ's Body e'er remaineth
Though it countless souls sustaineth,
And that He His Blood is giving
With the wine we are receiving.

These great mysteries unsounded
Are by God alone expounded.

7. Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring,—
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from Heaven,
For our good, Thy glory, given.

8. Lord, by love and mercy driven
Thou hast left Thy throne in Heaven
On the cross for us to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Thy blood in sadness.
By this blood, redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise Thee with thanksgiving.

9. Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee,
Let me gladly here obey Thee.
By Thy love I am invited,
Be Thy love with love requited;
From this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me
As Thy guest in Heaven receive me. Amen.