

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.

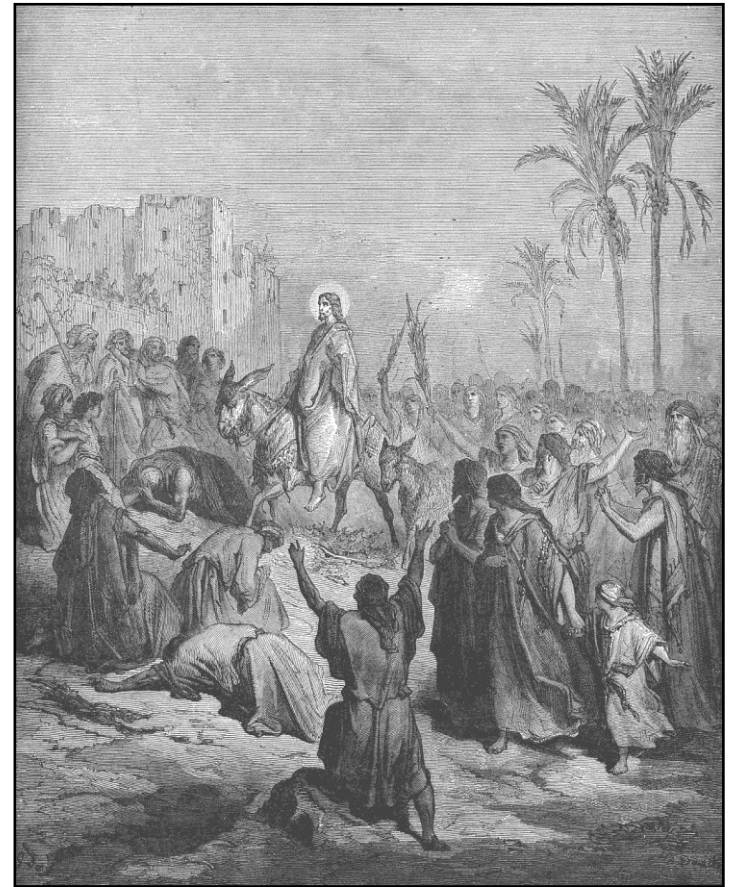
A Prayer after Communion

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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Ad te levavi
December 3rd, 2017

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*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He Who
comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the
highest! St. Matthew 21:9*

The Order of Divine Service

The Ringing of the Bell

Silent Prayer

The Hymn “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice” TLH 57

Stand

The Confiteor

The Invocation and Address TLH p. 15

Versicles TLH p. 15

Confession and Absolution TLH p. 16

The Introit (Tone 6) INSERT

The Kyrie TLH p. 17

The Salutation TLH p. 19

The Collect for the Day INSERT

The Collect for the Beginning of the Church Year INSERT

Sit

The Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-18

After each Lesson: V: This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual INSERT

The Epistle Romans 13:11-14

The Verse INSERT

The Hallelujah TLH p. 20

Stand

The Holy Gospel St. Matthew 21:1-9

The Nicene Creed TLH p. 22

Sit

The Hymn “Savior of the Nations, Come” Δ TLH 95

The Sermon *Blessed Is He Who Comes*

Stand

The Offertory “Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God” TLH p. 22-23

Sit

The Recitation of the Catechism The Ten Commandments

The Offering

Stand

The General Prayer TLH p. 23

Sit

The Hymn “O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee” TLH 58 (Second Tune)

Stand

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 (“And His mercy endureth forever”) TLH p. 30

The Post-Communion Collect

Sit

The Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” TLH 73 (Third Tune)

Stand

The Salutation TLH p. 31

The Benedicamus TLH p. 31

The Benediction TLH p. 31

Silent Prayer

Sit

Announcements

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

Christmas Season Schedule

December 24th

The Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

December 25th

The Nativity of Our Lord Divine Service 10:00 a.m.

December 26th

St. Stephen, Protomartyr and Deacon

December 27th

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

December 28th

Holy Innocents’ Day

January 1st

The Circumcision of Our Lord

January 6th

The Epiphany of Our Lord Divine Service 7:00 p.m.

comes not to frighten man, nor to drive or crush him, but to help and to carry his burden for him. And although it was the custom of the country to ride on asses and to use horses for war, as the Scriptures often tell us, yet here the object is to show that the entrance of this king shall be meek and lowly. Again, it also shows the pomp and conduct of the disciples towards Christ who bring the colt to Christ, set Him thereon, and spread their garments in the way; also that of the multitude who also spread their garments in the way and cut branches from the trees. They manifested no fear nor terror, but only blessed confidence in Him as One for Whom they dared to do such things and Who would take it kindly and readily consent to it." *From the Church Postil for Ad te levavi, 1521.*

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, and Vince Bost.*
- For our bishop, the *Rt. Rev. James D. Heiser.*
- For the parishes served by our diocese, especially, *Charity Ev. Lutheran Church, Burlison, TX,* and her pastor, the *Rev. Dr. Kent A. Heimbigner.*
- For our seminary, *St. Ignatius Evangelical Theological Lutheran Seminary,* and her seminarian, *Josiah Scheck.*
- For our catechumens, especially *Richard Noegel.*
- 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 Ad te levavi

	Morning	Evening
Today	Isaiah 9-10; Luke 1:1-25	Isaiah 11-12; Colossians 1:12-23
Monday:	Isaiah 13-14; Matt. 11:25-30	Isaiah 15-16; Genesis 3:1-24
Tuesday:	Isaiah 17-18; Acts 3:22-26	Isaiah 19-20; Genesis 9:1-19
Wednesday:	Isaiah 21-22; Col. 1:15-29	Isaiah 23-24; Genesis 22:1-19
Thursday:	Isaiah 25-26; Heb. 1:1-4	Isaiah 27-28; Genesis 49:1-28
Friday:	Isaiah 29-30; Heb. 2:1-4	Isaiah 31-32; Numbers 24:14-25
Saturday:	Isaiah 33-34; Eph. 3:1-12	Isaiah 35-36; Deuteronomy 18:15-19

Praying the Psalter Daily in Matins and Vespers:

	Morning	Evening
Today:	Psalms 1, 18	Psalms 143, 19-22
Monday:	Psalms 1, 23-25	Psalms 143, 26-30
Tuesday:	Psalms 1, 31-32	Psalms 143, 33-34
Wednesday:	Psalms 1, 35	Psalms 143, 36-37
Thursday:	Psalms 1, 38	Psalms 143, 39-41
Friday:	Psalms 1, 42-44	Psalms 143, 45-48
Saturday:	Psalms 1, 49	Psalms 91, 50-51

Book of Concord Readings for the Week:

Monday: The Ecumenical Creeds (All Three)
Tuesday: The Small Catechism, Preface
Wednesday: The Small Catechism, I-III
Thursday: The Small Catechism, IV-VI
Friday: The Small Catechism, Prayers-End

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 95—“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Evening: TLH 58—“O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee” (Second Tune)

Calendar for the Week after Ad te levavi

Today: Ad te levavi, The First Sunday in Advent—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

Monday: No Events Scheduled

Tuesday: No Events Scheduled

Wednesday: The Festival of St. Nicholas of Myra, Bishop and Confessor—White

7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Vespers

Thursday: No Events Scheduled

Friday: No Events Scheduled

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday: Populus Sion, The Second Sunday in Advent—Violet

10:00 a.m. Divine Service

11:00 a.m. Bible Study

11:30 a.m. Vestry Meeting

The Lutheran Herald

The December 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 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).”

Vestry Meeting

A Vestry meeting is scheduled for December 10th, 2017 after Bible study. We will discuss finding a new location, and elect vestry positions for 2018, and the ELDoNA Colloquium in January.

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—Ad te levavi, The First Sunday in Advent

Old Testament Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-18

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1-9

December 6th—The Festival of St. Nicholas of Myra, Bishop and Confessor

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-12

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 12:35-40

December 10th—Populus Sion, The Second Sunday in Advent

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 4:1-7

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 21:25-36

An Excerpt from Martin Luther’s Sermons

“This Gospel encourages and demands faith, or it pre-figures Christ coming with grace, and none may receive or accept save he who believes Him to be the Man, and has the mind, as this Gospel portrays in Christ. Nothing but the mercy, tenderness and kindness of Christ are here shown, and he who so receives and believes on Him is saved. He sits not upon a proud steed, an animal of war, nor does He come in great pomp and power, but sitting upon an ass, an animal of peace fit only for burdens and labor and a help to man. He indicates by this that He

AD TE LEVAVI

December 3rd, 2017



Introit

P: TO YOU, - | O Lord, I lift | up | my | soul. *

C: O my God, | I | **trust** - | in | You;

P: || Let me not | be | a- | shamed; *

C: Let not my enemies tri- | umph - | o- - | ver | me.

P: || Let no one who | waits | on | You *

C: Be | — | a- - | sham- | ed. (*Psalm 25:1-3a*)

P: || Show me Your | ways, | O | Lord; *

C: Teach | — | **me** - | Your | paths.

P: || For You are the God of my | sal- | va- | tion; *

C: On You I | wait | **all** - | the | day.

P: || Let integrity and uprightness | pre- | serve | me, *

C: For | I | **wait** - | for | You.

P: || Redeem Isra- | el, | O | God, *

C: Out of | all | **their** - | trou- | bles. (*Psalm 25:4, 5b, 21-22*)

GLORIA PATRI (From hymnal)

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

C: O my God, | I | **trust** - | in | You;

P: || Let me not | be | a- | shamed; *

C: Let not my enemies tri- | umph - | o- - | ver | me.

P: || Let no one who | waits | on | You *

C: Be | — | a- - | sham- | ed. (*Psalm 25:1-3a*)

Collect

Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for Beginning of the Church Year

Almighty Lord God, Who by Thy grace hast this day permitted us to enter into a new Church Year, we beseech Thee to pour upon Thy Church Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edification of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee and in the confession of Thy Name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Gradual

P: || Let no one who | waits | on | You *

C: Be | a- | **shamed**, - | O | Lord

P: || Show me Your | ways, | O | Lord; *

C: Teach | — | **me** - | Your | paths. (*Psalm 25:3a, 4*)

Verse

P: || Al- | le- | lu- | ia! *

C: Al- | — | **le**- | lu- | ia!

P: || Show us Your | mer- | cy, | Lord, *

C: And grant us Your salvation. | Al- | **le**- | lu- | ia! (*Psalm 85:7*)

Jeremiah 33:14-18

¹⁴ “Behold, the days are coming,” says the LORD, “that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” ¹⁷ For thus says the LORD: “David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel; ¹⁸ nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a man to offer burnt offerings before Me, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice continually.”

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

St. Matthew 21:1-9

¹ Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. ³ And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” ⁴ All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: ⁵ “Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” ⁶ So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. ⁸ And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!”

TLH 57 “O Bride of Christ, Rejoice”

Unknown Danish author, about 1600

1. O Bride of Christ, rejoice;
Exultant raise thy voice
To hail the day of glory
Foretold in sacred story.
Hosanna, praise, and glory!
Our King, we bow before Thee.

2. Let shouts of gladness rise
Triumphant to the skies.
Now comes the King most glorious
To reign o'er all victorious.
Hosanna, praise, and glory!
Our King, we bow before Thee.

3. He wears no kingly crown,
Yet as a King is known;
Tho' not arrayed in splendor,
He still makes death surrender.
Hosanna, praise, and glory!
Our King, we bow before Thee.

4. The weak and timid find
How meek He is and kind;
To them He gives a treasure
Of bliss beyond all measure.
Hosanna, praise, and glory!
Our King, we bow before Thee.

5. Thy heart now open wide,
Bid Christ with thee abide.
He graciously will hear thee
And be forever near thee.
Hosanna, praise, and glory!
Our King, we bow before Thee.

6. Then go thy Lord to meet;
Strew palm-leaves at His feet;
Thy garments spread before Him
And honor and adore Him.
Hosanna, praise, and glory!
Our King, we bow before Thee.

7. E'en babes with one accord
With thee shall praise the Lord
And every Gentile nation
Respond with exultation:
Hosanna, praise, and glory!
Our King, we bow before Thee. Amen.

TLH 95 “Savior of the Nations, Come”

St. Ambrose, died 397; German version, Martin Luther, 1524

1. Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O Heav'n and Earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2. Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
Of the Virgin undefiled!
Tho' by all the world disowned,
Still to be in Heav'n enthroned.

4. From the Father forth He came
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell—
High the song of triumph swell!

5. Thou, the Father's only Son,
Hast o'er sin the victory won.
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be;
When shall we its glories see?

6. Brightly doth Thy manger shine,
Glorious is its light divine.
Let not sin o'ercloud this light;
Ever be our faith thus bright.

Δ 7. Praise to God the Father sing,
Praise to God the Son, our King,
Praise to God the Spirit be
Ever and eternally. Amen.

TLH 58 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee” (Second Tune)

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

1. O Lord, how shall I meet Thee,
How welcome Thee aright?
Thy people long to greet Thee,
My Hope, my heart's Delight!
O kindle, Lord, most holy,
Thy lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please Thee best.

2. Thy Zion strews before Thee
Green boughs and fairest palms,

And I, too, will adore Thee
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For Thee with praises new
And from Thy name shall never
Withhold the honor due.

3. I lay in fetters, groaning,
Thou com'st to set me free;
I stood, my shame bemoaning,
Thou com'st to honor me;
A glory Thou dost give me,
A treasure safe on high,
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.

4. Love caused Thy incarnation,
Love brought Thee down to me;
Thy thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling,
That led Thee to embrace,
In love all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race!

5. Rejoice, then, ye sad-hearted,
Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed
And tremble at your doom.
Despair not, He is near you,
Yea, standing at the door,
Who best can help and cheer you
And bids you weep no more.

6. Ye need not toil nor languish
Nor ponder day and night
How in the midst of anguish
Ye draw Him by your might.
He comes, He comes all willing,
Moved by His love alone,
Your woes and troubles stilling;
For all to Him are known.

7. Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for men procuring
The peace of sin forgiven,
For all God's sons securing
Their heritage in Heaven.

8. What though the foes be raging,
Heed not their craft and spite;

Your Lord, the battle waging,
Will scatter all their might.
He comes, a King most glorious,
And all His earthly foes
In vain His course victorious
Endeavor to oppose.

9. He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A Light of consolations
And blessed Hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Thy beams most cheering,
An guide us safely home. Amen.

TLH 73 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (Third Tune)

Georg Weissel, 1642

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of Glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near,
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring,
Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now,
Creator, wise art Thou!

2. A Helper just He comes to thee,
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Wherefore the Earth is glad and sings:
We praise Thee, Savior, now,
Mighty in deed art Thou!

3. O blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the Ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless Sun of joy He is,
Who bringeth pure delight and bliss.
We praise Thee, Spirit, now,
Our Comforter art Thou!

4. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for Heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sovereign enter in
And new and nobler life begin.

To Thee, O God, be praise
For word and deed and grace!

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel,
Thy grace and love in me reveal;
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy Name. Amen.