

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Heavenly Father, as Your Son was without sin, have mercy on unworthy sinners. Guide, lead, and protect so that we may glorify Your good works daily by the grace of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, one God.

Amen

*~ written by a
member of
the Zion
Board of Eld-
ers*



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2017 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. What would a father do to those who reject and murder his son, tossing the man on the ground and leaving him for dead? By raising His Son to proclaim the forgiveness of sins, the Father has shown what He will do: preach repentance and peace until the end of the world. What kindness! The day of judgment surely comes, but now is the day of grace and opportunity for all to believe in Christ. Faith in Christ: here is the work of God. As we continue our sermon series on the Lutheran church, we will see how understanding God's true work brings freedom and life to His people.

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Celebrating 500 Years of the Reformation

At the time of Luther's Reformation, Germany was still a fragmented collection of principalities – or states – ruled by influential princes. The ruler of the small German state called Saxony was Fredrick III, often referred to as Fredrick the Wise. Fredrick was one of the few “electors” of Germany, which meant that he held a vote in determining who would rule the collective states called the Holy Roman Empire.

The German states greatly valued their autonomy, and competed with each other for political influence. One of the prized possessions of any prince, was the universities which they had established in their respective territories. For Fredrick the Wise, the jewel in his crown – aside from his relics collection – was the University of Wittenberg, established in 1502. This University would become an incubator for the Reformation.

Luther had been exiled to this remote university back in 1511 and was it's primary theologian when he published his *Ninety-Five Theses* (1517). Luther became the university's immediate star, and one of Fredrick's prized theologians. As one of the five most powerful men in the Holy Roman Empire, Fredrick and his patronage would protect Luther even against the Pope (Leo X) and the Emperor (Charles V). This would allow Luther to publish more of his works unabated, and even steal him away from imminent death by hiding him in Wartburg Castle after he was declared an outlaw at the Diet of Worms in 1521.

Announcements

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



PRELUDE

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

... Robert A. Hobby, Kevin Hildebrand, and Charles W. Ore

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.

O blessed cross which makes men blessed! O cross, from which such great and wonderful fruits are gathered! The fruit of the cross is a glorious resurrection. This fruit of the wood is truly planted "near running water" (Psalm 1:3), for Baptism is always joined to the cross. However, this wood produced "its fruit in due season," at the Lord's Resurrection. It will do so again when He appears from heaven, "is seen on earth," and with the dazzling sign of the cross preceding Him . . .

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

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" blue hymnal #747

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.

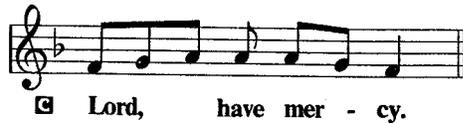
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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

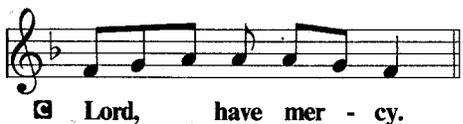
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

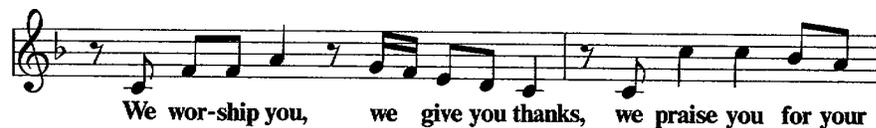


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

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



... comes from above. Then, the bodies of all men who are buried will rise again, and then, "The faithful shall exult in glory." Then those who are not con-founded now because of the cross of their King and Lord but rather glory in it, "shall sing for joy upon their couches" (Ps. 149:5). To Him is honor and glory together with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen
 ~ Caesarius of Arles, d. 542 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 . . . Gracious God, you gave your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed him. Forgive us when we reject your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness 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.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*The only other person I have fallen in love with that way is Jesus, and I hope that goes more smoothly. I hope I remember, when I'm bored with Him, and antsy, and sick of brushing my teeth next to the same God every morning, I hope I remember not to leave Him. I am not so worried that He will leave me. The Bible, after all, is full of stories about God sticking with His bride, no matter how stiff-necked and prideful and unfaithful she may be.
~ Lauren F.
Winner,
Girl Meets God*

PSALM 80:7-18

L: Restore us, O 'God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we 'shall be saved.

**C: You have brought a vine 'out of Egypt;*
you cast out the nations and 'planted it.**

L: You prepared the 'ground for it;*
it took root and 'filled the land.

**C: The mountains were covered 'by its shadow*
and the towering cedar trees 'by its boughs.**

L: You stretched out its tendrils 'to the sea*
and its branches 'to the river.

**C: Why have you broken 'down its wall,*
so that all who pass by pluck 'off its grapes?**

L: The wild boar of the forest has 'ravaged it,*
and the beasts of the field have 'grazed upon it.

**C: Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; |
behold and 'tend this vine;*
preserve what your right 'hand has planted.**

L: They burn it with 'fire like rubbish;*
at the rebuke of your countenance 'let them perish.

**C: Let your hand be upon the man of 'your right hand,*
the son of man you have made so strong 'for yourself.**

L: And so will we never turn a'way from you;*
give us life, that we may call up'on your name.

C: Restore us, O LORD 'God of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, and we 'shall be saved.

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 Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b}Though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

*Once you
start to see
through the
myth of
status, pos-
sessions, and
unlimited
consumption
as a path to
happiness,
you'll find
that you have
all kinds of
freedom and
time. It's like
a deal you
can make
with the uni-
verse: I'll give
up greed for
freedom.
Then you can
start putting
your time to
good use.
~ David
Edwards,
Nothing To
Lose But
Our Illu-
sions*

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 21st chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

*~ John
6:28-29*

³³[Jesus said,] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: " 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone

*Jesus gives
days of fast
and days of
festivity,
drought and
plenty. This
Lord of the
vineyard
would have
us live not
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lot, from dir-
est death to
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ness, because
He frees us
from the sin
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Jesus gives us
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repentance,
then, and
highest joy,
proclaiming
His death
until He
comes*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Oh, Love, How Deep” green hymnal #88

SERMON

What is the Lutheran Church Really?
Part Three: “Faith and Good Works”

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

“O Love, How Deep” . . . Gordon Young and Paul Manz

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

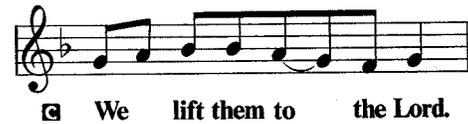
. . . . Don't try and kill Jesus with unbelief, insisting on another sort of God. He is the only one, and He is a vineyard God. You can insist that He be a God who gives you hell, but He doesn't really want to. God wants the joy of harvest and calls on us to play our part in furnishing fruit and wine for the festivity — "the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness" (Jer. 33:11). To Him be happy times of loving thanks and praise, now and forever. Amen
~ Pr. Norman Nagel, 1975 A.D.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

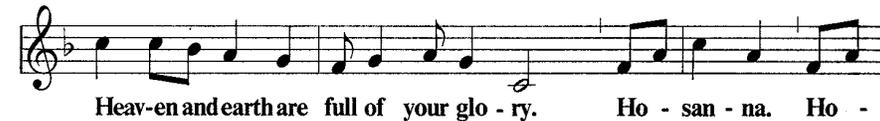


P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

SANCTUS ("Holy")



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



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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" green hymnal #482

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing" blue hymnal #721

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

A Prayer As You Go

O Lord, keeper of the Flock, grant us Your Wisdom to tell our head, heart and hands to make the best choices in what lies before us. Grant us Peace now and always. In Your name, Amen.

~ written by a
member of
Zion's board
of elders

POSTLUDE

"O Love, How Deep"

... Michael D. Costello

+ 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

Lector: (9:00) Grace Mueller

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Ryan Fernstaedt

Acolyte: (9:00) Michael Cornell

(11:00) Anna Gjerde

Elder: (9:00) Dick Ames

(11:00) Karla Westcott

Ushers: (9:00) Marty Dettmering; Janet Dettmering;
Gary and Sue Wolslegel

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Rob Kittel; Joe Pinzl; Vicky Radunz

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

Altar Guild: Dianne Ames; Donna Nuernberg

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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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