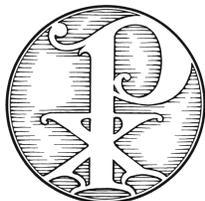


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

O God, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.



The Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 11, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. Our Lord Jesus Christ once revealed His glory to the disciples, his body shining brighter than the sun. That event revealed that His new life does not live only in our minds or hearts, but reaches to our very flesh. The Christian faith is a down-to-earth and gives us a new life to live even now, before the final day of Christ's return. We have explored this newness of life for the past six weeks, and today we conclude that sermon series as we prepare for the new season of Lent.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Barb and Gary Langbecker, in memory of Chase and Landon Langbecker, their twin grandsons who would have nine years old this year.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored in memory of Delores Lewitzke, whose birthday is February 21, from the families of Charles Lewitzke, Mark Lewitzke, and Mike and Marcia Strandberg.
- The bulletins are sponsored by Delores Kottke, remembering Valentine love for her husband, Orlin.
- The sponsor charts for 2018 for Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up. There are many open dates for you to sponsor. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

Ready. Set. Go!

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 14. Lent is a 40-day fast leading to Easter that prepares us to celebrate the resurrection with renewed joy through intensified devotion to Christ. Repentance, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are the practices of Lent and strengthen us to "take up our cross" and follow Jesus Christ.

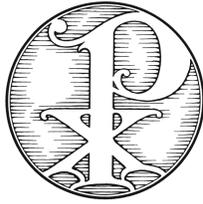
To prepare for the Lenten fast, we conclude today's worship by saying "farewell to the alleluia." Alleluia is a word that means "praise the Lord," our joyful response to the resurrection of Christ. We do not use it during Lent as we pause to reflect on the cross, our mortal weakness and our need for mercy.

The theme of our midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays (10:30 AM and 6:30 PM) is "Lamb of God: Did He Forgive *All Sin*?" It begins this week on Ash Wednesday with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes. On Sundays we will deliver a preaching series on evil, "Deliver Us," unpacking Christ's victory over the devil.

Take hold of Lent, and let Lent take hold of you.

Announcements

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



PRELUDE

(9:00 a.m.) "Musical Praise: Movements I and IV"

... Robert M. Hutmacher

(11:00 a.m.) "O God of God, O Light of Light"

... Matthew Machemer

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O God of God, O Light of Light" green hymnal #536

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.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

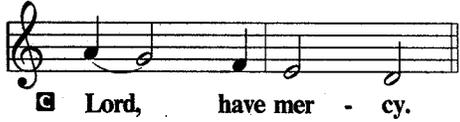
When we come to worship and to the Eucharist in particular, we come into the presence of Almighty God, and to feast at his table, not because we are good people, but because we are forgiven sinners. We come, as we come to a doctor, not because we are well but because we are sick. We come, not because we've got it all together, but because God's got it all together and has invited us to join him . . .

[continued on next page]

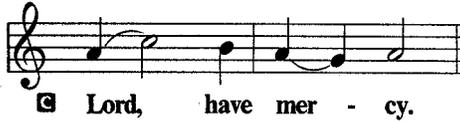
[from previous page]

... We come, not because our hands are full ... but because they are empty and waiting to receive his love, his body and blood, his own very self. This is as basic to Christianity as the ball is to football, and just as you have a rotten game of football if people ignore the ball and simply tackle the opposition, or even the crowd, so you have a pretty poor time in church if you forget for a moment that we are here because we don't deserve to be ...

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.



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 . . . O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your beloved Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud you wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven;

. . . And when that truth gets hold of you, and sinks down inside you like a hot drink on a cold day, then the effect on the whole life of the Christian community is quite marvellous. We are all here by grace alone, so you can relax You don't have to pretend in the presence of God; no more should you need to pretend in the presence of your fellow Christians. The ground is level at the foot of the cross.

*~ N.T.
Wright,
For All
God's
Worth*

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE (9:00 a.m.)

"Morning Star"

... John S. C. Kemp

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 24:8-18

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." ⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank. ¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

*Are you merely reading [the Scriptures]? No. Your betrothed is talking to you. It is your betrothed, that is, Christ, who is united with you. He tears you away from the solitude of the desert and brings you into his home, saying to you, "Enter into the joy of your Master."
~ Jerome, 347-420 A.D.*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 50:1-6

Choir/ The LORD, the God of 'gods, has spoken;*

L: he has called the earth from the rising of the sun 'to its setting.

**C: Out of Zion, perfect 'in its beauty,*
God reveals him'self in glory.**

Choir/ Our God will come and will 'not keep silence;*

L: before him there is a consuming flame, |
and round about him a 'raging storm.

**C: He calls the heavens and the earth 'from above*
to witness the judgment 'of his people.**

Choir/ "Gather before me my 'loyal followers,*

L: those who have made a covenant with me and sealed 'it with sacrifice."

**C: Let the heavens declare the rightness 'of his cause,*
for God him'self is judge.**

**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**

Hope is not merely wistful longing and sighing for what we have not; it is a strong and confident taking refuge in God and holding fast in Him. And so we hear along with the horns of hope the strong . . . trumpets of patience, of endurance, of steadfastness . . . "To strain towards that which is hidden as towards that which is to come, and to bear manfully the pressure of the present." (Althus)

~ Martin
 Franzmann
Ha! Ha!
Among the
Trumpets

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

^{3:12}Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ^{4:1}Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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. Mark, the 9th chapter.



²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*At the name
of Jesus every
knee should
bow, in
heaven and
on earth, and
under the
earth.
~ Philippians
2:10*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

There is no Sunday School today. Classes resume next Sunday.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair” green hymnal #80

SERMON

“Newness of Life, Part VI: Hope”

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**

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

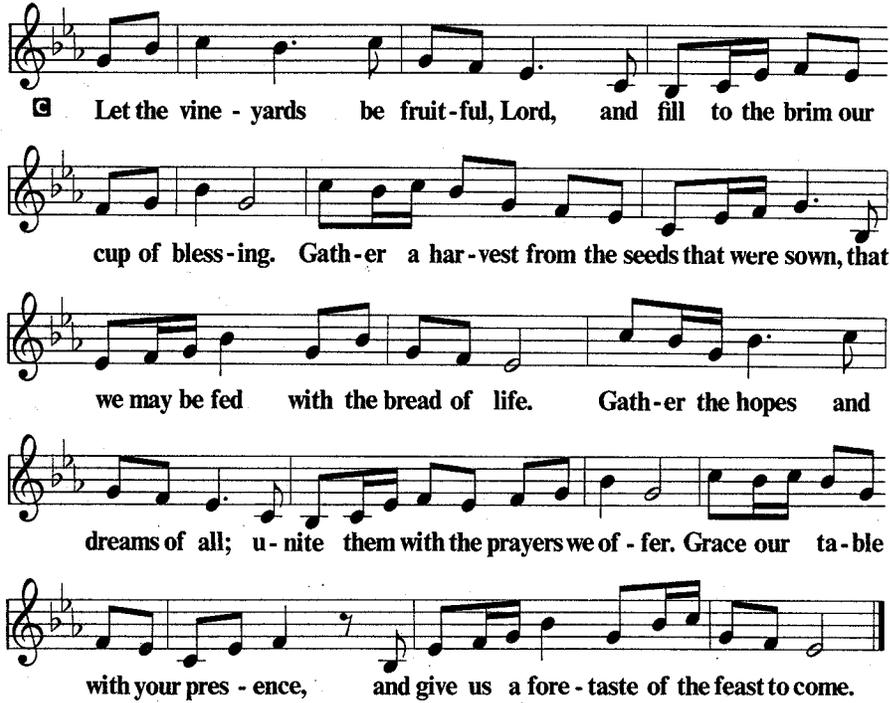
(9:00 a.m.) “Christ Upon the Mountain Peak” . . . Paul Bouman

(11:00 a.m.) “O Wondrous Type” . . . Walter L. Pelz

*Almsgiving
is the mother
of love, of that
love which is
characteristic
of Christian-
ity, which is
greater than
all miracles,
by which the
disciples of
Christ are
manifested.
~ John
Chry-
sostom,
349-407
A.D.*

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: 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

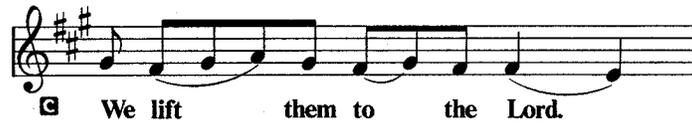
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



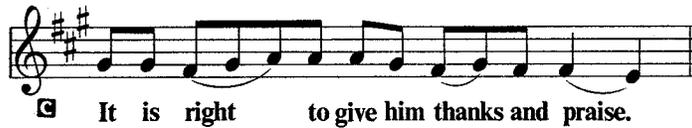
And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

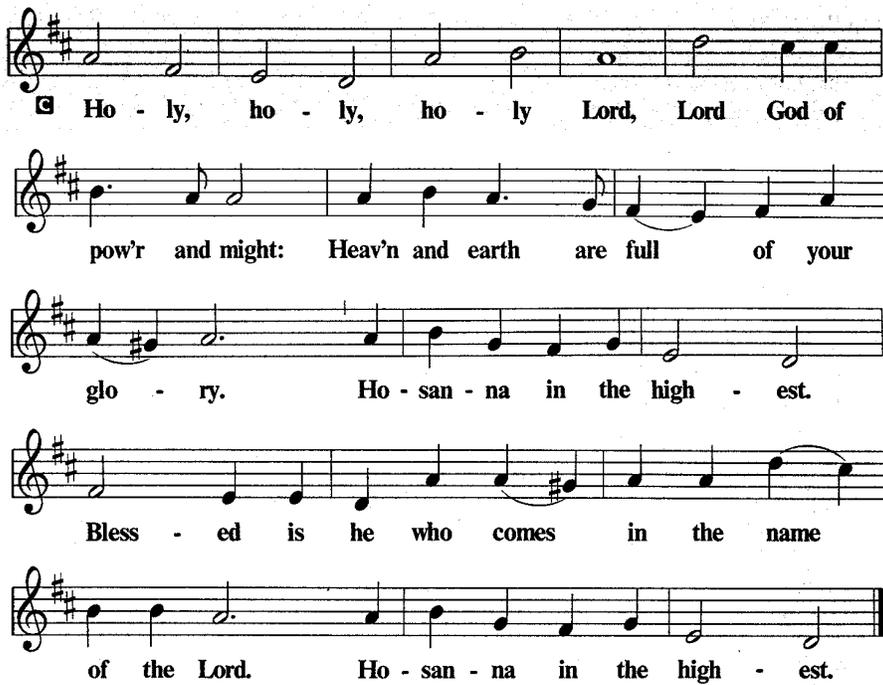
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ 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
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:

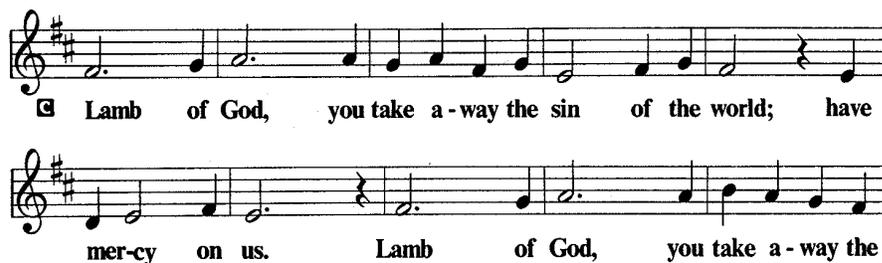
C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

*As soon as Christ says: "This is my body," His body is there through the words and by the power of the Holy Ghost. If there is no word, then there is merely bread; but when the words come to it, they bring with them that of which they speak.
~ Martin Luther*

sin of the world; have mercy 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 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

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”



1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, Heav - en's voice, the daz - zling light;
2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,
3. Lord, trans - fig - ure our per - cep - tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com - mands the height!
Not by build - ing on the moun - tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,
And re - cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum - mit's rise
But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross
Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - v'ry's hill



Down - ward toward the shad - owed val - ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
And by test - ing faith's re - sil ience Through be - tray - al, pain, and loss.
And our liv - ing and our dy - ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

“How Good, Lord, to Be Here!” green hymnal #89

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

**A Prayer
as You Go**
Almighty
and Most
Merciful
God, who
hast given
Thy Word to
be the reve-
lation of Thy
great love to
man, and of
Thy power
and will to
save him . . .

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.



RECESSIONAL HYMN "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

C: **Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally.**

**Alleluia! Lead our praises,
true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother,
bring us to your jubilee;
but by Babylon's sad waters
mourning exiles now are we.**

FAREWELL TO THE ALLELUIA

P: By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

C: **There on the trees we hung our harps – how can we sing the songs of the Lord in a foreign land?**

P: O Lord, by the resurrection of your Son, you have filled us with songs of alleluia and prepared for us a heavenly Jerusalem to which no earthly city can compare. In remembrance of all that your Son has borne for our sake, we now leave the joyful songs of your worship to walk the renewing path of Lent. Bless our journey, that we may at last join all your saints in celebrating the Day of resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: The mountains and the hills will rejoice at your returning, O Alleluia!

C: **Go, glorious Song, and may your way be blessed, until you shall return to us with joy.**

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

C: **Alleluia cannot always
be our song while here below;
alleluia, our transgressions
make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming
when our tears for sin shall flow.**

**In our hymns we pray with longing:
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter
with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing
alleluia joyfully.**

... Grant that our study of it may not be made in vain by the hardness or carelessness of our hearts, but that by it we may be confirmed in penitence, lifted to hope, made strong for service, and above all filled with the true knowledge of Thee and of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen
~ George A. Smith,
For All The Saints

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Alleluia! Song of Gladness”

... Rick Deasley

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choirs: (9:00) Zion Kantorei; Sunday School Children

Flute: (9:00) Dr. Jacob Roseman

Piano: (9:00) Dr. Molly Roseman

Lector: (9:00) Jan Gaugush

(11:00) Robert Steffen

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolytes: (9:00) Lilith Christoffersen; Michael Cornell; Asa Rich

(11:00) Sam Schubring

Elder: (9:00) Marlene Kroening

(11:00) Karla Westcott

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

Gary and Sue Wolslegel

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Lois Jarosz; Joe Pinzl

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

Altar Guild: Pam Hoppe; Debra Thomas

Acknowledgements

The liturgy is reprinted from the Lutheran Book of Worship, © 1978.

Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #SB129062. Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory” © LSB Hymn License #30002490.

Used by permission.

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness” is public domain

Zion Lutheran Church

Sixth and Grant Streets, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403

Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

Church Telephone: 715-848-7286

Senior Pastor Steven K. Gjerde
Visitation Pastor Theodore B. Gulhaugen
Pastoral Assistant Joseph C. Pinzl
Kantor Irene Beethe
Parish Nurse Lenore Grosinske
Office Manager Pam Gabriel
Secretary Anna Mae Zeinemann
Custodian Michael Renken

To contact us by email:
zion@dwave.net

To visit our webpage:
www.zionlutheranwausau.com

Host of the Wausau Lutheran Hour
Sundays, 9:00 am, WSAU Radio 550AM (or
click "Listen Live" at www.wsau.com)

Member Congregation of Lutheran Core
www.lutherancore.org