

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Heavenly Father, God of all grace, waken our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness, that we may live in Your fear until with all Your saints we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. Get Him out of the clouds! "Him" is God, of course. He doesn't belong in the clouds for us anymore, because God has become flesh in His Child, Jesus. If we seek God, we will find Him in the humanity of that Jesus, His birth and ministry, His dying and rising, His words and Holy Supper. We find God where Jesus finds us, that is, wherever Jesus enters this world with mercy. In today's Gospel, He promises that we will receive Him especially as we receive children in His name, and not only will we receive Him but also the Father who sent Him.

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A Drop in the Christian Ocean

To those who know a little of Christian history probably the most moving of all the reflections it brings is not the thought of the great events and the well-remembered saints, but of those innumerable millions of entirely obscure faithful men and women, every one with his or her own individual hopes and fears and joys and sorrows and loves – and sins and temptations and prayers – once every whit as vivid and alive as mine are now. They have left no slightest trace in this world, not even a name, but have passed to God utterly forgotten. Yet each of them once believed and prayed as I believe and pray, and found it hard and grew slack and sinned and repented and fell again. Each of them worshiped at Holy Communion, and found their thoughts wandering and tried again, and felt heavy and unresponsive and yet knew – just as really and pathetically as I do these things. There is a little ill-spelled ill-carved rustic epitaph of the fourth century from Asia Minor: – “Here sleeps the blessed Chione, who has found Jerusalem for she prayed much.” Not another word is known of Chione, some peasant woman who lived in that vanished world of Christian Anatolia. But how lovely if all that should survive after sixteen centuries were that one had prayed much, so that the neighbours who saw all one's life were sure one must have found Jerusalem! What did the Sunday Communion in her village church every week for a life-time mean to the blessed Chione – and to the millions like her then, and every year since? The sheer stupendous quantity of the love of God which this ever repeated action has drawn from the obscure Christian multitudes through the centuries is in itself an overwhelming thought.

~ Gregory Dix, liturgical scholar

Announcements

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



PRELUDE

Five Interpretations on “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

... Timothy Albrecht; Richard Hillert; Raymond H. Haan;
Theodore Beck; Jeffrey Blersch

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

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” green hymnal #250

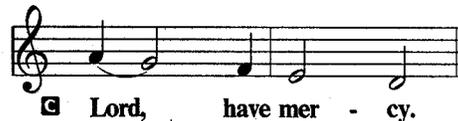
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

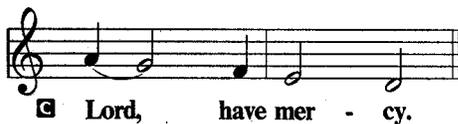
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

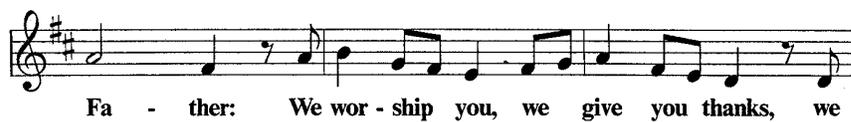


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA

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



Let us who are in Christ - who are always in the light - not stop praying even at night ... Since in the kingdom of heaven we will only have day without night, keep watch at the night as you would in daylight. Since we are going to pray and give thanks to God forever, let us not stop praying and giving thanks in this life also.
~ Cyprian, 200-258 A.D.

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, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please you in both will and deed; 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.

CHORAL RESPONSE (9:00 a.m.)

"There Is a Redeemer"

... Keith Green

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 54

Choir/ Save me, O God, 'by your name;*

L: in your might, de'fend my cause.

C: **Hear my 'prayer, O God;***
give ear to the words 'of my mouth.

Faith is a divine work in us that transforms us and begets us anew from God, kills the Old Adam, makes us entirely different people in heart, spirit, mind, and all our powers, and brings the Holy Spirit with it. Oh, faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing, so that it is impossible for it not to be constantly doing what is good. Likewise, faith does not ask if good works are to be done, but before one can ask, faith has already done them and is constantly active.
~ Martin Luther

Choir/ For the arrogant have risen up against me, |
L: and the ruthless have 'sought my life,*
those who have no re'gard for God.

C: Behold, God 'is my helper;*
it is the Lord who sus'tains my life.

Choir/ Render evil to those who 'spy on me;*
L: in your faithful'ness, destroy them.

C: I will offer you a 'freewill sacrifice*
and praise your name, O LORD, for 'it is good.

Choir/ For you have rescued me from 'every trouble,*
L: and my eye has seen the ruin 'of my foes.

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 James 3:13–4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ^{4:1}What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war

within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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.

A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said wouldn't be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic on the level with a man who says he's a poached egg - or else he would be the devil of hell; you must take your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a mad man or something worse . . .

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... You can shut Him up for a demon, or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But don't come up with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great moral teacher. He hasn't left that alternative open to us. He did not intend to.
~ C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.



³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. ³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” green hymnal #424

SERMON

“Servant of All”

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.**

*The whole life of Christ was a continual Passion; others die martyrs but Christ was born a martyr. He found Golgotha even in Bethlehem, where He was born; for to His tenderness then the straws were almost as sharp as thorns after, and the manger as uneasy at first as His cross at last. His birth and death were but one continual act, and His Christmas Day and His Good Friday are but the evening and morning of one and the same day.
~ The Book of Uncommon Prayer*

Here, then,
let the hun-
gry Christ be
fed; let the
thirsty Christ
be given a
drink; let the
naked Christ
be clothed; let
the stranger
Christ be
sheltered; let
the sick
Christ be vis-
ited.
~ Augustine
of Hippo,
300s A.D.

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 of Glory, You Have Bought Us” ... John A. Behnke

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.

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:

While it is true that through Baptism we are first born anew, our human flesh and blood have not lost their old skin. There are so many hindrances and temptations of the devil and the world that we often grow weary and faint, at times even stumble. The Lord's Supper is given as a daily food and sustenance so that our faith may refresh and strengthen itself and not weaken in the struggle but grow continually stronger. For the new life should be one that continually develops and progresses . . .

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;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

... Meanwhile it must suffer much opposition. The devil is a furious enemy; when he sees that we resist him and attack the old man, and when he cannot rout us by force, he sneaks and skulks about everywhere, trying all kinds of tricks, and does not stop until he has finally worn us out so that we either renounce our faith or yield hand and foot and become indifferent or impatient. For such times, when our heart feels too sorely pressed, this comfort of the Lord's Supper is given to bring us new strength and refreshment.

*~ Martin Luther,
Large Catechism*

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 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

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

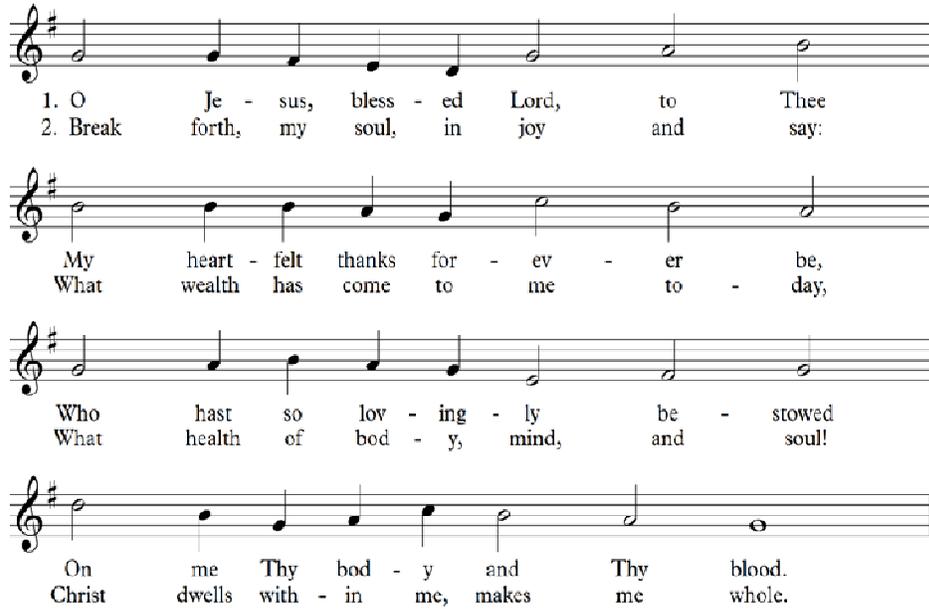


Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Children of the Heavenly Father” green hymnal #474

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**

O Lord,
Thou faithful
God, I pray
Thee, grant
Thy servant
the joy of la-
boring in the
vineyard
planted with
sweat and
tears by Thy
dear Son,
and, until the
evening
comes, let me
glory in the
high privi-
lege of serv-
ing Thee.
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

Toccata on "Hyfrydol"

... Jeffrey Blersch

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: The Rev. Christopher Johnson

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: (9:00) Zion Kantorei

Lector: (9:00) Jan Gaugush

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Jon Oestreich

Acolyte: (9:00) Ashtyn Fernstaedt

(11:00) Nathan Contreras

Elder: (9:00) Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

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

(11:00) Al Lippert; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

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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