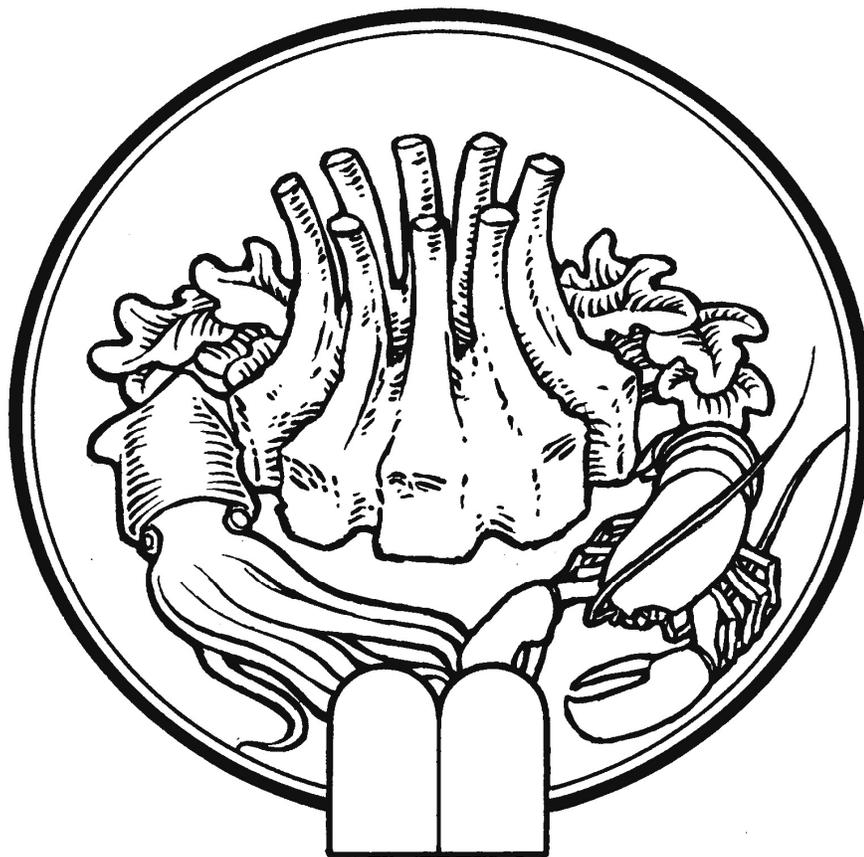


**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Merciful Father, since You have given Your only Son as the sacrifice for our sin, also give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



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**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 2, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** God once commanded Israel to avoid certain foods, such as pork and certain kinds of seafood. He did so to prepare the way for the true Bread of Life, His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. When Jesus came, He preached a new word, the promise that God's people could eat all good food and that true holiness came from a clean heart. How do we have a clean heart? By saying "amen" to God's good gifts, especially the gift of His Son, and trusting those gifts to be from God Himself.

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

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Mrs. Erwin H. (Lillian T.) Baehr by Mrs. Carolyn B. Lange and family.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Tom and Emi Tranetzki in loving memory of Tom's mother, Pearl Tranetzki, who passed away two years ago this month.
- 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

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

... John A. Behnke, Benjamin M. Culli, Kenneth T. Kosche

## 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.*

*This phrase suddenly popped into my head - Christ took my sins and cleansed every stain. Of course I always knew this, Uncle Cheong always repeated this to me, but before today, it was nothing but a dry, empty slogan, Christian autopilot words, a mantra chanted so often in church until it became nothing but a hollow noise. Under the table that day, I suddenly realized what it really meant, and I don't know why I didn't understand it before then . . .*

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*... Everything which God sees as bad is not there anymore. Now things which other people might consider bad about me, things which my parents and teachers always scolded me for – like abandoning my grandfather at the old folks' home, not crying at his funeral, crooked margins in my math exercise books, forgetting to switch off the video – I still had these horrible flaws, but everything which God considered bad about me – that's all been removed.*

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**

*“Come, Thou Almighty King” green hymnal #522*

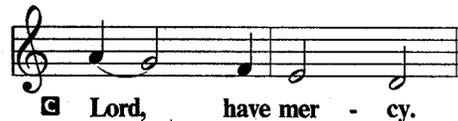
## **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

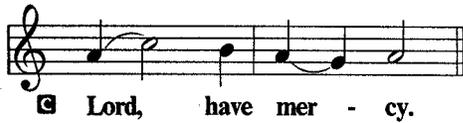
**C: And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

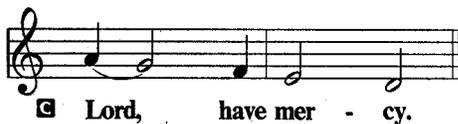
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

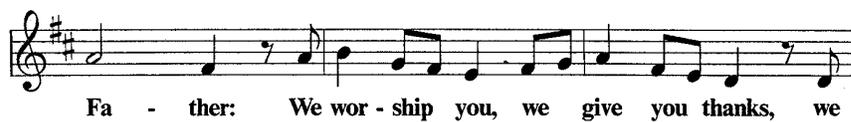


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## GLORIA

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



... In His eyes, I can do no wrong. Can you imagine having a relationship with someone like that? Someone who sees no faults in you, who finds nothing offensive or deficient, who weeps and sings songs of adoration to you, because in his eyes, you are flawless. Nobody else I know can ever be as completely satisfied with me as God is.

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... For other people, there will always be some flaw in me that makes me less than perfect in their eyes - maybe I'm too short, or too logical, or don't squeeze the toothpaste in the right way. Christ is the only person Who loves me because I am perfect in His eyes. At that moment, it didn't matter how much my mother scolded me, or if my grandfather burned with anger at me from Hell - I'd found someone Who would always love me to the point of near-worship ...

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 . . . O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup>“And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. <sup>6</sup>Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ <sup>7</sup>For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup>And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? <sup>9</sup>“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*. . . and I knew that that was the only thing I'd want for the rest of my life. All my guilt disappeared. My soul fed on Something, tasted the tears – were they mine or God's? – for each drop lighted my mind, altered my genes, turned me into something new, from soul to soul, from blood to blood, His spirit filled me until He became my very breath and my only desire: when I breathed I was using His breath and all I wanted to breathe was Him.*

*~ Hwee Hwee Tan, Singaporean novelist; Foreign Bodies, 1999 A.D.*

*Do you wish  
to be happy?  
Do you want  
to know how  
to spend the  
day truly  
blessed? I  
offer you a  
drink that is  
spiritual.  
This is not a  
drink for  
drunkenness  
that would  
cut off even  
meaningful  
speech. This  
does not  
cause us to  
babble. It  
does not dis-  
turb our vi-  
sion. Here it  
is: Learn to  
sing psalms!  
Then you will  
see pleasure  
indeed.  
Those who  
have learned  
to sing with  
the psalms  
are easily  
filled with the  
Holy Spirit.  
~ Chrysostom  
(d. 407  
A.D.),  
Homily of  
Ephesians*

## **PSALM 119:129-136**

- L:** Your de'crees are wonderful;\*  
therefore I obey them with 'all my heart.
- C:** **When your word goes forth 'it gives light,\*  
it gives understanding 'to the simple.**
- L:** I open my 'mouth and pant;\*  
I long for 'your commandments.
- C:** **Turn to 'me in mercy,\*  
as you always do to those who 'love your name.**
- L:** Steady my footsteps 'in your word;\*  
let no iniquity have dominion 'over me.
- C:** **Rescue me from those 'who oppress me,\*  
and I will keep 'your commandments.**
- L:** Let your countenance shine up'on your servant\*  
and teach 'me your statutes.
- C:** **My eyes shed 'streams of tears,\*  
because people do not 'keep your law.**
- 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 6:10-20

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.  
<sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand  
against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against  
flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities,  
against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the  
spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up

the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup>and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup>and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup>praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup>and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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 7th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>And [Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." <sup>17</sup>And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup>since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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 "By Grace I'm Saved"



1. By grace, I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2. By grace! None dare lay claim to mer-it; Our works and con-duct
3. By grace God's Son, our on-ly Sav-ior, Came down to earth to
4. By grace! This ground of faith is cer-tain; As long as God is
5. By grace to tim-id hearts that trem-ble, In trib-u-la-tion's



doubt it not. Why stag-ger at this word of prom-ise?  
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re-deem-er,  
bear our sin. Was it be-cause of your own mer-it  
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in-spi-ra-tion,  
fur-nace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trou-ble,



Has Scrip-ture ev-er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must  
Christ Je-sus, to this sin-ful earth; His death did for our  
That Je-sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
What in His Word our God com-mands, Our faith in what our  
The Fa-ther's heart is o-pen wide. Where could I help and



true re-main: By grace you too will life ob-tain.  
sins a-tone, And we are saved by grace a-lone.  
grace a-lone, That brought Him from His heav'n-ly throne.  
God has done De-pends on grace, grace through His Son.  
strength se-cure If grace were not my an-chor sure?

6. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

*“Give us this day our daily bread.” And He does, in two senses: our food, which sustains our bodies, and His Son, Who sustains our spirits. For Christ is the bread of life, a bread which belongs to those who are His. We say “Our Father” because He is the Father of those who are His sons; and we say “our bread” because it is food for those who are united to Christ . . .*

## SERMON

“Bless Your Heart”

*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

“Prayer”

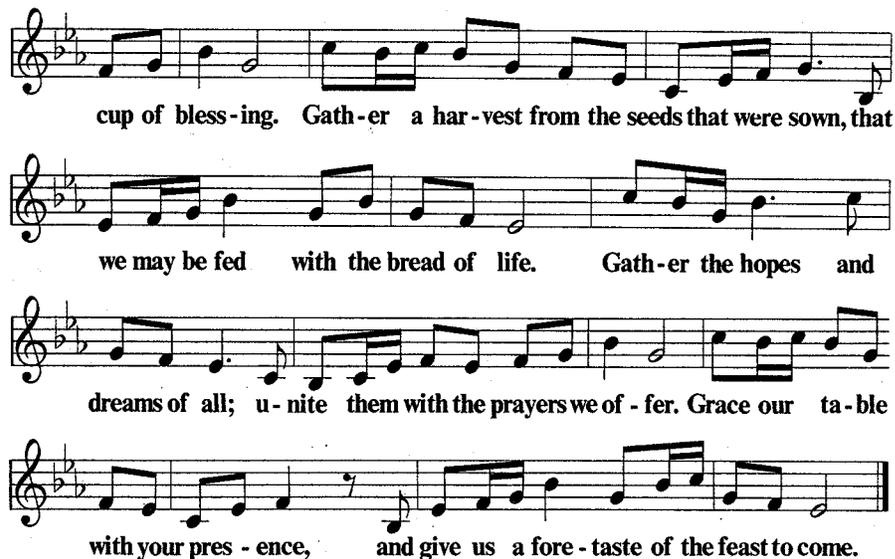
... Allen Orton Gibbs

*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

### 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.

*. . . So, just as we need our daily food, and cannot survive without it, we ask also for our spiritual food each day. We remember that Christ said, "I am the bread of life come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever; and that bread - the bread I give - is My flesh, offered for the life of the world."*  
~ Cyprian,  
200-258  
A.D

*In the biblical story of creation the human being is presented, first of all, as a hungry being, and the whole world as food. Second only to the direction to propagate and have dominion over the earth, according to the author of the first chapter of Genesis, is God's instruction to eat of the earth: "Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed ... and every tree, which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat" . . .*

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:

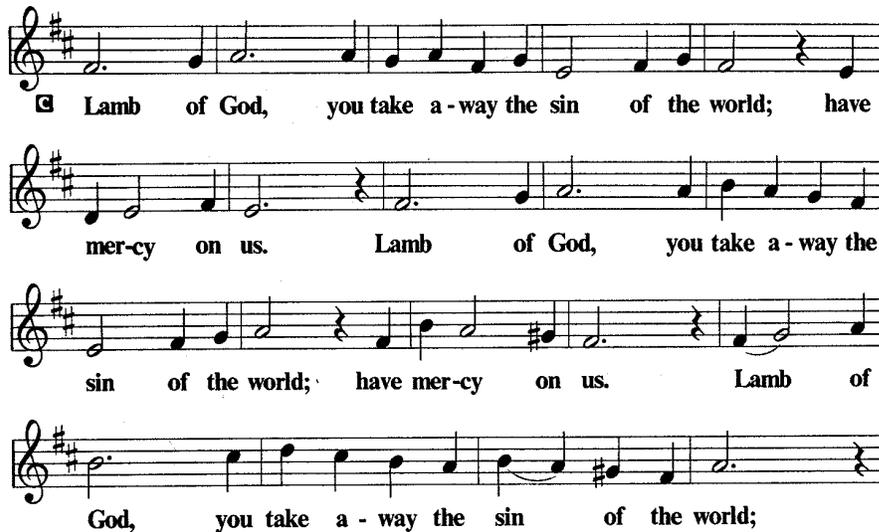
C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

## ACCLAMATION

P: 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;

*... We must eat in order to live: We must take the world into our body and transform it into ourselves, into flesh and blood. We are indeed that which we eat, and the whole world is presented as one all-embracing banquet table. And this image of the banquet remains, throughout the whole Bible, the central image of life. It is the image of life at its creation and also the image of life at its end and fulfillment: "...that you eat and drink at My table in My kingdom."  
~ Alexander Schmemmann, 20th Century A.D.*



*Please be seated.*

*The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.*

*Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.*

*The question of bread for myself is a material question, but the question of bread for my neighbor is a spiritual question.*

*~ Nikolai Berdyaev*

*The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*“Let Us Break Bread Together” green hymnal #212*

*“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” green hymnal #259*

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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.

**A Prayer  
 As You Go**

O Lord of eternal mercy, uphold your servants who turn to you in love. By the blood of your Son, cleanse our hearts from the death of the old, to the eternal life of the new. By your Holy Spirit adorn us in full armor for the battles that await so that, with confidence in your saving grace, we may stand in the victorious light of your love, and rejoice in your presence everlasting, 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.

**A** - - - - - **men**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE**

“By Grace I’m Saved”

... John A. Behnke

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**

*To God alone be glory*

**Serving at Worship**

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Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Samantha Pinzl

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Olivia Fernstaedt

(11:00) Taylor Halverson

Elder: (9:00) Craig Zastrow

(11:00) Adam Holzschuh

Ushers: (9:00) Adele Blair; Donald Budnik;

Fred Fenhaus; Robb Halverson

(11:00) Al Lippert; Wayne Reuter

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Ted Gulhaugen; Bill Metter; Joe Pinzl

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

Altar Guild: Sally Christoffersen; Anna Mae Zeinemann

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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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