

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**
Almighty
God, we be-
seech thee
through Jesus
Christ to
heartily grant
us your Holy
Spirit, that he
may quicken
our hearts by
your saving
Word and
lead us to all
truth and
sanctify us
unto everlast-
ing life.

*~The Brother-
hood Prayer
Book*



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 16, 2017 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. God pours out His Holy Word to His people and saturates our hearts with its nourishing grace. But this Word does not return empty; rather, it wells up in all God's people and is delivered in glorious praise of thanksgiving through Jesus Christ our Lord. By the Holy Spirit, God grows his kingdom, crowning it with His goodness and rich abundance. May this Kingdom also come to us in this time as we gather together, with ears keen to hear; as children of the one we affectionately call, "Abba, Father."



Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's bulletins are sponsored in memory of Connie Meurett (b. 7-15-61; d. 3-6-12) by her parents, Gerald and Shirley Kieckhaefer.
- 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

“Passacaglia”

... D. Buxtehude

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.

Daily discipleship is not a new revolution each morning or an agent of global transformation every evening; it's a long obedience in the same direction.

~anonymous

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

"Praise the Lord! O Heavens" green hymnal #540

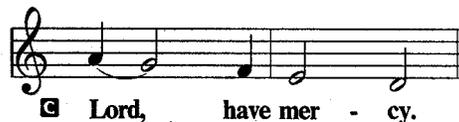
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.



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 . . . Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65:9-14

L: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; | you make it ' very plenteous;*
the river of God is 'full of water.

C: **You pre'pare the grain,*
for so you provide 'for the earth.**

The reason why society is perishing is because it has refused to hear the word of the Church, which is the word of life, the word of God.

*~ Anthony
Mary Claret,
Autobiography*

We also believe, teach and confess that not our works, but God's Spirit, working through faith, preserves faith and salvation in us. God works are a testimony of his presence and indwelling.
~The Formula of Concord; Epitome, Article IV: in The Book of Concord

L: You drench the furrows and smooth 'out the ridges;* with heavy rain you soften the ground and 'bless its increase.

C: You crown the year 'with your goodness,* and your paths over'flow with plenty.

L: May the fields of the wilderness be 'rich for grazing,* and the hills be 'clothed with joy.

C: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them'selves with grain;* let them shout for 'joy and sing.

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 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear." ¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately re-

You must constantly keep God's Word in your heart, on your lips, and in your ears. For where the heart stands idle and the Word is not heard, the devil breaks in and does his damage before we realize it. On the other hand, when we seriously ponder the Word, hear it and put it to use, such is its power that it never departs without fruit. It always awakens new understanding, pleasure, and devotion, ...

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...and it constantly creates clean hearts and minds. For this Word is not idle or dead, but effective and living.

~The Large Catechism:
Part I; The Third Commandment

ceives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast” green hymnal #234

SERMON

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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

... J. Weber

Please stand.

*A Christian must be as sure of the fulfillment of his prayer as he is of the truthfulness of God. For even though he is unworthy, he has not prayed in his own name, nor does he want to be heard for his own sake; but he has prayed in Christ’s name, and he expects fulfillment of his petitions on the strength of Christ’s worthiness.
~Martin Luther, 1538*

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.

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, 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.

O taste and see how good the Lord is, Alleluia!

Bless the Lord in the heavens, Alleluia!

Bless Him in the highest, Alleluia!

Bless Him, all ye angels of His, Alleluia!

Bless Him, all His host, Alleluia!

What blessing or thanksgiving can we offer for this Sacrament?

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

~ Armenian Liturgy

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:

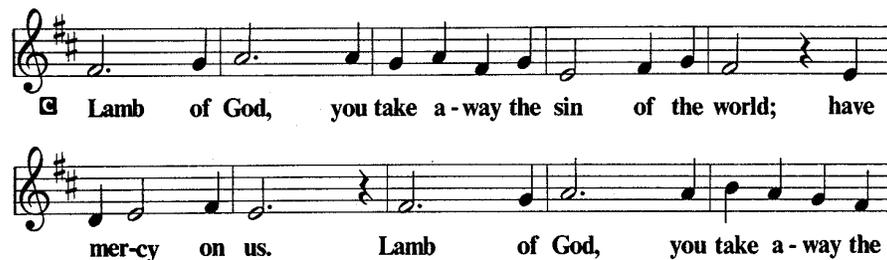
C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

ACCLAMATION

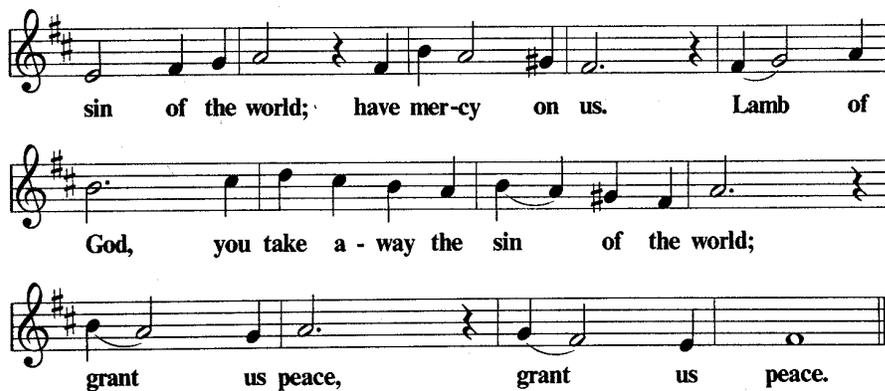
P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

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



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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" green hymnal #499

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" green hymnal #221

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

Augustine referred to himself derisively as a "word merchant." That's us on Sundays. All we got to offer, the only thing standing between us and God, is these words. There are gods who get close to people through war, or sex, or nature . . . our God, the God of Israel and the church, loves words. If we want to get to this God, it's through words or not at all. God speaks and the world springs into being out of nothing.
 ~ William H. Willimon, The Last Word, 2000 A.D.

**A Prayer
As You Go**

Be Kind to
Your little
Children,
Lord; that is
what we ask
of You...you
the Father,
Israel's
guide; Son,
yes but Fa-
ther as well.
May we all
live in the
peace that
comes from
You. May we
journey to-
wards your
city, sailing
through the
waters of sin
untouched
by the
waves, borne
tranquilly
along by
Your Holy
Spirit, Your
wisdom be-
yond all tell-
ing...

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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

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

“Menuet Gothique” from Suite Gothique

... L. Boellmann

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

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...Night and
day until the
last day of all,
may our
praises give
You thanks.
For You alone
are both Father
and Son, Son
and Father,
together with
the Holy Spirit.
Amen
~St Clement of
Alexandria, 150-
215 A.D.

Serving at Worship

Preaching: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Presiding: The Rev. Tom Reiff

Organist: John Schubring

Lector: (9:00) Samantha Pinzl

(11:00) Carl Boettcher

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Scott Schubring

Acolyte: (9:00) Ashtyn Fernstaedt

(11:00) Mara Stahl

Elder: (9:00) Marlene Kroening

(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) Lois Jarosz; Joe Pinzl; Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Donna Nuernberg; Joe Pinzl

Altar Guild: Peggy Lawonn; Samantha Pinzl

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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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