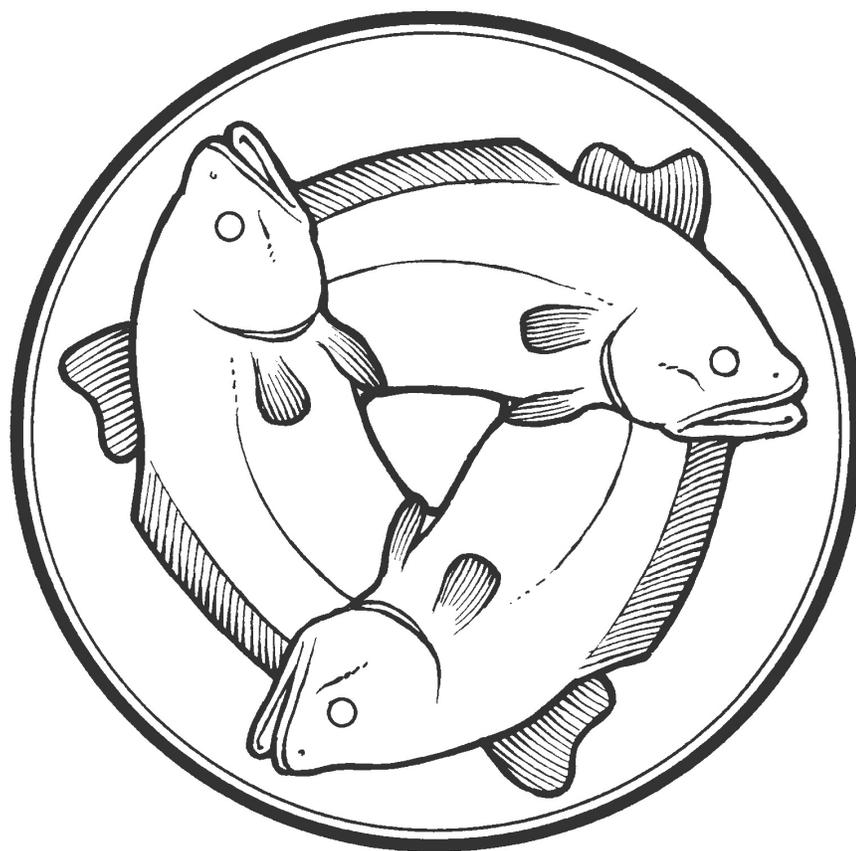
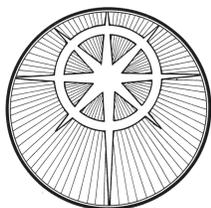


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

God of all light, life, and love, through the visible things of this world you raise our thoughts to things unseen, and you show us your power and your love. From your dwelling-place refresh our hearts and renew the face of the earth with the life-giving water of your Word, until the new heaven and new earth resound with the song of resurrection in Jesus Christ.



The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M

Welcome to the Lord's Day. "Someone pinch me!" That's a likely response we are to share when Christ announces, "the time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand." But the disciples were captivated when struck with the message of God's forgiveness. So much so, that they would repent and believe following Christ into the new life he had promised them. Hampered by the constraints of time in our world, what does it mean to live a new life of repentance and faith in a time so full? And what's it so full of?

Sharing God's Blessings Today

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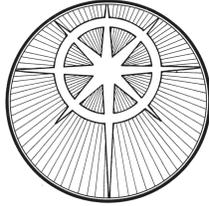
A Welcome for Those With Young Children

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 after worship.



PRELUDE

Partita on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

... Jan Bender

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.

“How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him in baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life” (Rom 6:2-4). Now THAT is the remedy for sin! We cannot get rid of sin. There is no ethical cure for it. The grace that kills the old to raise up the new....

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 Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” green hymnal #76

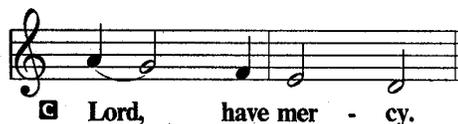
GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

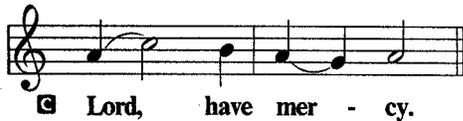
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

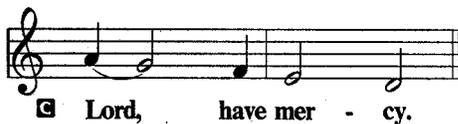
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



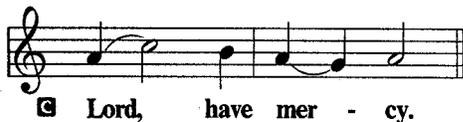
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

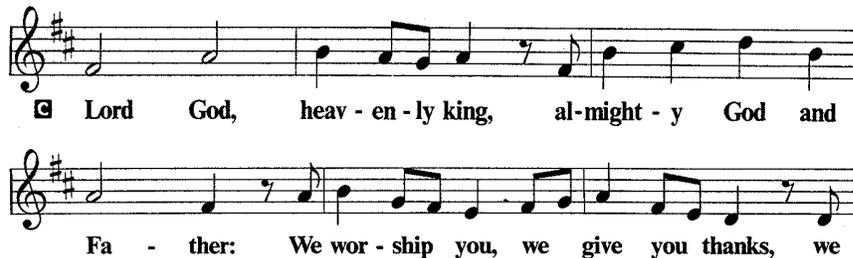


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



GLORIA

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



....[But] the old story comes back again. We cannot seem to shake it....For it's the serpent's story. t is our temptation [and] we have to be saved from it. We have to die to it....I can be saved from the serpent's story, you see, only when the Je-sus story be-comes my story. The grace story cannot be put in second place or shoved aside.

~ Gerhard O. Forde, Lu-ther's "Ethics"

Free will
without grace
has the power
to do nothing
but
sin....You
call the will
free, but in
fact it is an
enslaved will.

~ St.
Augustine

Sin makes it
impossible for
the will really
to be called
free because
sin means an
enslavement
and bondage
from which it
is impossible
to escape. The
self seeks its
own in all
things, even
in its piety.
There is no
way out.

~ Gerhard O.
Forde, "On
Being a
Theologian
of the
Cross"

praise you for your 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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 (9:00 a.m.)

“Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

... J. S. Bach

OLD TESTAMENT Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,
²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

What does God care about fasting and sackcloth? He wants the heart; He wants to see a person’s whole life transformed. Also, God did not demand these things from them through Jonah. All he asked was that they cease their villainy.

~ Martin Luther

...Works,
being inani-
mate things,
cannot glorify
God, al-
though they
can, if faith is
present, be
done to the
glory of God.
Here, how-
ever, we are
not inquiring
what works
and what
kind of works
are done, but
who it is that
does them,
who glorifies
God and
brings forth
the works.
This is done
by faith
which dwells
in the heart
and is the
source and
substance of
all our right-
eousness.

~Martin Lu-
ther,
"Freedom
of a Chris-
tian"

PSALM 62

Choir/ For God alone my soul in 'silence waits;*

L: truly, my hope 'is in him.

**C: He alone is my rock and 'my salvation,*
my stronghold, so that I shall 'not be shaken.**

Choir/ In God is my safety 'and my honor;*

L: God is my strong rock 'and my refuge.

**C: Put your trust in him al'ways, O people,*
pour out your hearts before him, for God 'is our refuge.**

Choir/ Those of high degree are but a 'fleeting breath,*

L: even those of low estate can'not be trusted.

**C: On the scales they are lighter 'than a breath,*
all of 'them together.**

Choir/ Put no trust in extortion; |

L: in robbery take no 'empty pride;*
though wealth increase, set not your 'heart upon it.

**C: God has spoken once, twice 'have I heard it,*
that power be'longs to God.**

Choir/ Steadfast love is 'yours, O Lord,*

L: for you repay everyone according 'to his deeds.

**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 Corinthians 7:29-35

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. ³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE

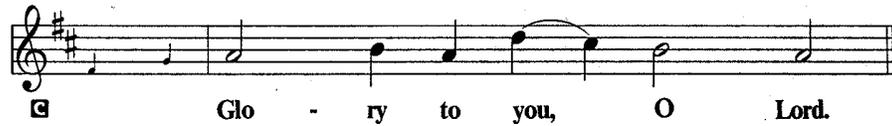
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Once we have
His Word,
true doctrine,
and true wor-
ship, we also
pray that His
kingdom may
be in us and
remain in us;
that is, that
He may gov-
ern us in this
doctrine and
life, that He
may protect
and preserve
us against
tall the power
of the devil
and his king-
dom, and that
He may shat-
ter all the
kingdoms
that rage
against His
kingdom, so
that it alone
may remain.

~ Martin Lu-
ther

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.



¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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.

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

“O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True” green hymnal #380

SERMON

“Newness of Life, Part III: Time”

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ, the everlasting God and Son of Mary, let us pray.

P: . . . O King of Kings,

C: **receive 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**

God does ultimate salvation all by himself. He has to. The story of salvation is the story of grace alone: no mixture with law or ethics allowed here. Grace alone makes a good person ready to do battle with the devil.

~Gerhard O. Forde, Luther's "Ethics"

This is a splendid privilege and hard to attain, a truly omnipotent power, a spiritual dominion in which there is nothing so good and nothing so evil but that it shall work together for good to me, if only I believe. Yes, since faith alone suffices for salvation, I need nothing except faith exercising the power and dominion of its own liberty. Lo, this is the inestimable power and liberty of Christians.

~Martin Luther
"Freedom of a Christian"

Please be seated.

OFFERING

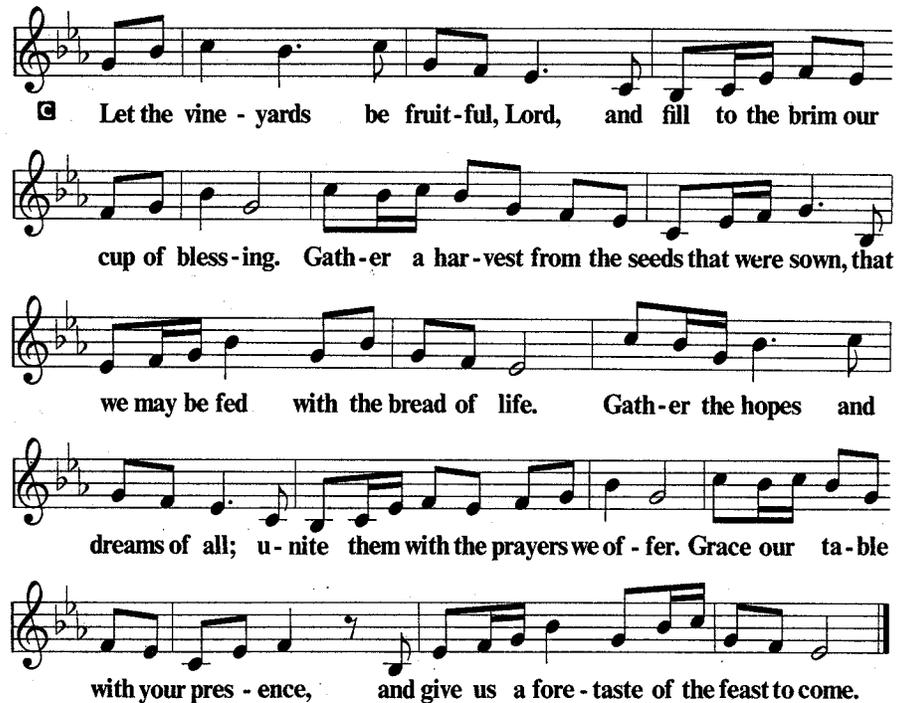
While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.

VOLUNTARY

"O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True" ... Benjamin M. Culli

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 . . . Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless gift of your Son, sent into our flesh to redeem the creation. Grant that we may now so eat of his flesh and drink of his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us.

C: 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

"This is my
 Word," the
 Spirit says
 as your pas-
 tor bears
 witness to
 Christ for
 you. "You
 are mine
 and all the
 gifts are
 yours."
 "This is the
 Lord's Sup-
 per," the
 Spirit says.
 "In it Christ
 is with you
 to open up
 the future to
 you."
 ~"Free to
 Be,"
 1975 A.D.



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.

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: The Word was made flesh

C: **and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

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

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

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” green hymnal #487

“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”

green hymnal #84

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*Simeon's Song*)

Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal you to the na - tions and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men

**A Prayer
 as You Go**
 Almighty
 Father,
 your
 watchful
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 reaches
 from end to
 end and
 orders all
 things in
 such power
 that even
 the ten-
 sions and
 tragedies of
 sin cannot
 frustrate
 your loving
 plans. Help
 us to em-
 brace your
 will, give
 us the
 strength to
 follow your
 call, so that
 your truth
 may live in
 our hearts
 and reflect
 peace to
 those who
 believe in
 your love.
 Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . O God of wonder, we have tasted your goodness, and beheld your presence in the Word made flesh. Shine forth his light in all we say and do, and fill the earth with your glory; through 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

POSTLUDE

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” . . . Paul Manz

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Presiding: The Rev. Ted Gulhaugen

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: (9:00) Zion Kantorei

Lector: (9:00) Lynn Budnik

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Ryan Fernstaedt

Acolyte: (9:00) Zack Madden

(11:00) Mara Stahl

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) Bill Metter; Joe Pinzl; Steve Zeinemann

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

Altar Guild: Bonnie Glasel

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

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