

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

O Lord, by strength of your arm, defend us from the wickedness and snares of the devil that lie in wait. By your right hand and in the mercy of your Son, lift us up that we may see beyond this temporary valley, and with your Holy Spirit keep us in the faith which leads to life everlasting.
Amen



The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 11, 2018 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. With all the saints, we Christian soldiers strive onward. But we march to the beat of different drummer. Those who have been baptized into Christ stand as a unified front. Having put on Christ we, as His body the church, fight against the ancient enemy and His most potent weapon: death. But we do not fight with the weapons of this world. We fight with what Jesus has given and taught. In the richness of His grace we are bold to fight in poverty, laying down all we have. For we know that our struggle with the enemy can only end in victory. Christ goes before us, so we say; "Onward!"

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Geneva Boelter by her daughter and son-in-law, 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

Partita on "Hyfrydol"

... Robert J. Powerll

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.

"The key is to 'listen for the creature in waiting,' as Luther would say. The minister says; 'in the name of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.' The creature says; 'This cannot be so!' And so, you say again, from a sinner to a sinner; 'In the name of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.' The truly shocking thing here is that God would seek to treat us as humans: giving his word of absolution as it comes through the mouth of a preacher..."

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...In this way
He delivers
the goods.
That is, He
gives you
Christ and
points you to
Resurrection.
And since he
is Risen, He
won't shut up
about it!"

~Steven
Paulson,
1517 Pod-
cast.

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

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" green hymnal #158

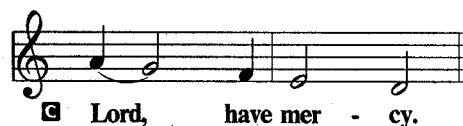
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

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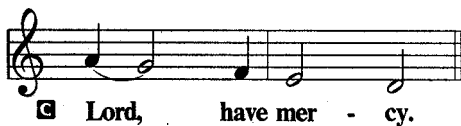
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

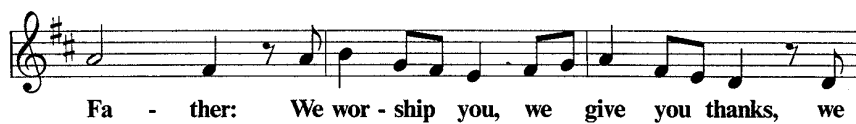


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA

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



[T]he transgression of the commandment was making them turn back again according to their nature; and as they had at the beginning come into being out of non-existence, so were they now returning, through corruption, to non-existence again...

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The presence
and love of
the Word
hade called
them into
being; inevi-
tably, there-
fore when
they lost the
knowledge of
God, they lost
existence
with it; for it
is God alone
Who exists,
evil is non-
being, the
negation and
antithesis of
good.

~ Athana-
sius, *On the
Incarnation*
(300s 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 . . . Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”

... arr. Michael Ryan

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

To have God, as you can well imagine, does not mean to grasp him with your fingers, or to put him into a purse, or to shut him up in a box. Rather, you lay hold of God when your heart grasps him and clings to him. To cling to him with your heart is nothing else than to entrust yourself to him completely. He wishes to turn us away from everything else apart from him, and to draw us to himself, because he is the one eternal good.

~Martin Luther, The Large Catechism

First of all there is God's Word. After it follows faith; after faith love; then love does every good work, for it does no wrong, indeed, it is the fulfilling of the law [Rom13:10]. In no other way can man come to God or deal with him than through faith...

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

L: Hallelujah! | Praise the LORD, 'O my soul!*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; |

I will sing praises to my God while I 'have my being.

**C: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any 'child of earth,*
for there is no 'help in them.**

L: When they breathe their last, they re'turn to earth,*
and in that day 'their thoughts perish.

**C: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob 'for their help,*
whose hope is in the 'LORD their God;**

L: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that 'is in them;*

who keeps his prom'ise forever;

**C: who gives justice to those who 'are oppressed,*
and food to 'those who hunger.**

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free; | the LORD opens the eyes
'of the blind;*

the LORD lifts up those who 'are bowed down;

**C: the LORD loves the righteous; | the LORD cares 'for the
stranger;***
**he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way
'of the wicked.**

L: The LORD shall 'reign forever,*
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | ' Hallelujah!

**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 Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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.

...That is to say, that the author of salvation is not man, by any works of his own, but God, through his promise; and that all things depend on, and are upheld and preserved by the word of his power [Heb 1:3], through which he brought us forth, to be a kind of first fruits of his creatures [Jas 1:18].

~Martin Luther, On the Babylonian Captivity of the Church

Neither fear nor self-interest can convert the soul. They may change the appearance, perhaps even the conduct, but never the object of supreme desire...Fear is the motive which constrains the slave; greed binds the selfish man, by which he is tempted when he is drawn away by his own lust and enticed [Jas 1:14]. But neither fear nor self-interest is undefiled, nor can they convert the soul. Only charity can convert the soul, freeing it from unworthy motives.
 ~ Bernard of Clairvaux

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter.



³⁸And in his teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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 All Hopefulness” green hymnal #469

SERMON

“The Things We Carry”

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**

After all, brothers and sisters, I have just said that what the Lord impressed upon us in the eating of his flesh and the drinking of his blood is that its whole purpose is for us to abide in him and him in us. Now we abide in him when we are his members, while he abides in us when we are his temple. But for us to be members, we have to be bonded together by unity...

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.

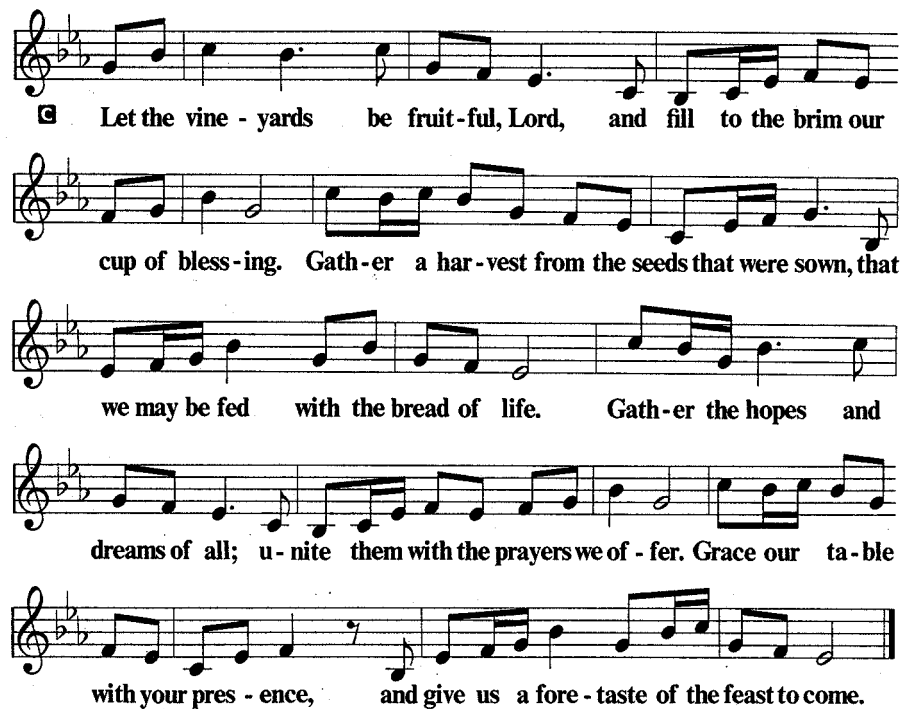
VOLUNTARY

(9:00 a.m.) " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" ... arr. Michael Ryan

(11:00 a.m.) "Lord of All Hopefulness" ... Albert L. Travis

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.

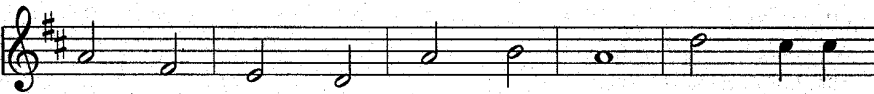
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☐ 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:

SANCTUS ("Holy")



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your

...What makes unity bond together? What else but charity? And where does the charity of God come from?... 'The charity of God...has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (Rom 5:5). So then, the Spirit gives life; it is the Spirit after all who makes sure the members are alive.

~ Augustine, Homilies on the Gospel of John (around 400 A.D.)

First of all there is God's Word. After it follows faith; after faith love; then love does every good work, for it does no wrong, indeed, it is the fulfilling of the law [Rom13:10]. In no other way can man come to God or deal with him than through faith...

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.

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.

...That is to say, that the author of salvation is not man, by any works of his own, but God, through his promise; and that all things depend on, and are upheld and preserved by the word of his power [Heb 1:3], through which he brought us forth, to be a kind of first fruits of his creatures [Jas 1:18].

*~Martin Luther,
On the Baby-
lonian Captiv-
ity of the
Church*

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

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” green hymnal #389

“Fight the Good Fight”



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
 3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
 eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
 mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
 not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
 you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what

he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -
 joyce and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -
 es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**A Prayer
 As You Go**
 O God, in the mercy of your Son, you imparted unto us, your children, life where we could only see death. By your Holy Spirit breathe this same unconquerable life into us now, that we might bear such fruit wrought by faith, and hold fast to the victory assured in the Resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. 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

Fanfare on "Webb"

... Gordon Young

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: The Rev. Christopher Johnson

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: Handchime Choir

Lector: (9:00) Lynn Budnik

(11:00) Dave Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Asa Rich

(11:00) Mara Stahl

Elder: (9:00) Scott Schubring

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

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

Jewell Charbarneau; Landis Holdorf;

Gary and Sue Wolslegel;

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistant:

(9:00) Grace Mueller

(11:00) Dave Gisselman

Altar Guild: Kay Krall; Debra Thomas

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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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