

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Our Father,
we would not
weary Thee
in always
asking for
something.
This morning
we would
pray that
Thou wouldst
take some-
thing from
us. Take out
of our hearts
any bitterness
that lies there,
any resent-
ment that
curdles and
corrodes our
peace . . . We
ask Thy
mercy in Je-
sus' name.

Amen

~ Peter Mar-
shall, 1902-
1949 A.D.



The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2017 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. "For to everyone who has, much more will be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." So speaks our Lord in today's gospel, speaking in the tones of that final judgment yet to come. The ultimate question is: what has the Lord given you? His giving determines the future: where He gives much, much more is yet to come! Yet if you let go of what He has given—what then? Consider this day all that the good Lord has given you (even Himself!), rejoice, and give thanks!

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Rosalind and Maureen Rouse in praise and thanksgiving for continued healing and blessings received! Thanks be to God!
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Craig Zastrow in thanksgiving for gifts and blessings received and promised.

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

“O God of Light”

... Robert J. Powell; Alfred V. Fedak; Kevin Hildebrand

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

“O God of Light” green hymnal #237

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.**

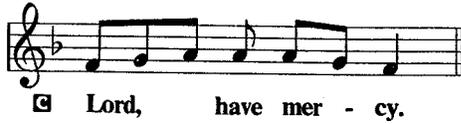
KYRIE

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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

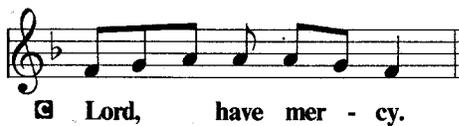
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

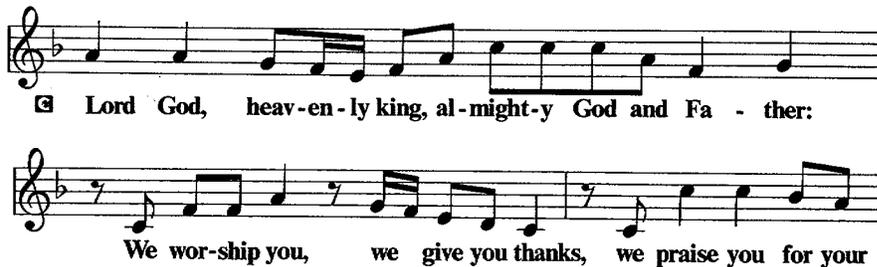


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

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



*Satan trem-
bles when he
sees the weak-
est saint upon
his knees.
~ Pr. Fred H.
Lindemann,
20th cen-
tury A.D.*

To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket – safe, dark, motionless, airless – it will change . . .

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 and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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 Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

. . . . It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is hell.
~ C. S. Lewis,
The Four Loves

PSALM 90:1-12

L: Lord, you have 'been our refuge*
from one generation 'to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the '
earth were born,*
from age to age 'you are God.

C: **You turn us back to the 'dust and say,*
"Go back, O 'child of earth."**

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when 'it
is past*
and like a watch 'in the night.**

L: You sweep us away 'like a dream;*
we fade away suddenly 'like the grass.

In the morning it is 'green and flourishes;*
in the evening it is dried 'up and withered.

C: **For we consume away in 'your displeasure;*
we are afraid because of your wrathful 'indignation.**

**Our iniquities you have 'set before you,*
and our secret sins in the light 'of your countenance.**

L: When you are angry, all our 'days are gone;*
we bring our years to an end 'like a sigh.

The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength 'even
eighty;*
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, |
for they pass away quickly and 'we are gone.

C: Who regards the power 'of your wrath?*
Who rightly fears your 'indignation?

So teach us to num'ber our days,*
that we may apply our 'hearts to wisdom.

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 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

*The Good
Shepherd will
not allow the
sheep, fed by
His body and
blood, to be
devoured by
the infernal
wolf.
~ Johann
Gerhard,
Medita-
tions on
Divine
Mercy, be-
fore 1612
A.D.*

The Lord ate from a common bowl, and asked the disciples to sit on the grass. He washed their feet, with a towel wrapped around His waist – He, who is the Lord of the universe! He drank water from a jug of earthenware, with the Samaritan woman. Christ made use His aim, not extravagance

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.

¹⁴[Jesus said,] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to

Please be seated.

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

“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” green hymnal #321

SERMON

“Wealth Management”

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 the
spirit speak-
ing truth to
Truth.
~ Philip
James Bai-
ley, Festus*

VOLUNTARY

"The Day is Surely Drawing Near" ... Stephen P. Johnson

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

*If you are bur-
dened and feel
your weak-
ness, go joy-
fully to the
sacrament
and let your-
self be re-
freshed, com-
forted, and
strengthened.
For if you
wait until you
are rid of your
burden in or-
der to come to
the sacrament
purely and
worthily, you
will have to
stay away
from it for-
ever
Therefore the
only ones who
are unworthy
are those who
do not feel
their burdens
nor admit to
being sinners.
~ Martin
Luther,
Large
Catechism*

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.

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."

*When I am in
the cellar of af-
fliction, I look
for the Lord's
choicest wines.
~ Samuel
Rutherford
1600-1664
A.D.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

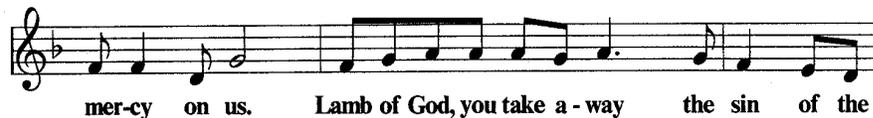
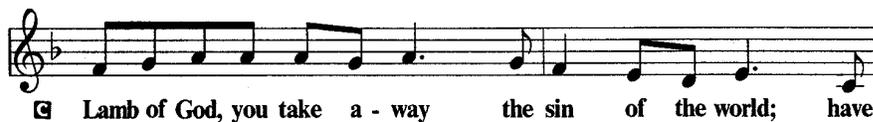
C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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



To the artist
he is the one
altogether
lovely.

To the educa-
tor he is the
master
teacher.

To the phi-
losopher he is
the wisdom of
God.

To the lonely
he is a
brother;
to the sorrow-
ful, a com-
forter;
to the be-
reaved, the
resurrection
and the life.

And to the
sinner he is
the Lamb of
God who
takes away
the sin of the
world.

John H.
Gerstner
(1914-1996)



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

"Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" green hymnal #172

"O Bread of Life from Heaven" green hymnal #222

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

Lord, let at last
Thine angels
come, to
Abram's
bosom bear me
home, that I
may die un-
fearing;
and in its nar-
row chamber
keep my body
safe in peaceful
sleep until Thy
reappearing.
And then from
death awaken
me that these
mine eyes with
joy may see,
O Son of God,
Thy glorious
face, my Savior
and my Fount
of grace,
Lord Jesus
Christ, my
prayer attend,
my prayer at-
tend, and I will
praise Thee
without end.
~ "Lord, Thee
I Love with
All My
Heart"

POSTLUDE

“Processional”

... William Mathais

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Ted Gulhaugen

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Robert Hochberger

(11:00) Robert Steffen

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Ryan Fernstaedt

Acolyte: (9:00) Ashtyn Fernstaedt

(11:00) Sam Schubring

Elder: (9:00) Gordon Schalow

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

Ushers: (9:00) Mark Gehrke; Jane Janz; Grace Mueller;

Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Grace Mueller; Joe Pinzl; Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Joe Pinzl; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Peggy Lawonn; Anna Mae Zeinemann

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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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