

**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Father, let your gifts continue to grow in us, drawing us from death to faith, hope, and love. Keep us alive in Christ Jesus. Guide your Church by your governance, that it may walk according to your will. Amen



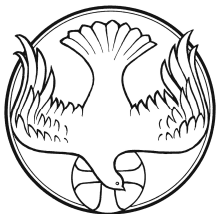
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**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 9, 2017 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** A yoke lays over an animal's neck and binds him to another animal. In today's gospel, Jesus calls His disciple to be yoked to Him, promising that such binding brings comfort and rest. As children find freedom in the security of a parent's love, or citizens find safety within the protections of a nation's laws, so do Christians find their freedom within the grace and care of Jesus Christ. Through Him, we are children of our Father in heaven and citizens of His eternal kingdom.



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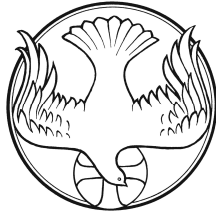
## **A Welcome for Those With Young Children**

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

Four Miniatures on “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”  
... Irene Beethe; Michael Burkhardt;  
Stephen R. Johnson; Emma Lou Diemer

## 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.*

*Children's play seems in many ways a kind of anticipation of life, a rehearsal for later life, without its burdens and gravity. In similar fashion, the liturgy would be a reminder that we are all children, or should be children, in relation to that true life toward which we yearn to go. Liturgy would be a kind of anticipation, a rehearsal, a prelude for the life to come, for eternal life, woven, no longer of exigency and need, but of the freedom of generosity and gift . . . .*

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. . . . Seen  
thus, liturgy  
would be the  
rediscovery  
within us of  
true child-  
hood, of open-  
ness to a  
greatness still  
to come,  
which is still  
unfulfilled in  
adult life.  
Here, then,  
would be the  
concrete form  
of hope,  
which lives in  
advance the  
life to come,  
the only true  
life, which  
initiates us  
into authentic  
life – the life  
of freedom, of  
intimate un-  
ion with God,  
of pure open-  
ness to our  
fellowman . . .

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

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” green hymnal #269

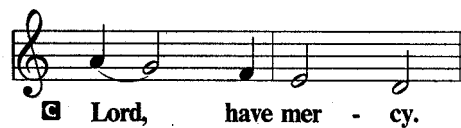
### THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.



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

## GLORIA

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

*... Thus it would imprint on the seemingly real life of daily existence the mark of future freedom, break open the walls that confine us, and let the light of heaven shine down upon earth.*

*~ Joseph Ratzinger, The Spirit of the Liturgy*

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

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your salvation; 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.*

## CHORAL RESPONSE

“He Shall Give His Angels Charge Over Thee”

... Donald Busarow

## OLD TESTAMENT Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 145:1-15

L: I will exalt you, O 'God my king,\*  
and bless your name forev'er and ever.

**C: Every day 'will I bless you\*  
and praise your name forev'er and ever.**

L: Great is the LORD and greatly 'to be praised;\*  
there is no end 'to his greatness.

**C: One generation shall praise your works 'to another\*  
and shall de'clare your power.**

*Christianity is a historical religion – historical in the very special sense that its entire revelational content is wedded to historical manifestations of Divine power. The pivot of Christian theology is the biblical affirmation that “the Word became flesh” (John 1:14): God Himself came to earth – entered man’s empirical sphere – in Jesus Christ.  
~ John Warwick Montgomery,  
The Suicide of Christian Theology*

L: I will ponder the glorious splendor 'of your majesty\*  
and all your 'marvelous works.

**C: They shall speak of the might of your 'wondrous acts,\*  
and I will tell 'of your greatness.**

L: They shall publish the remembrance of 'your great goodness;\*  
they shall sing of your 'righteous deeds.

**C: The LORD is gracious and full 'of compassion,\*  
slow to anger and 'of great kindness.**

L: The LORD is loving to 'everyone\*  
and his compassion is over 'all his works.

**C: All your works praise 'you, O LORD,\*  
and your faithful 'servants bless you.**

L: They make known the glory 'of your kingdom\*  
and speak 'of your power;

**C: that the peoples may know 'of your power\*  
and the glorious splendor 'of your kingdom.**

L: Your kingdom is an ever'lasting kingdom;\*  
your dominion endures through'out all ages.

**C: The LORD is faithful in 'all his words\*  
and merciful in 'all his deeds.**

L: The LORD upholds all 'those who fall;\*  
he lifts up those who 'are bowed down.

**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 7:14-25a

<sup>14</sup>For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**VERSE**

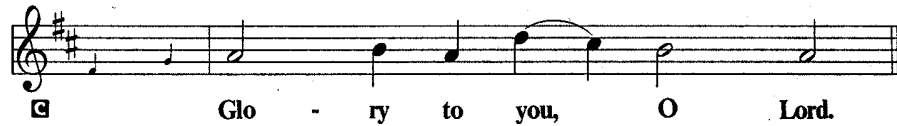
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*You're not right. You haven't done right. You've got a history you can't tell. But in Jesus Christ, God says, that's alright. He has freed us from the suffocating burden of self-generated righteousness. He looks down from the cross, the one upon which we nailed Him, and says, "Sisters and brothers, I love you still."*

*~ William Willimon, Dean of the Chapel, Duke University February 16, 1997 A.D.*

## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.



<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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  $\times$  resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*Please be seated.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come  
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be -  
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I

un - to me and rest; Lay down, O wea - ry  
 hold, I free - ly give The liv - ing wa - ter,  
 am this dark world's light; Look un - to me, your

one, lay down Your head up - on my breast." I  
 thirst - y one; Stoop down and drink and live." I  
 morn shall rise, And all your day be bright." I

came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and  
 came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing  
 looked to Je - sus, and I found In him my star, my

sad; I found in him a rest - ing -  
 stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul re -  
 sun; And in that light of life I'll

place, and he has made me glad.  
 lived, And now I live in him.  
 walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

Now, the Lord makes this word, "Amen," one of His own names in the Revelation [3:14], throwing back a new character upon His frequent use of it and giving it a sort of appropriation of 2 Cor 1:20, when He calls Himself "The Amen, the faithful and true Witness." He thus makes it infinitely dear to Christians.

~ Cyprian,  
200-258  
A.D.,  
Elucidation  
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## SERMON

"Me, Me, Me"

*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.*

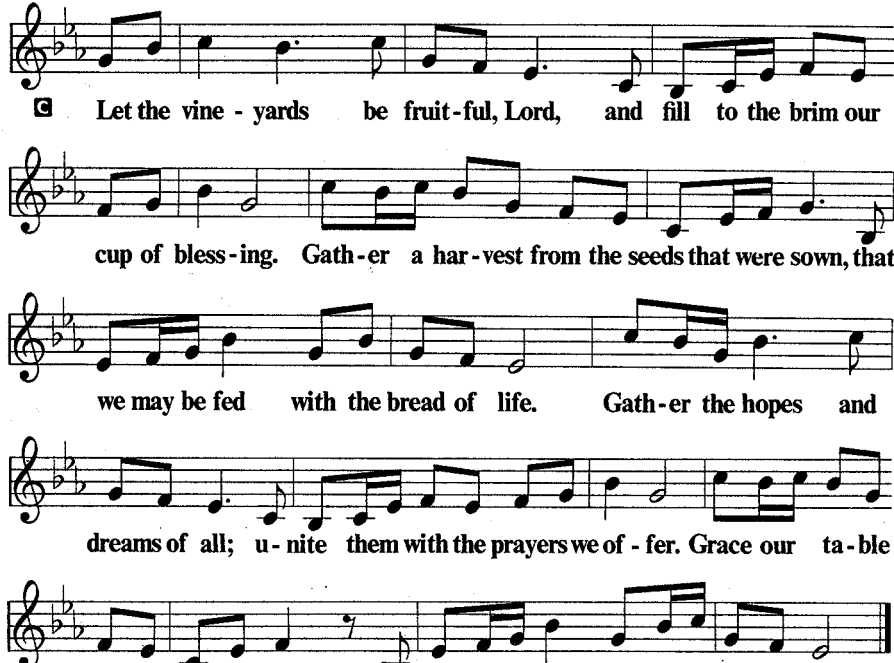
## VOLUNTARY

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

... Charles W. Ore

*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  
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. 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.

Musical notation for the first phrase: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

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

□ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Musical notation for the second phrase: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

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, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. 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.

Musical notation for the Sanctus: Treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4.

## 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:

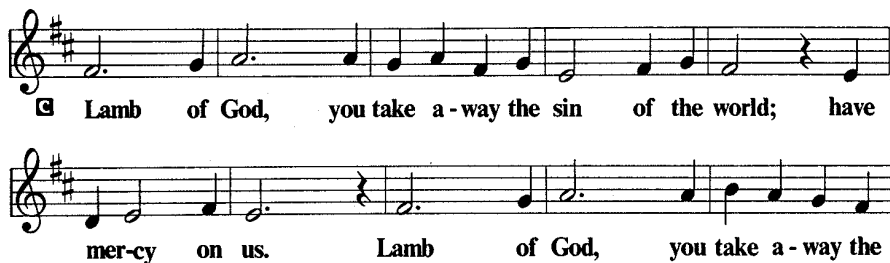
**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

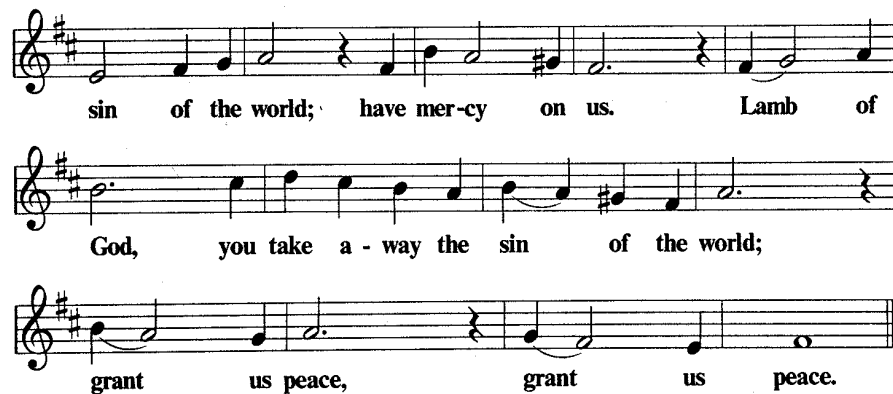


**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have**  
**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the**

*In this sacrament He offers us all the treasure He brought from heaven for us, to which He most graciously invites us in other places, as when He says in Matt. 11:28, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will refresh you." Surely it is a sin and a shame that, when He tenderly and faithfully summons and exhorts us to our highest and greatest good, we act so distantly toward it, neglecting it so long that we grow quite cold and callous and lose all desire and love for it.*  
~ Martin Luther,  
Large Catechism

For we do not receive these things as common bread nor common drink; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Savior having been incarnate by God's logos took both flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food blessed through the word of prayer that is from Him, from which our blood and flesh are nourished by transformation, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who became incarnate.

~ Justin  
Martyr,  
100-165  
A.D.,  
First  
Apology



*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 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.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

“What Feast of Love” blue hymnal #701

“O Jesus, I Have Promised” green hymnal #503



*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 ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice 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

**A Prayer  
As You Go**

O taste and  
see how  
good the  
Lord is, Al-  
leluia!

Bless the  
Lord in the  
heavens,  
Alleluia!

Bless Him in  
the highest,  
Alleluia!

Bless Him,  
all ye angels  
of His, Alle-  
luia!

Bless Him,  
all His hosts,  
Alleluia!

Thee only, O  
Jesus, do we  
bless, with  
the Father  
and the  
most Holy  
Spirit, now  
and for ever.  
Amen

**BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



**SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

“Trumpet Voluntary in D Major”

... John Stanley

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**

*To God alone be glory*

## **Serving at Worship**

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Soloist: Katie Butitta

Lector: (9:00) Bill Metter

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Keith Glasel

Acolyte: (9:00) Zack Madden

(11:00) Nathan Contreras

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:

(9:00) Rob Kittel; Bill Metter; Joe Pinzl

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg; Joe Pinzl; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Janet Dettmering

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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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