

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Lord, take
my heart,
for I cannot
give it to you.

And when
you have it,
keep it, for I
would not
take it from
you.

For Christ's
sake. Amen

~ *Francois de
Salignac
de La Mothe-
Fenelon,
1651-1715
A.D.*



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2017 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. Is the truth compelling enough to die for? That is what Jesus is presenting to His disciples, and to us, in the Gospel of St. Matthew. The horrible image of the cross shows us that it is only in Jesus, died and raised, that sin, death, and the devil may truly be subdued. We have but one life, one truth, one faith in our Lord Jesus Christ who does not give His life in obedience to the will of the Father so that we may reap earthly benefits, but so that we may share in His life eternal. Thus sharing in the life that He gives out of His abundant mercy, we are free to rest in His grace.

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- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in special memory of Pearl Tranetzki, their wonderful, loving, and caring mother, who passed away in September 2016, by her children Tom Tranetzki and Polly Ann Nemec.
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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

Three Interpretations of "Old Hundredth"

... Benjamin M. Culli and John A. Behnke

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, 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 Jehovah’s Awesome Throne” green hymnal #531

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.

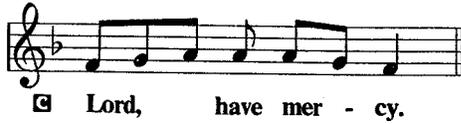
KYRIE

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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

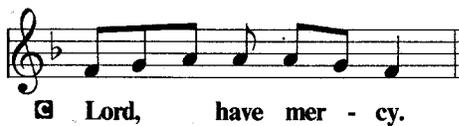
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



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

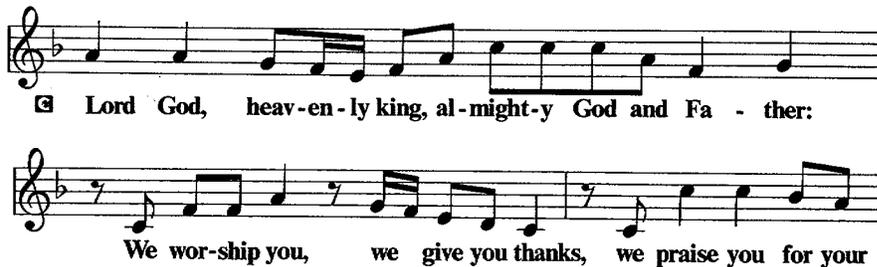


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

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



*When Christ
calls a man,
he bids him
come and die.*

*~ Dietrich
Bonhoeffer
"The Cost
of Disciple-
ship,"
1937 A.D.*

*The law says,
"do this," and
it is never
done. Grace
says, "believe
this," and
everything is
already done.*

*~ Martin
Luther,
Heidelberg
Disputa-
tion,
1518 A.D.*

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
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 God, your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow him wherever he leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

For it is most certain that in the preaching of repentance, the proclamation of the law, which only terrorizes and condemns consciences, is not enough. It is also necessary to add the gospel, namely, that sins are freely remitted on account of Christ and that we receive forgiveness of sins by faith...

*~ Philip Melancthon
(The Apology [Ap IV: 252B] 1531 A.D.)*

He could not forget his mercy; he continually regards this as an aid to him, because he always sets before his eyes the kindnesses that have been bestowed... "In your truth" means "In your Christ," for he says, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Otherwise he cannot be pleasing to the Lord unless he has been strengthened by such belief.

*~ Cassiodorus,
519 A.D.*

PSALM 26

L: Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived 'with integrity;*
I have trusted in the Lord and 'have not faltered.

Test me, O 'LORD, and try me;*
examine my heart 'and my mind.

**C: For your love is be'fore my eyes;*
I have walked faith'fully with you.**

**I have not sat 'with the worthless,*
nor do I consort with 'the deceitful.**

L: I have hated the company of 'evildoers;*
I will not sit down 'with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in inno'cence, O LORD,*
that I may go in procession 'round your altar,

**C: singing aloud a song 'of thanksgiving*
and recounting all your won'derful deeds.**

**LORD, I love the house in 'which you dwell*
and the place where your glo'ry abides.**

L: Do not sweep me a'way with sinners,*
nor my life with those who 'thirst for blood,

whose hands are full of 'evil plots,*
and their right hand 'full of bribes.

C: As for me, I will live 'with integrity;*
redeem me, O LORD, and have pit'y on me.

My foot stands on 'level ground;*
in the full assembly I will 'bless the LORD.

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 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

If you are a preacher of grace, then preach grace that is true and not fictitious; if grace is true, you must be a true and not a fictitious sinner. God does not have fictitious sinner...This world is not the dwelling place of righteousness, but as Peter says, we look for a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells...

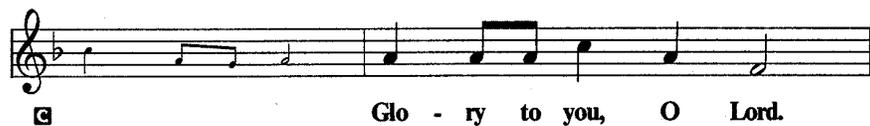
VERSE



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 16th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“ ‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” green hymnal #455

SERMON

“Strange Discipleship”

Please kneel.

...Do you think that the price that was paid for the redemption of our sins by so great and such a Lamb was so small (that sin could tear us away from him)?

~ Martin Luther, in a letter to Philip Melancthon, 1521 A.D.

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

“ ‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake” . . . Paul Bouman

Please stand.

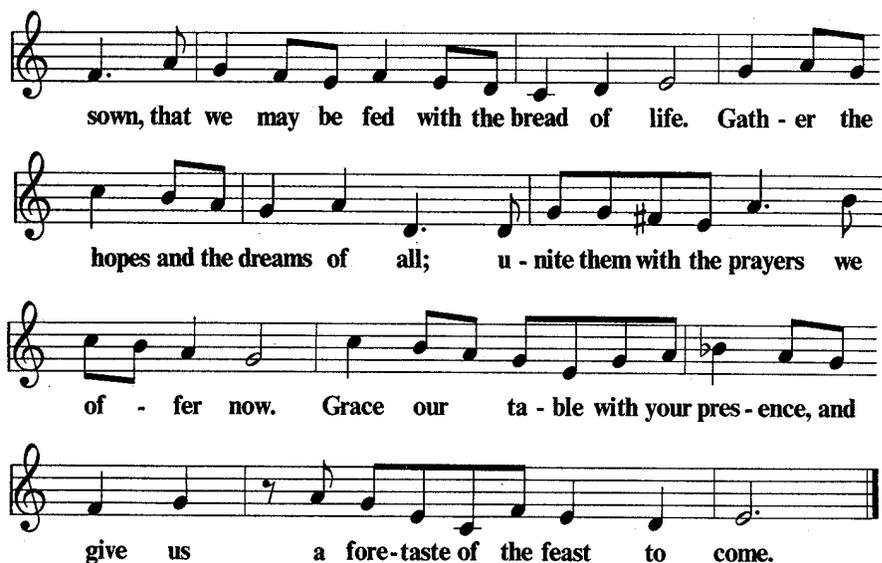
OFFERTORY



☐ 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

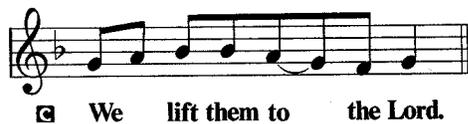
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☞ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☞ We lift them to the Lord.

For here stands the Word of God: "You have died!" (Col 3:3). A Shocking development! Not that you will die. It's already past tense: you have died. And there is nothing to do about that now. It's over. Nor is it that you ought to die, perhaps in some spiritual sense. It's not a project to be undertaken. It's and accomplished fact. It only wants announcing...

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... But there
is a promise.
When
Christ, who is
our life, ap-
pears, then
you too will
at last appear
with him in
Glory! Not
bad for one
who has died.

~ Sermon
from Pr.
Gerhard
Forde

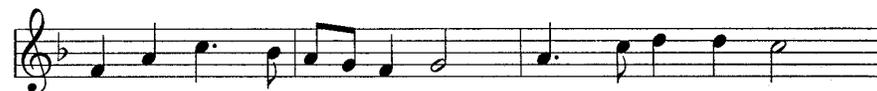
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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:

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 paschal mystery is not a cold and lifeless representation of the events of the past, or a simple and bare record of a former age. It is rather Christ himself who is ever living in his church. Here he continues that journey of immense mercy which he began in his mortal life...with the design of bringing people to know his mysteries and in a way live by them. These mysteries are ever present and active.

~Mediator Dei

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 our 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.

The word of the first and the last, who died and came to life: "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

~ Revelation 2:8, 10

COMMUNION HYMNS

"I Come, O Savior, To Your Table" green hymnal #213

"With the Lord Begin Your Task" green hymnal #444

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



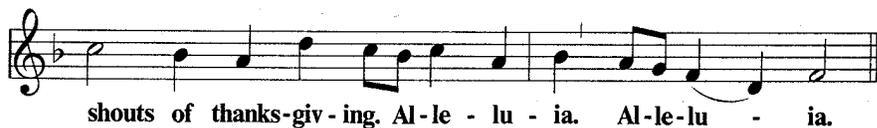
☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



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



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.



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“With the Lord Begin Your Task” ... Michael Burkhardt

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

**A Prayer
 As You Go**
 Merciful Father, since you have given your only Son as the sacrifice for our sin, give us also the grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 Amen

Serving at Worship

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Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Samantha Pinzl

(11:00) Robert Steffen

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Olivia Fernstaedt

(11:00) Mara Stahl

Elder: (9:00) Craig Zastrow

(11:00) Adam Holzschuh

Ushers: (9:00) Adele Blair; Donald Budnik;

Fred Fenhaus; Robb Halverson

(11:00) Al Lippert; Wayne Reuter; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Grace Mueller; Joe Pinzl

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

Altar Guild: Bonnie Waack

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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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