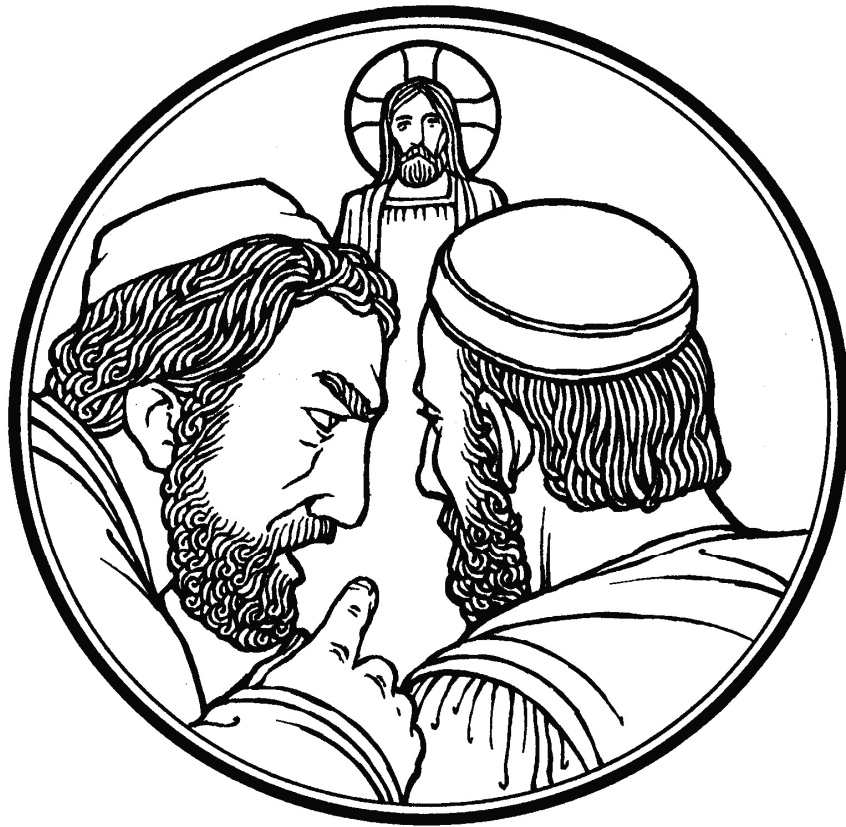


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

To you be praised, O eternal God, and endless thanksgiving for the fact that you deigned to become a human being and that for us in the world you willed to consecrate your venerable Body out of material bread and lovingly bestow it on us as food for the salvation of our souls!

~ *Bridget of Sweden, 1303-1373 A.D., Book of Questions*



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 12, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. Who is at the heart of the proclamation of the Kingdom? The One who is the Bread of Life. The One who through His death and resurrection gives eternal life to those who believe who He is as God and what He has done. What a hope! What a promise! That Bread of Life is given to you in Jesus' words of life, in His water of mercy, and in His Body and Blood through which He unites Himself to you, all given to you through His Body, the Church. As the word is proclaimed, that Bread shared, lives are changed, the Kingdom grows, and a new creation comes into being.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Marty and Janet Dettmering in thanksgiving for blessings bestowed on us.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Mike and Marcia Strandberg in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary (August 28, 1993).
- Today's bulletins are sponsored by Zion's Lenten Soup Meal Committee in thanksgiving to God.
- The sponsor charts for 2018 for Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

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

“Hymn to Joy”

... Michael D. Costello

... Paul Manz

... Charles Callahan

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.

*But we are all sinners, Lord. Therefore we pray for forgiveness. We do not always follow Your ways, Lord; we are proud, we are stubborn, we want to go our own way. We think only of ourselves. That is why there is so much sin, so much robbery, so much violence, on our streets.
~ Theodore Dalrymple,
Life at the Bottom*

We urge you, however to confess and express your needs, not for the purpose of performing a work but to hear what God wants to say to you. The Word of absolution, I say, is what you should concentrate on, magnifying and cherishing it as a great and wonderful treasure to be accepted with all praise and gratitude.
~ Martin Luther, Large Catechism, Brief Exhortation to Confession

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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” green hymnal #551

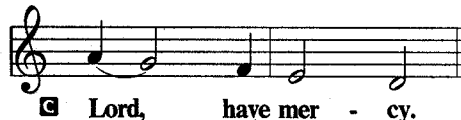
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

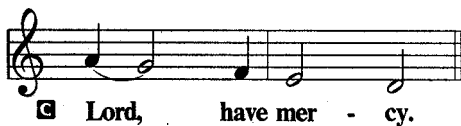
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

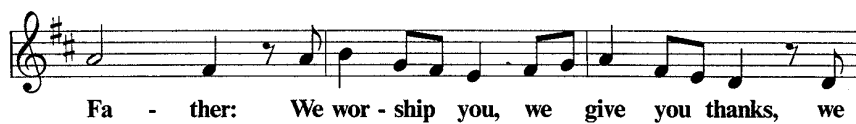


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA

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



*Jesus is the
God whom
we can ap-
proach with-
out pride and
before whom
we can hum-
ble ourselves
without de-
spair.
~ Blaise
Pascal,
1623-1662
A.D.
Pensées*

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 PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"How Can I Keep from Singing"

... Timothy Shaw

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 19:1-8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Imagine a carpenter with the crudest of tools. It takes him many days to make a simple table; and its quality is so low that the price he obtains for it is poor. He has a choice: either he can spend all the money he earns on food and drink or he can set some money aside, even if it means going hungry, in order to buy better tools. If he does the latter, then he will soon be making good tables much more quickly, and so his earnings will quickly rise. This choice is analogous to a spiritual choice that each of us must make . . .

PSALM 34:1-8

L: I will bless the LORD 'at all times;*
his praise shall ever be 'in my mouth.

I will glory 'in the LORD;*
let the humble hear 'and rejoice.

C: **Proclaim with me the greatness 'of the LORD;*
let us exalt his 'name together.**

**I sought the LORD, and he 'answered me*
and delivered me out of 'all my terror.**

L: Look upon him 'and be radiant,*
and let not your faces 'be ashamed.

I called in my affliction, and 'the LORD heard me*
and saved me from 'all my troubles.

C: **The angel of the LORD encompasses 'those who fear him,*
and he will de'live'r them.**

**Taste and see that the 'LORD is good;*
happy are they who 'trust in him!**

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 Ephesians 4:17—5:2

¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!—²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

. . . Either we can spend for our own pleasure all the wealth we possess or we can set aside part of our wealth to give to others. If we do the latter, then we may sacrifice a few immediate, earthly pleasures; but the joy we earn for ourselves in heaven far, far, surpasses the pleasure we have lost on earth. Every act of charity on earth is an investment in heaven.

~ John Chrysostom, d. 407 A.D., On Living Simply

Bread to eat,
 so that he
 could move
 through the
 city and
 shout. Bread
 that shouted
 at the earth.
 Bread to
 carry him to
 death and
 back again to
 life, inhaling,
 exhaling,
 keeping the
 inward flame
 alive. Chicken
 bread, he used
 to say, not
 feeling
 ashamed. We
 eat it. Sure,
 sure. It isn't
 good enough
 for the rich.
 There are
 many at our
 house. We eat
 every bit of it,
 all the
 crumbs. We
 do not mind a
 little dirt on
 the crust . . .

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. John, the 6th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to [the Jews], "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." ⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him

up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

... We put all of it inside. A sack of chicken bread. We know we're poor. When the wind comes up our house shakes, but we do not tremble. We can eat the bread that isn't good enough for the rich. Throw it in the loaves. It is too good for chickens. It is our life. Sure we eat it. We're not ashamed.
 ~ William Saroyan, Resurrection of a Life

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” green hymnal #170

SERMON

“Do You Believe That?”

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its 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

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” . . . Sondra K. Tucker

Please stand.

*“Therefore let every one who is godly offer prayer to thee” (Ps. 32:6). Here he shows that even the godly must pray for the forgiveness of sins.
~ The Lutheran Confessions (Apology IV), from 1531 A.D.*

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 . . . Merciful Lord,

C: we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

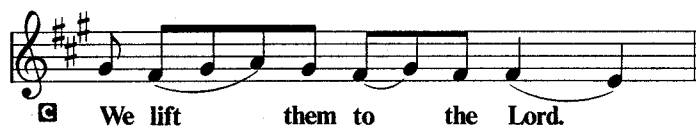
P: The Lord be with you.



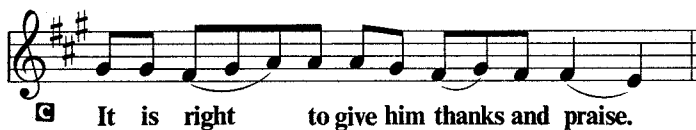
And al - so with you.

Chinese Christians tell a story about a visitor to Hell. The residents there were all seated at lavishly filled banquet tables, loaded with platters of the tastiest food you can imagine. It was perfectly prepared, only the best, all the favorites, and the smells were exquisite. So why was everyone crying and sobbing and in great distress? Because all their chopsticks were three feet long. They could reach the morsels they wanted, but the chopsticks were too long to get the food back into their own mouths . . .

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")

□ 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:

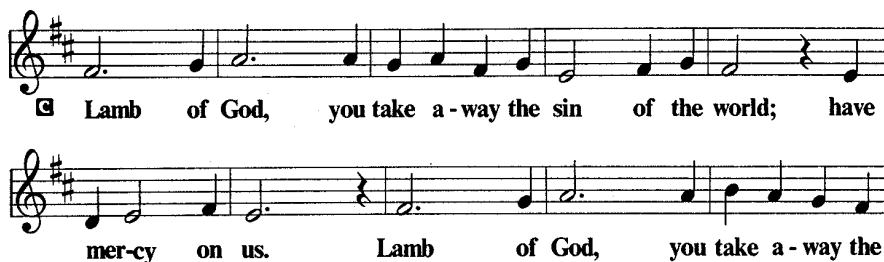
C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

ACCLAMATION

P: 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

... Stunned, the tourist continued with a stop in Heaven. What a surprise to find exactly the same scene. Almost. Even though everyone had the same, three-foot-long chopsticks, the party was going full blast and everyone was having a great time and, for the most part, talking with their mouths full. With their XXL size chopsticks they were feeding each other across the table.

Here [in the Lord's Supper] the high holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, comes to reside in us so that our bodies become holy places, living temples of the living God. Here the risen Lord Jesus comes to live bodily in us (John 6:56). That simply mystery is the heart of our spiritual life, its secret center.
 ~ Pr. John Kleinig,
Grace Upon Grace

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 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Children of the Heavenly Father” ... Jeremy S. Bakken

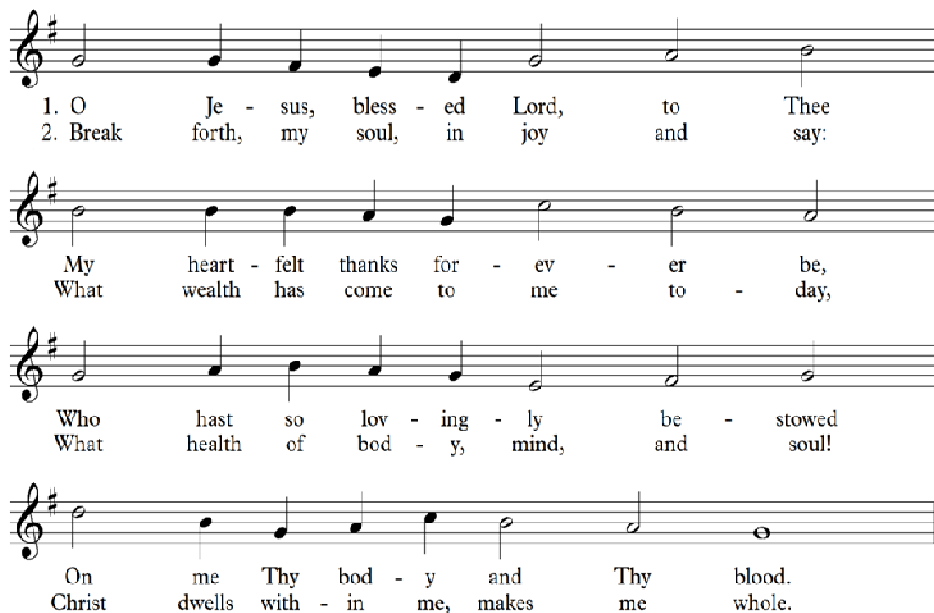
COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” green hymnal #225

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” green hymnal #549

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



1. O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee
2. Break forth, my soul, in joy and say:

My heart - felt thanks for - ev - er be,
What wealth has come to me to - day,

Who hast so lov - ing - ly be - stowed
What health of bod - y, mind, and soul!

On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
Christ dwells with - in me, makes me whole.

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

**A Prayer
As You Go**

Lord, make us bold to run the way of thy commandments and help us to stand still before thy presence, that, leading lives of quiet confidence, we may bear witness to thy grace and carry thy power into the world.
Amen

~ Minister's
Prayerbook

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Hymn to Joy" and "St. Anthony's Chorale"

... K. Lee Scott

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Ted Gulhaugen

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Vocalists: Katie Covi and Jessica Ray

Lector: (9:00) Grace Mueller

(11:00) Carl Boettcher

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Paul Fandrey

Acolyte: (9:00) Michael Cornell

(11:00) Sam Schubring

Elder: (9:00) Donna Nuernberg

(11:00) Karla Westcott

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

Landis Holdorf; Jewell Charbarneau

Gary and Sue Wolslegel;

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Lois Jarosz; Rob Kittel; Grace Mueller

(11:00) Dave Gisselman; Donna Nuernberg; 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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