

**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Eternal God,  
by whose  
Word the  
worlds were  
made and our  
wills quick-  
ened to serve  
you in sincer-  
ity and truth,  
open our  
minds and  
hearts to re-  
ceive again  
that same  
Word today  
and in and  
through your  
name may we  
be taught  
how to live.  
Amen.



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**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 26, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** People are always in a hurry to update or develop the Word of God, trying to make it relevant to the current time. In doing so, they tend to develop new teachings and doctrines that are at odds with the plain commandments of God in Christ. They proclaim their righteousness as good and right and worship accordingly. But Jesus calls such worship "in vain" if it leaves behind the commandments of God. If we seek to bear fruit in the kingdom, one such fruit must be obedience to the Word God has given to us through His Son. Such obedience is a fruit filled with blessing and life.

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

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Pr. Ted and Anna Gulhaugen in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary (August 19).
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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**

Partita on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

... Cynthia L. Goff

## **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.*

*Can man in this life in his renewal and godliness be completely without sinful failures and weaknesses? No, but he must nevertheless strive for perfection. Phil. 3:12: "Not that I have already grasped this or am already perfect; but I chase after it, that I might grasp it, after I have been grasped by Christ."*  
~Justus  
Faulkner,  
1708 A.D.

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" green hymnal #543

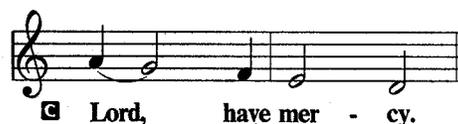
## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

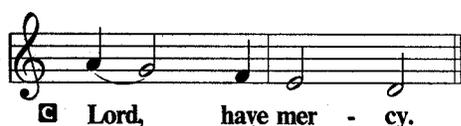
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



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 and merciful God, defend your Church from all false teaching and error that your faithful people may confess you to be the only true God and rejoice in your good gifts of life and salvation; 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.*

**OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 29:11-19

<sup>11</sup>And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." <sup>12</sup>And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." <sup>13</sup>And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, <sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." <sup>15</sup>Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" <sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? <sup>17</sup>Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? <sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. <sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

*Christ says,  
"Give me  
all. I don't  
want so  
much of  
your time  
and so much  
of your  
money and  
so much of  
your work: I  
want you. I  
have not  
come to tor-  
ment your  
natural self,  
but to kill it.  
No half-  
measures are  
any good. I  
don't want  
to cut off a  
branch here  
and a branch  
there, I want  
to have the  
whole tree  
down....  
Hand over  
the whole  
natural self,  
all the de-  
sires which  
you think  
innocent as  
well as the  
ones you....*

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 14**

L: The fool has said in his heart, "There 'is no God."\*  
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; |  
there is none who does 'any good.

**C: The LORD looks down from heaven up'on us all,\*  
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks  
'after God.**

L: Everyone has proved faithless; all alike 'have turned bad;  
there is none who does good; 'no, not one.

**C: Have they no knowledge, all those 'evildoers\*  
who eat up my people like bread and do not call up'on the  
LORD?**

L: See how they trem'ble with fear,\*  
because God is in the company 'of the righteous.

**C: Their aim is to confound the plans of 'the afflicted,\*  
but the LORD 'is their refuge.**

L: Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come 'out of Zion!\*  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will  
rejoice and Isra'el be glad.

**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 5:22-33

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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.

*...think  
wicked – the  
whole outfit.  
I will give  
you a new  
self instead.  
If fact, I will  
give you  
Myself: my  
own will  
shall become  
yours.”  
~C.S. Lewis,  
1943 A.D.*

*Who stands fast? Only the man whose final standard is not his reason, his principles, his conscience, his freedom, or his virtue, but who is ready to sacrifice all this when he is called to obedient and responsible action in faith and in exclusive allegiance to God – the responsible man, who tries to make his whole life an answer to the question and call of God*  
~Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1953 A.D.

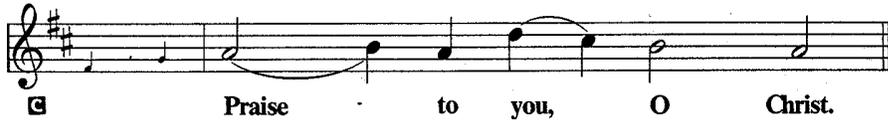
## GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.



<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup>and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ <sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” <sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God) – <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

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.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"  
*(printed on the next page)*

*It seems as though it were for the glory of the summer and the sleeping beauty of the pool that the sheep follow the shepherd. And it is for that reason that many do seek the Good Shepherd. They think of religion not as a necessity but as a luxury,...And we cannot make too sure of this: that religion, communion with God, is not luxury, but a necessity for the soul.*

*~Studdert  
Kennedy,  
20th  
Century  
A.D.*

Prayer in time of great need has its difficulties. It is especially difficult when one is writhing in agony. It seems impossible to pray. At most one can protest, and more easily accuse God. I dare, in the name of Jesus Christ, to say: Yes, do it! Accuse God face to face if it is impossible for you to approach him in any other way. Do you think that God is unable to bear it?...

“Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -  
 2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our  
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed  
 4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and  
 chism's doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the  
 sin and from it turn In faith to You and  
 help from day to day That as Your chil - dren  
 lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -  
 Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.  
 to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.  
 we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.  
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

**SERMON**

“Blessed Obedience”

*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.

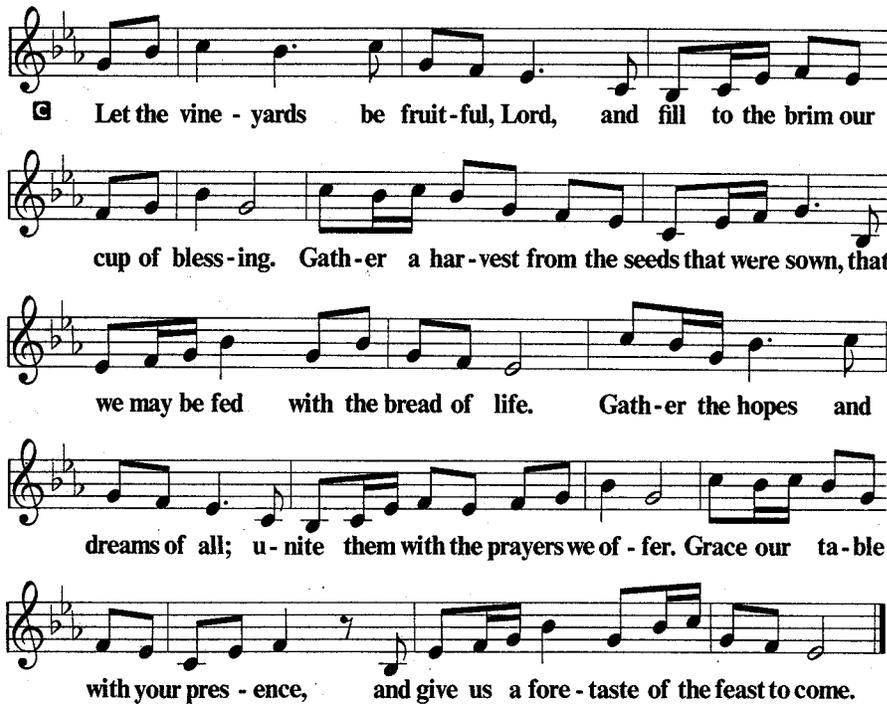
## VOLUNTARY

"Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

... Paul Manz

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.

...I go so far  
as to say that  
I believe  
He will un-  
derstand  
you....Speak  
out to God,  
break  
through all  
false ideas of  
piety, and  
come to God  
Him-  
self....All  
that matters  
is that you  
go straight  
away to  
God.

~Eivand  
Josef  
Berggrav,  
1884-1959  
A.D.

## 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.

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.

*Great in every way are the benefits of our Savior, who not only assumed our flesh and carried it with Him to His throne of heavenly glory, but also still feeds us with His body and blood for eternal life. O salutary food of our soul! O long awaited feast! O heavenly and angelic meal!  
~Johann Gerhard, 1631 A.D.*

## 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**

In Lutheran worship, we recognize the essential unity that exists between the baptismal font, the pulpit, and the altar. The faith into which a child is baptized is the one true faith ...The faith the pastor proclaims from the pulpit is not his opinion or even his view about the faith. Rather, what he proclaims is the one true faith itself as expressed in the creeds. And the faith confessed at the altar when we receive the Lord's Supper....

## 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  
 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

“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness” green hymnal #302

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” green hymnal #221

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.

...is not the individual faith of each believer. The forgiveness that cleanses you at the Lord’s Supper clings to “the faith” of the church. Thus the font, pulpit, and altar express unity of faith. Therefore, Lutheran pastors do not preach from the pulpit anything that differs from that faith into which a child is baptized. Not do communicants come to the altar with beliefs and conviction that contradict that which is preached from the pulpit.

~Daniel  
 Preus,  
 2004 A.D.

**A Prayer  
As You Go**  
Almighty  
God, every  
good thing  
comes from  
you. Fill our  
hearts with  
love for you,  
increase our  
faith, and by  
your con-  
stant care  
protect the  
good you  
have given  
us. We ask  
this through  
our Lord Je-  
sus Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives  
and reigns  
with you and  
the Holy  
Spirit, one  
God, for ever  
and ever.  
Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" ... Mark Sedio

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

## **Serving at Worship**

Preaching: The Rev. Ted Gulhaugen

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Robert Hochberger

(11:00) Robert Steffen

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Ryan Fernstaedt

Acolyte: (9:00) Lilith Christoffersen

(11:00) Nathan Contreras

Elder: (9:00) Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Karla Westcott

Ushers: (9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Steve and Marlene Kroening;

Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Bill Metter; Joe Pinzl

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Donna Nuernberg; Joe Pinzl

Altar Guild: Donna Nuernberg; Vicky Radunz

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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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