

**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Graciously  
hear, O Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
the prayers of  
your ser-  
vants, and  
have mercy  
upon us:  
who, with the  
Father and  
the Holy  
Spirit, lives  
and reigns  
forever and  
ever. Amen.  
~ *The Liturgi-  
cal Year*



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**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 19, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** Many people turned away from our Lord when He preached and taught, offended by His promises. Yet His disciples confessed the truth: "You have the words of eternal life." Risen from the dead, Christ still preaches to us today, His words of life preserved for us in Holy Scripture and preached by His Church. These words are eternal life, spoken by the Holy One of God, and they give us a new life to live in the kingdom of His Father.



## **Sharing God's Blessings Today**

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Lorinda Boelter by Karen and Richard Merlau.
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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.



## **PRELUDE**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

... Brian Henkelmann

... John A. Behnke

## **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**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” green hymnal #546

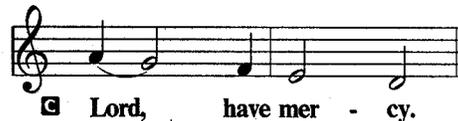
## **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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**

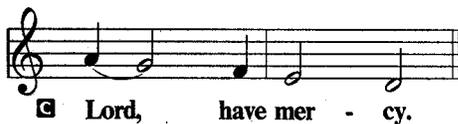
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

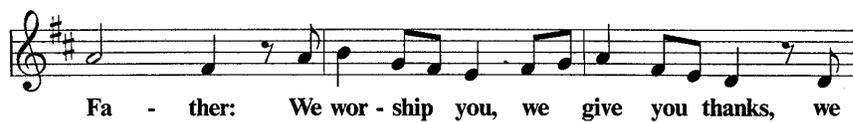


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## GLORIA

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



*"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."  
~ Mother Teresa*

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 . . . Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through 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** Proverbs 9:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, <sup>4</sup>“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says, <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup>Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” <sup>7</sup>Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. <sup>8</sup>Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. <sup>9</sup>Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*To love Christ  
is to love his  
love, and to  
love what he  
loves.*

*~ Pr. Rowan  
Williams,  
Ponder  
These  
Things*

*It was said concerning Father Agathon that some monks came to find him having heard of his great discernment. Wanting to see if he would lose his temper, they said to him, "Aren't you that Agathon who is said to be a fornicator and a proud man?" "Yes, it is very true," he answered. They resumed, "Aren't you that Agathon who is always talking nonsense?" "I am." Again they said, "Aren't you Agathon the heretic?" Be at that he replied, "I am not a heretic" . . .*

## **PSALM 34:12-22**

- L: Who among 'you loves life\*  
and desires long life to en'joy prosperity?
- C: Keep your tongue from 'evil-speaking\*  
and your lips from 'lying words.**
- L: Turn from evil 'and do good;\*  
seek peace 'and pursue it.
- C: The eyes of the LORD are up'on the righteous,\*  
and his ears are open 'to their cry.**
- L: The face of the LORD is against those 'who do evil,\*  
to root out the remembrance of them 'from the earth.
- C: The righteous cry, and 'the LORD hears them\*  
and delivers them from 'all their troubles.**
- L: The LORD is near to the 'brokenhearted\*  
and will save those whose spir'its are crushed.
- C: Many are the troubles 'of the righteous,\*  
but the LORD will deliver him out 'of them all.**
- L: He will keep safe 'all his bones;\*  
not one of them 'shall be broken.
- C: Evil shall 'slay the wicked,\*  
and those who hate the righteous 'will be punished.**

L: The LORD ransoms the life 'of his servants,\*  
and none will be punished 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 5:6-21

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." <sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

... So they asked him, "Tell us why you accepted everything we cast at you, but repudiated this last insult." He replied, "The first accusation I take to myself, for that is good for my soul. But heresy is separation from God. Now I have no wish to be separated from God." At this saying they were astonished at his discernment and returned, edified.  
~ Sayings of the Desert Fathers

Mother  
 Mary, like us,  
 was born in  
 sin of sinful  
 parents, but  
 the Holy  
 Spirit covered  
 her, sanctified  
 and purified  
 her so that  
 this child was  
 born of flesh  
 and blood,  
 but not with  
 sinful flesh  
 and blood.  
 The Holy  
 Spirit permit-  
 ted the Virgin  
 Mary to re-  
 main a true,  
 natural hu-  
 man being of  
 flesh and  
 blood, just as  
 we are. How-  
 ever, he  
 warded off sin  
 from her flesh  
 and blood so  
 that she be-  
 came the  
 mother of a  
 pure child,  
 not poisoned  
 by sin as we  
 are . . .

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.

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said,] “I 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.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen

to it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." <sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

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.**

*... For in that moment when she conceived, she was a holy mother filled with the Holy Spirit and her fruit is a holy, pure fruit, at once true God and truly man, in one person.*

*~ Martin Luther, House Sermons, 1532 A.D.*

*In the early church, just before the holy meal that we know as the Eucharist or the Lord's Supper, people brought forth food, mainly bread and wine, for a meal. They brought the everyday labors of their hands, what they had at home, and they put it up on the Lord's Table in the great offertory procession. You can see these ordinary people, coming forward at the invitation of their pastor, putting what they had on the table . . .*

**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.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"O God, My Faithful God" green hymnal #504*

## **SERMON**

*"The Best Use of the Time"*

*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.*

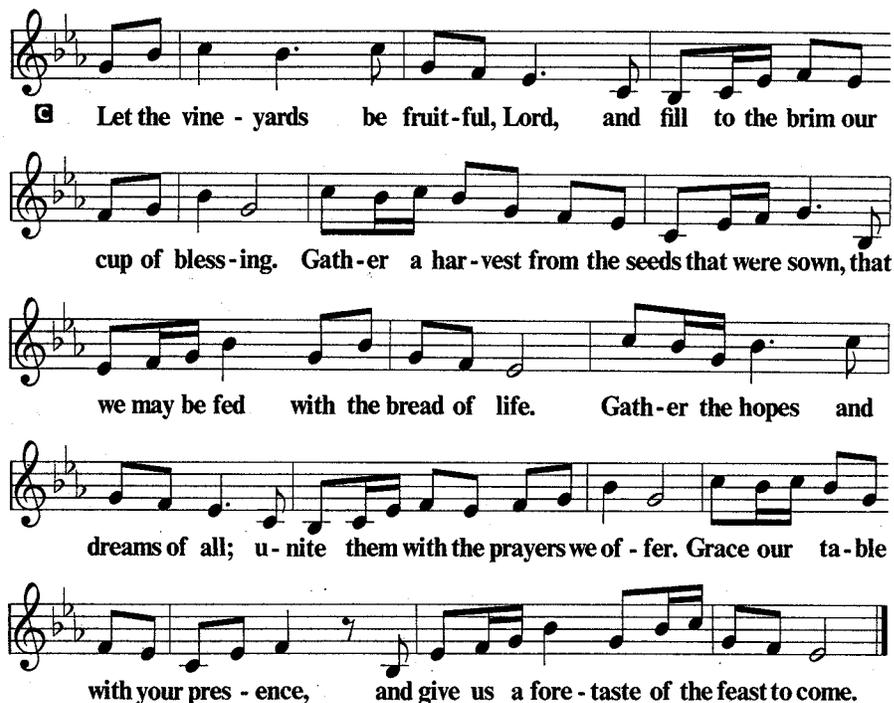
## VOLUNTARY

"O God, My Faithful God"

... Michael D. Costello

*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 . . . 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

*. . . In offering their food, in giving the stuff of their daily life back to God, for the use by God's people, they were participating in oblation. This giving, this oblation, is one of the great movements of our faith. We are not created simply to be receivers, takers: we are also created to be givers.*  
~ William Willimon, Pulpit Resources

## 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.



## 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.**

*The body of  
God's Lamb  
we eat,*

*A priestly food  
and priestly  
meat;*

*On sin-parched  
lips the chalice  
pours*

*His quenching  
blood that  
life restores.*

*~ Chad Bird,  
"The Infant  
Priest was  
Holy Born"*

As the blood of lambs spared the Israelite boys from death, so Christians are spared death by Christ's blood in the Lord's supper.  
 ~ Pr. David P. Scaer,  
Understanding Four Views on the Lord's Supper

## 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 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.*

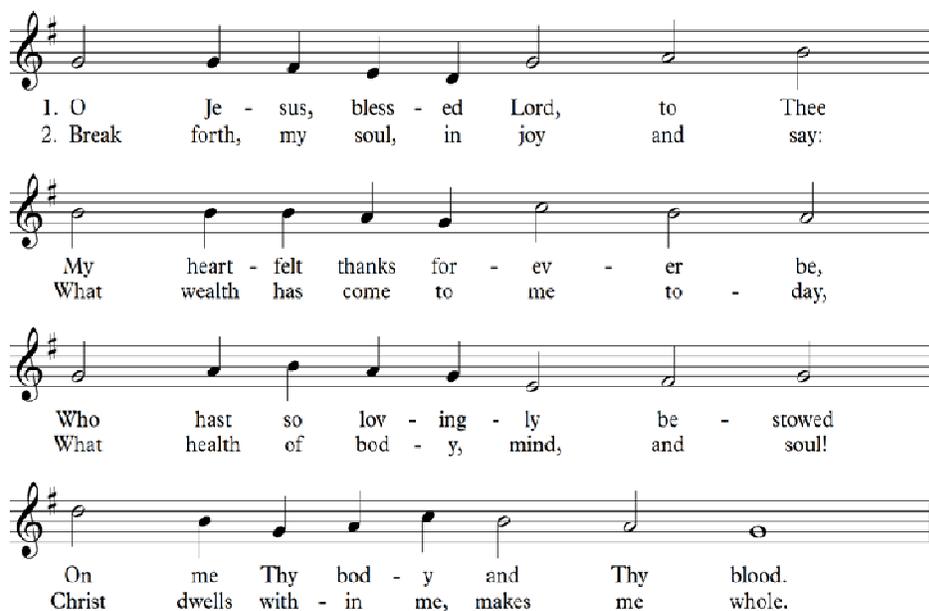
## COMMUNION HYMNS

“O Living Bread from Heaven” green hymnal #197

“Praise and Thanksgiving” green hymnal #409

*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

*Very Bread,  
good Shepherd,  
tend us  
Jesu,  
of Thy love  
befriend us,  
Thou refresh us,  
Thou defend us,  
Thine eternal  
goodness  
send us  
In the land  
of life to see.*

*Thou who all  
things canst and  
knowest,  
Who on earth  
such food be-  
stowest,  
Grant us with  
Thy Saints,  
though lowest,  
Where the heav-  
enly feast Thou  
showest,  
Fellow-heirs and  
guests to be.  
Amen.*

*~ Thomas  
Aquinas, 1225  
-1274 A.D.,  
Lauda Sion*

**A Prayer  
As You Go**  
Lord Jesus,  
since You  
love me, now  
spread Your  
wings above  
me and  
shield me  
from alarm.  
Though Sa-  
tan would  
devour me,  
let angel  
guards sing  
over me: This  
child of God  
shall meet no  
harm. Amen.

~ Paul  
Gerhardt,  
1607-1676  
A.D.,  
"Now Rest  
beneath  
Night's  
Shadow

## 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

Jig on "Bunessan"

... John A. Behnke

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**  
*To God alone be glory*

## **Serving at Worship**

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Lynn Budnik

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Grace Stimac

(11:00) Mara Stahl

Elder: (9:00) Scott Schubring

(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) Ted Gulhaugen; Grace Mueller; Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Gary Gisselman; 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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