

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

O Holy Spirit,
truth and
peace divine,
descend to us
in all your
saving
power, and
kindle flames
of love and
faith to shine
within our
yearning
hearts this
sacred hour!
Make plain
the Father's
will, the Sav-
ior's love, and
fit us all to
dwell with
you above.
~Ernest E.
Ryden,
Born 1886
A.D.



The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. Ten virgins gather in the anticipation of the promised feast with the coming of the bridegroom. Five are prepared and ready for the celebration, bringing lamps and extra oil to boot, while five are not. The door is open to the five who are ready, while the unprepared are left in the dark. What does it mean to be ready for the coming of Christ, the Bridegroom, that we may join together in the heavenly banquet?

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Geneva Boelter by her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Richard Merlau.

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

“Wachet Auf, Ruft Uns Die Stimme” (from Cantata 140)

... J. S. Bach

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.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
~ Galatians 2:20

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

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” green hymnal #526

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.**

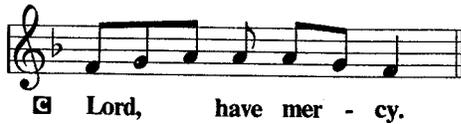
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P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

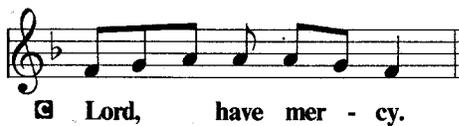
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

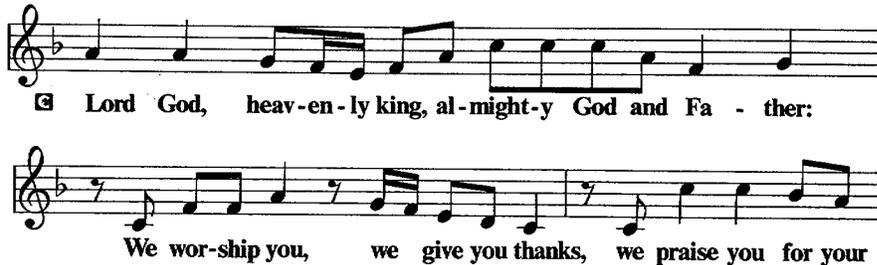


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

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



*The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays.
~ Soren Kierkegaard*

He who has the Word of God should consider himself blessed and should turn his eyes away from the present things to those that lie in the future and are invisible. For the Word of God, especially the promise, does not speak of present things; it speaks of things that lie in the future and have been experienced by no one. Faith attaches itself to a thing that is still and utter nothing and waits until everything comes about.
 ~ Martin Luther, 1542

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 . . . Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth your Son to lead home his bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into his eternal wedding feast; 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.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Jesus in the Morning”

... arr. Bill Ingram

OLD TESTAMENT Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. ¹⁹It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him. ²⁰Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? ²¹“I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. ²²Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. ²³Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

We do not escape testing and temptation because of our faith. Faith is rather the courage to endure the old world and call upon God, certain that God will hear and answer.
~ Oswald
Bayer, 2003

The Holy Spirit wants the whole you. So the Spirit is going to raise you, the real you, the whole you, the person you are. It will be "the resurrection of the body," as the Creed says, and you will be with Christ forever. For God has decided that you are one of the saints and declared you so, promising to forgive and raise you from the dead.

~ Gerhard Forde and James Nestingen, 1975 A.D.

PSALM 70

L: Be pleased, O God, to de'live'r me;*
O LORD, make 'haste to help me.

C: **Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth'er dis-mayed;***
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and 'be disgraced.

L: Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over 'me turn back,*
because they 'are ashamed.

C: **Let all who seek you rejoice and be 'glad in you;***
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great 'is the LORD!"

L: But as for me, I am 'poor and needy;*
come to me speedi'ly, O God.

C: **You are my helper and 'my deliverer;***
O LORD, 'do not tarry.

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 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an

archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said,] “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.
~ First
Corinthians
15:51-53

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” green hymnal #31

SERMON

“Homegrown Heroes”

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.*

*Prayer is a
strong wall
and fortress
of the church;
it is a goodly
Christian
weapon,
which no man
knows or
finds but only
he who has
the spirit of
grace and of
prayer.
~ Martin
Luther*

The Holy Communion, a pledge of the resurrection, is one no one can rationalize. It is not a resurrection which happened years ago, but a living fact now, that is, set in our midst; the living Christ down to earth again, centered at the altar of our church. Christ is not merely coming to me, not merely with me, but in me, my hope of glory...

VOLUNTARY

"Jesus Loves Me"

... arr. Katherine Larson

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.

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.

...Through the Communion the living Christ becomes a reality; through it we enter into fellowship with the mind of Christ, not only the humiliated, but also the exalted Christ. And if we have this mind in us a mighty energy is let loose. We, too, shall be exalted. Here, then, we find the source for Christian life, the resurrected Christ Himself in us.
 ~ Berthold von Schenk, 1946 A.D.

If you want to understand the body of Christ, then listen to the apostle Paul, who says to the faithful: "You are the body and the members of Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:27). Therefore, if you are the body and the members of Christ, then your mystery lies on the table of the Lord. You receive your own mystery, and your response to what you are is "Amen." ~ Augustine, 354-430 A.D.

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 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

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray” green hymnal #443

“Rise, O Children of Salvation” green hymnal #182

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

*Lay your
Pretty head
down on my
shoulder. You
don't have to
worry anymore.
This old world is
cold and getting
colder; and I
know how to
lock and bolt the
door.*

*I'm strong
enough to hold
you through the
winter; [got
love] enough to
stare your de-
mons down. The
hard times put
the shine into
the diamond. I
won't let that
keep us in the
ground.*

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next page)...*

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next page]

... I'm a
riser.

I get up off
the ground,
don't run and
hider.

Pushing
comes to
shoving, hey
I'm a fighter.

When dark-
ness comes to
town, I'm a
lighter.

Get our
aliver, of the
fire, survivor
...

I'm a riser.

~ Dierks]
Bently
"Riser"

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



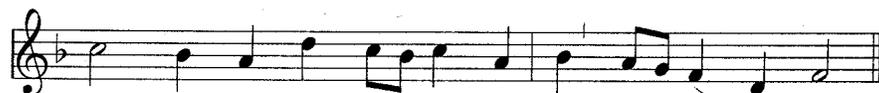
C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek 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 upon you and be gracious to you.

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



C A - men

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

... Paul Manz

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: Hand Chime Choir

Lector: (9:00) Bill Metter

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Scott Schubring

Acolyte: (9:00) Michael Cornell

(11:00) Nathan Contreras

Elder: (9:00) Marlene Kroening

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

Ushers: (9:00) Marty and Janet Dettmering;

Gary and Sue Wolslegel

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Joe Pinzl; Steve Zeinemann

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

Altar Guild: Peggy Lawonn; Anna Mae Zeinemann

A Prayer As You Go

Most Holy
God, Light and
life eternal,
attend to us
always by
your grace,
that in this
world of dark-
ness, we might
always behold
the true light
of the world
before us.
Grant that we
your people
may abide
with you in the
abundant hope
of life everlast-
ing, poured
out for us by
Jesus Christ
your Son, who
lives and
reigns with
you now and
forever. Amen

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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