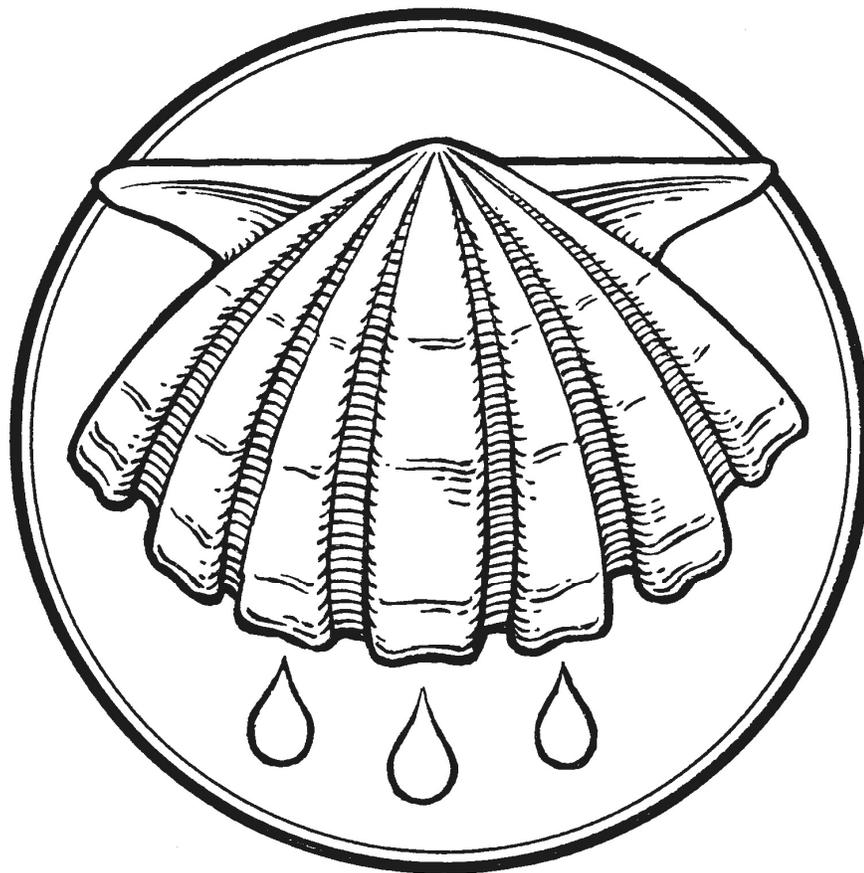
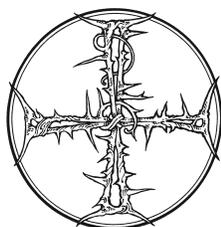


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**
Almighty
God, Kings of
Kings, who
has called us
into a King-
dom not of
this world;
send forth,
we pray, Thy
Spirit unto
the dark habi-
tations of
guilt and
woe. Commit
Thy Word, O
Lord, to faith-
ful witnesses,
that Thy
Kingdom
may speedily
come and
Thy will be
done on earth
as it is in
heaven.

Amen

~ *John Hus*
1369-1415



The Second Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2017 + 9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. God is building a kingdom among you, and He builds it through the new birth of water, Spirit, and the Word. So says our Lord Jesus to a man named Nicodemus in today's gospel. Our first birth is not enough; it simply delivers us into this world. The new birth, the birth from above, transfers us into the world yet to come. Even so do we pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done" in the Lord's Prayer, praying for the conversion of the whole world.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Sally Christoffersen in memory of Dale Christoffersen, who would have been age 76 on March 9, and passed away five years ago on March 15.
- Flowers do not adorn the chancel during the penitential season of Lent.
- The sponsor charts for 2017 for Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up. There are many open dates for you to sponsor. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

The Hymns of the Day in Lent

Question: What do the following hymns have in common:

A Mighty Fortress

Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart

May God Bestow on Us His Grace

God Loved the World

My Song is Love Unknown

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth?

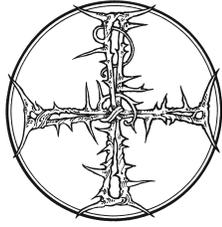
Answer: They are traditional "Hymns of the Day" (HOD) appointed for each Sunday in Lent.

The HOD is a part of the liturgy that Lutherans created, making it a distinctive contribution to our church. The Lutheran reformers began prescribing these hymns in the 1500s to provide commentary on the Scripture readings — they were even a matter of state law!

HODs are not merely a sermon hymn or a paraphrase of the Gospel reading, but they seek to proclaim the whole message of the day, much like the rest of the "propers" (changeable parts of the service like the Introit, Collect, and Psalm). Many of these hymns are Lutheran chorales. As you sing today's HOD, contemplate how it unpacks for you another theme of our Lenten journey.

Announcements

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers after worship.



PRELUDE

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

... J. S. Bach and Johann Gottfried Walther

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel. Silence for reflection.

We start worship at the font because that's where the Christian life starts: union with Jesus in His death and resurrection. We bury our sin there, where it belongs, and then we take the long way to the altar, because that long way is part of the Christian life, too: a sometimes long and challenging journey to the Lord's day, the Lord's feast. We chant as we go, even as we pray and rejoice on the journey, trusting that God is with us.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you, of your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please stand.

INTROIT

P: He remembers his covenant for'ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener'ations.

C: Seek the LORD 'and his strength;*
seek his presence con'tinually!

P: Remember the wondrous works that 'he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he 'uttered,

C: O offspring of Abraham, his 'servant,*
children of Jacob, his 'chosen ones!

P: He is the 'LORD our God;*
his judgments are in 'all the earth.

**C: Glory to the Father, and 'to the Son,*
and to the 'Holy Spirit;
as it was in 'the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen**

P: He remembers his covenant for'ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener'ations.

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to
the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy
Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.

We who celebrate Lent do more than pass from winter into spring. We acknowledge the passage from death into life. We recognize that we are truly dust, and we receive the ashes of Lent. At the same time, we also affirm that we live because of a death – because of a death and resurrection in which we share through Baptism

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . O God, you see that of ourselves we have no strength. By your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 12:1-9

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

The Choir/L sings the Antiphon the first time.

Antiphon:



It is the LORD who watch-es o-ver you.

Choir/ I lift up my eyes 'to the hills;*

L: from where is my 'help to come?

**C: My help comes 'from the LORD,*
the maker of heav'en and earth.**

Choir/ He will not let your 'foot be moved*

L: and he who watches over you will not 'fall asleep.

**C: Behold, he who keeps watch 'over Israel*
shall neither slum'ber nor sleep;**

C: Antiphon:



It is the LORD who watch-es o-ver you.

Choir/ the LORD himself watches 'over you;*

L: the LORD is your shade at 'your right hand,

**C: so that the sun shall not strike 'you by day,*
nor the 'moon by night.**

Choir/ The LORD shall preserve you 'from all evil;*

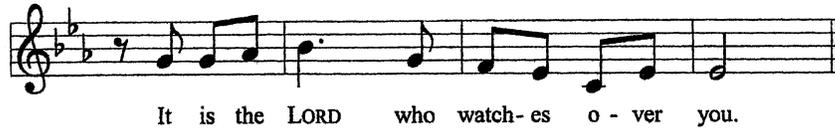
L: it is he who shall 'keep you safe.

**C: The LORD shall watch over your going out and your 'coming in,*
from this time forth for'evermore.**

*. . . . And so,
during Lent we
do what bap-
tized people
do. We spend
the forty days
preparing
those to be
baptized at
Easter, and we
take time to
prepare our-
selves to re-
new our bap-
tismal prom-
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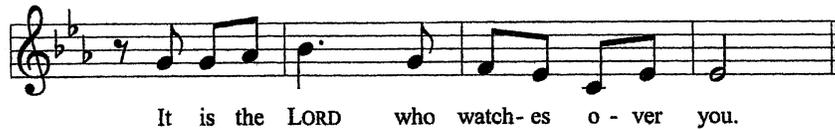
*~ Sundays and
Seasons:
Lent*

C: Antiphon:



**All: Glory to the Father, and 'to the Son,*
and to the 'Holy Spirit;
as it was in 'the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen**

C: Antiphon:



EPISTLE Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." ¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring— not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares

the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations" – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
stead - fast love, and a-bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh,

What is the kingdom of God? Answer: simply what we heard in the Creed, namely, that God sent His Son, Christ our Lord, into the world to redeem and deliver us from the power of the devil, to bring us to himself, and to rule us as a king of righteousness, life, and salvation against sin, death, and an evil conscience. To this end He also gave His Holy Spirit to deliver this to us through His holy Word and to enlighten and strengthen us in faith by His power . . .

and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the ✠ resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart” green hymnal #325

SERMON “The Lord’s Prayer, Part II”

P: What is the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer?

C: **Thy kingdom come.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

P: How does God’s kingdom come?

C: **God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.**

P: What is the third petition of the Lord’s Prayer?

C: **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

P: How is God’s will done?

C: **God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.**

Please kneel.

... “The coming of God’s kingdom to us” takes place in two ways: first, it comes here, in time, through the Word and faith, and second, in eternity, it comes through the final revelation. Now, we ask for both of these things: that it may come to those who are not yet in it and that, by daily growth here and in eternal life hereafter it may come to us.

*~ Luther,
The Large Catechism*

Because God is God, He claims the honor of giving far more abundantly and liberally than anyone can comprehend – like an eternal, inexhaustible fountain He desires nothing more from us than that we ask many and great things of Him. And, on the contrary, He is angered if we do not ask and demand with confidence.

*~ Luther,
The Large
Catechism*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

P: . . . let us pray to the Lord,

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

VOLUNTARY

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

... Paul Manz

Please stand.

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who by your tender love gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. May we who now receive his body and blood be filled with the strength to take up our cross and follow him.

C: Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

*~ John
6:53-55*

SANCTUS ("Holy")

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

ACCLAMATION

P: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen

Please be seated.

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body

*[Jesus said,]
"Whoever eats
my flesh and
drinks my
blood remains
in me, and I in
them. Just as
the living Fa-
ther sent me
and I live be-
cause of the
Father, so the
one who feeds
on me will live
because of me.
This is the
bread that came
down from
heaven."
~ John
6:56-58*

and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

CHORAL MEDITATION (9:00 a.m.)

“Panis Angelicus”

... Cesar Franck

Oh, may the bread of angels
be made into the bread of mankind.
The bread of heaven
brings all foreshadowing to an end.
O wondrous thing!
The poor, the poor,
the lowly and the humble,
feast on the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” green hymnal #107

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



That life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures Ev - er may your work e - rase;

Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
 Is my life, my hope's foun-da-tion, All my glo-ry and sal - va - tion!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

A - men

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

... Walter L. Pelz & Michael D. Costello

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

**A Prayer
as You Go**

Guide us
waking, O
Lord, and
guard us
sleeping,
that awake
we may
watch with
Christ and
asleep we
may rest in
peace.
Amen

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: (9:00) Zion Kantorei

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Ryan Fernstaedt

Lector: (9:00) Keith Glasel

(11:00) Paul Henning

Acolyte: (9:00) Olivia Fernstaedt

(11:00) Mitch Steinke

Elder: (9:00) Dick Ames

(11:00) Adam Holzschuh

Ushers: (9:00) Marty and Janet Dettmering;

Gary and Sue Wolslegel

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

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(11:00) Gary Gisselman; Donna Nuernberg; Joe Pinzl

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