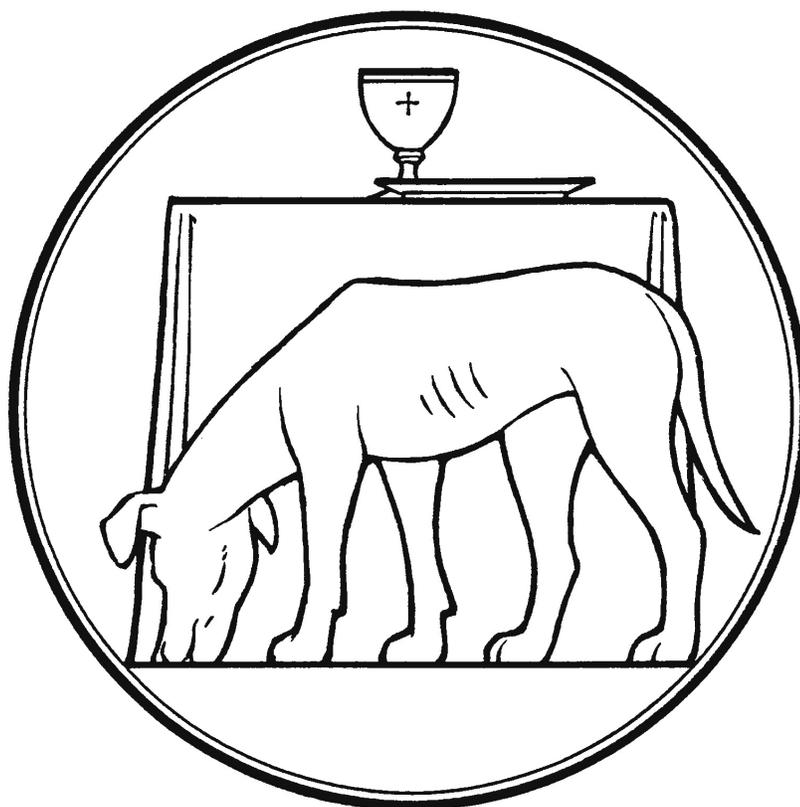


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Lord God,
you are near
to all who call
in you in
truth. You
are yourself
the Truth,
and to know
you is perfect
knowledge.
Instruct us
with your di-
vine wisdom
and teach us
your Word
that we may
know the
truth and
walk in it
through Jesus
Christ our
Lord. Amen

~ *Christian
Prayers after
Augustine*



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." So says a woman to our Lord in today's gospel. Our Master has a table, and its bounty overflows. We are gathered today to eat and drink at the table, and we come, not demanding our place, but grateful to have a place, to receive whatever our Master gives. Graciously, He gives the best gift, far more than crumbs: He gives Himself, the very body and blood given into death for our sins and raised for our salvation. You are children at the table of Your Father!

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Lorinda Boelter by Karen and Richard Merlau.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Rob and Kelly Kittel in thanksgiving for their 28th wedding anniversary on August 19.
- The sponsor charts for 2017 for Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

A Welcome for Those With Young Children

This house is your children's home, too. Relax and enjoy your time here:

- Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please consider sitting towards the front where your children can easily see the worship leaders, hear the words, note the colors, wonder about some of the images up there, and embrace the action at the altar.
- As we go along, softly explain the liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in with their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And also with you! I believe! Our Father!* All of that belongs to them, too.
- Be sure to sing and pray your parts as you stand and kneel and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. There is a nursery downstairs for those who would like to use it, but like Jesus, we want your children in the liturgy, not out. *Let the little children come unto me.* (Luke 18:16).
- If you need help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend a hand.

Announcements

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



PRELUDE

Partita on Darwall's 148th ("Before You, Lord, We Bow")
... Charles Callahan

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: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

To be baptized in God's name [Father, Son, and Holy Spirit] is to be baptized not by human beings but by God himself. Although it is performed by human hands, it is nevertheless truly God's own act. From this fact everyone can easily conclude that it is of much greater value than the work of any human being or saint. For what human work can possibly be greater than God's work?
~ Martin Luther,
Large Catechism

The Christian religion says: "You are a lost and condemned sinner; you cannot be your own Savior. But do not despair on that account. There is One who has acquired salvation for you. Christ has opened the portals of heaven to you and says to you: "Come, for all things are ready . . .

have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Before You, Lord, We Bow" green hymnal #401

THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

... Come to the marriage of the Lamb." That is the reason, too, why Christ says: "I heal the sick, not them that are whole. I am come to seek and save that which was lost. I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."
~ C.F.W. Walter, The Proper Distinction between Law and Gospel, 1884-1885 A.D.

The freedom we have in Christ is not a civil freedom and cannot be described in a declaration of rights. It is the freedom to be God's children in spite of our sins and in spite of the corruption in our human nature. It is a wonderful freedom of conscience, a joyful conviction that we are accepted by God. As God's free and happy children, we may use in liberty his good gifts and be just the individuals we were intended to be by the Creator

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

☞ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting Father, you give your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of

prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." ⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

L: May God be merciful to 'us and bless us,*
show us the light of his countenance, and 'come to us.

C: **Let your ways be known 'upon earth,*
your saving health a'mong all nations.**

L: Let the peoples praise 'you, O God;*
let all the 'peoples praise you.

C: **Let the nations be glad and 'sing for joy,*
for you judge the peoples with equity |
and guide all the nations 'upon earth.**

L: Let the peoples praise 'you, O God;*
let all the 'peoples praise you.

C: **The earth has brought 'forth her increase;*
may God, our own God give 'us his blessing.**

L: May God give 'us his blessing,*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in 'awe of him.

**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**

EPISTLE Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

... We are
made free for
the true life he
intended us to
live: a life of
loving service .
... The limit
to our Chris-
tian freedom is
the fact that
we live in a
fallen world.
Freedom in
Christ means
slavery for the
flesh. For the
sake of our
weak brethren,
we often have
to abstain from
using our free-
dom. But in
the resurrec-
tion and in the
world to come,
we will to-
gether with all
God's creation
"obtain the
glorious lib-
erty of the chil-
dren of
God" (Rom.
8:21).
~ Swedish
Bishop Bo
H. Giertz,
The Freedom
We Have in
Christ

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²¹And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer

Our daughter
was just en-
tering her
teen years at
this time.

Mother-
daughter ten-
sion was in-
creasing in
our home. I
bought a male
Australian
shepherd dog
to try and
balance the
atmosphere.

Then we neu-
tered him.

Tension in
the home was
very high.

Nothing,
however,
helped more

to remind us
of our unity
as Christians

than receiv-
ing Christ's
body and
blood together

in the Sacra-
ment. There,
together on

our knees at
the altar, we
are united

with the lar-
ger commun-
ion of saints .

..

Please kneel.

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: . . . Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

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

“When in the Hour of Deepest Need” . . . Johann Michael Bach

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



☞ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the

hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
 give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

. . . “angels and archangels and all the company of heaven” as well as all those Christians living today who confess the one true faith. We receive a Savior Who ever lives to intercede for us and for our family. Our faith in Christ is increased. That is always needful, but especially so during the teen years. Communion now is the highlight of the service for all of us. This is a good and proper focus for a Christian family. ~ Craig Par-ton, The Defense Never Rests: A Lawyer’s Quest for the Gospel

And let me make it quite clear that when Christians say the Christ-life is in them, they do not mean simply something mental or moral. When they speak of being 'in Christ' or of Christ being 'in them', this is not simply a way of saying that they are thinking about Christ or copying Him. They mean that Christ is actually operating through them; that the whole mass of Christians are the physical organism through which Christ acts – that we are His fingers and muscles, the cells of His body

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

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: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

□ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 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.

*. . . . And perhaps that explains one or two things. It explains why this new life is spread not only by purely mental acts like belief, but by bodily acts like baptism and Holy Communion. There is no good in trying to be more spiritual than God. God never meant man to be a purely spiritual creature. That is why He uses material things like bread and wine to put the new life into us. God does it: He invented eating. He likes matter. He invented it.
~ C.S. Lewis, 1898-1963 A.D.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Jesus Shall Reign” green hymnal #530

“O Bread of Life from Heaven” green hymnal #222

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



☞ A - men

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Duke Street" ("Jesus Shall Reign")

... Gilbert M. Martin

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Jan Gaugush

(11:00) Dave Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Ryan Fernstaedt

Acolyte: (9:00) Asa Rich

(11:00) Nathan Contreras

Elder: (9:00) Craig Zastrow

(11:00) Karla Westcott

Ushers: (9:00) Mark Gehrke; Jane Janz; Grace Mueller;

Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Ruth Hochberger; Joe Pinzl; Steve Zeinemann

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

Altar Guild: Marge Gausewitz; Pam Hoppe

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A Prayer

As You Go

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, refresh me; water from the side of Christ, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; within Your wounds hide me; never let me be separated from You; from the malicious enemy defend me; in the hour of my death call me, and bid me come to You that with Your saints I may praise You for all eternity.

Amen

~ *Soul of Christ,
The Daily
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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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