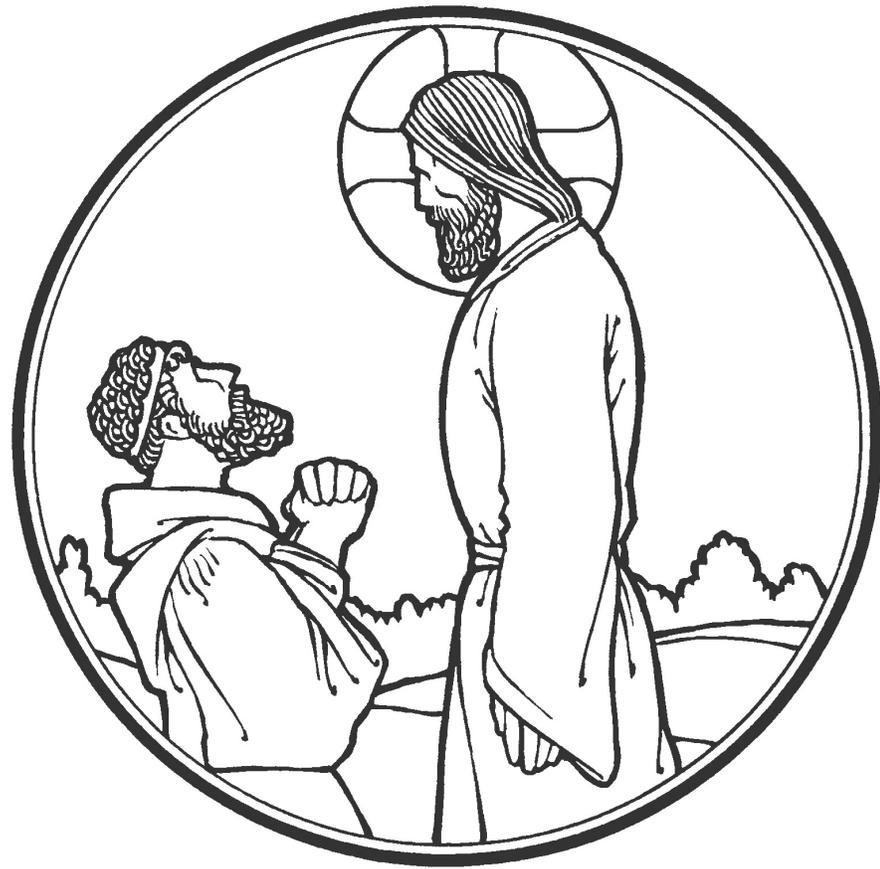


**A Prayer
Upon
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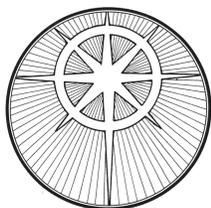
For every
mercy of the
past, and for
Thy presence
still, we praise
and bless
Thee, O God.
Be Thou yet
our guide and
our one sure
hope forever;
through Jesus
Christ, our
Lord. Amen.



The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 17, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M

Welcome to the Lord's Day. We come to Jesus as beggars, but He treats us like kings and queens! To the poor He gives a kingdom, and to the grieving, He gives laughter – He reaches out to those who have nothing to give Him, and gives them all that He has and is. But what can He promise to those who want nothing, miss nothing, and need nothing? We come to Jesus poor, or we come to Him not at all – and it's only when He provides for us in our poverty that we really have something to share.



Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's radio broadcast is sponsored by Rosalind and Maureen Rouse in praise and thanksgiving for the life of their mother, Laurel Karzel Rouse. "Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!"
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored in memory of Delores Lewitzke, whose birthday is February 21, from the families of Charles Lewitzke, Mark Lewitzke, and Mike and Marcia Strandberg.
- Today's bulletins are sponsored in thankfulness for all of God's blessings by Barb Ziebell and family.
- The sponsor charts for 2019 for Radio Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry. You may also call the church office to sign up for Bulletin Sponsor.

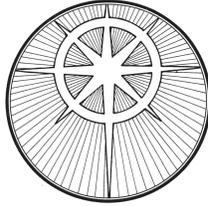
A Word on Communion, Community, and Outreach

The movement flowing from the Eucharist is the movement from communion to community to ministry. Our experience of communion first sends us to our brothers and sisters to share with them our stories and build with them a body of love. Then, as community, we can move in all directions and reach out to all people.

I am deeply aware of my own tendency to want to go from communion to ministry without forming community. My individualism and desire for personal success ever and again tempt me to do it alone and to claim the task of ministry for myself. But Jesus himself didn't preach and heal alone. Luke, the Evangelist, tells us how he spent the night in communion with God, the morning to form community with the twelve apostles, and the afternoon to go out with them ministering to the crowds. Jesus calls us to the same sequence; from communion to community to ministry. He does not want us to go out alone. He sends out together, two by two, never by ourselves. And so we can witness as people who belong to a body of faith. We are sent out to teach, to heal, to inspire, and to offer hope to the world-not as the exercise of our unique skill, but as the expression of our faith that all we have to give comes from him who brought us together. ~ Henry J. M. Nouwen, *With Burning Hearts*

Announcements

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



PRELUDE

“Prelude in E minor”

... Nicolaus Bruhns

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 Divine Service is a tiny fragment of something else; it is a part of the worship which is unfolded in the Church every hour of the day and night, in every part of the world. When you come here, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress - a conversation between God and his people which began long before you were born and will continue long after you are dead . . .

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... So, do not
be surprised
or disturbed if
there are
some things
which you do
not under-
stand straight
away. For a
brief moment,
you step into
the continual
stream of
worship
which is be-
ing offered
today and
will be offered
to the end of
time. You are
one with
those who
worship here
on earth and
in heaven.

~ The Cathed-
ral Church
of Christ,
A Guide to
the Order of
Worship

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free our-
selves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left un-
done. 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 or-
dained 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

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!” green hymnal #383

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.

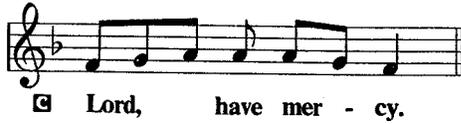
KYRIE

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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

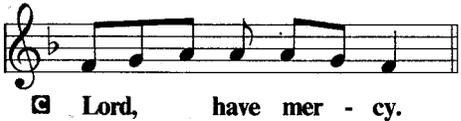
L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



L: 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.



L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

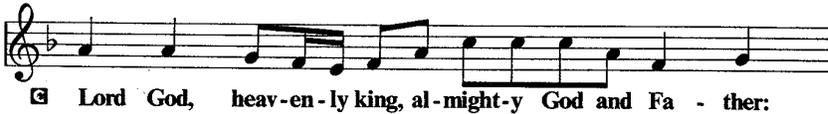


L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA

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



In the Church we speak and sing of the glory of God, named Love. Therefore in this Church is not only our happiness, but also God's perfect praise, God's glory. God's honor, like our happiness, is fulfilled in the Church. The Church is fulfillment, - here at length is all as it ought to be. The Church is fulfillment, - and what is fulfilled without it? Behold, the Church! It is the contrary of loneliness - blessed fellowship! . . .

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becoming
blessed - and,
in the midst
of their songs
of praise, the
Lord! - No
longer lonely,
but perme-
ated, satisfied,
- yes, blessed
is he who is
one of the
Millions, each
of whom has
Christ and
with Him
heaven and
earth!

~ Wilhelm
Löhe,
Three Books
on the
Church



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 Lord, graciously hear the prayers of your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by your goodness to the glory of your name; 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.)

“Blessed by God Beyond Description” . . . John A. Behnke

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 1

Choir/ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel

L: 'of the wicked,*

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats

'of the scornful!

*In the evening
of this life I
shall appear
before Thee
with empty
hands because
I do not ask
Thee, Lord, to
count my
works. All our
just acts have
blemishes in
Thine eyes.
Therefore I
want to wrap
myself up
again in Thy
justice, and to
receive from
Thy love the
eternal posses-
sion of Thee
Thyself.
~ Theresa of
Lisieux*

**C: Their delight is in the law 'of the LORD,*
and they meditate on his law 'day and night.**

Choir/ They are like trees planted by streams of water, |
L: bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that 'do not
wither;*
everything they 'do shall prosper.

**C: It is not so 'with the wicked,*
they are like chaff which the wind 'blows away.**

Choir/ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
L: 'judgment comes,*
nor the sinner in the council 'of the righteous.

**C: For the LORD knows the way 'of the righteous,*
but the way of the wick'ed is doomed.**

**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 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in

*Mortality
ain't no big
deal...
~ James
Brown,
from
Rolling
Stone,
January 25,
2007 A.D.*

your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ And [Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰ And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of

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

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" green hymnal #90

SERMON

"Sharing the Absolution, Part I"

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ, the everlasting God and Son of Mary, let us pray.

P: . . . O King of Kings,

C: **receive 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.*

The meaning of the sermon is determined before the preacher sets foot into the pulpit. It is "God loves you." In part, the task in listening to a sermon is to set "God loves you" in light of the preacher's actual words. But most importantly, the task in listening is to be caught in this love.

~ Rev.

David H.

Petersen,

How to Lis-

ten to a

Sermon

VOLUNTARY

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” ... Michael Burkhardt

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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. 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 . . . Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless gift of your Son, sent into our flesh to redeem the creation. Grant that we may now so eat of his flesh and drink of his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us.

C: 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, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

For a time, the division between heaven and earth is gone. Heaven has come down to earth, and all stand together around the throne of almighty God. The confidence that this unseen reality is true comes from faith in Jesus Christ's presence in the Sacrament. In the hosannas of the second half of the Sanctus ("Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord") we worship Jesus who comes in His Holy Supper ~ Scot A. Kinnaman, Worshipping with Angels and Arch-angels

*What God's
Son has told
me, take for
truth I do;
Truth himself
speaks truly,
or there's
nothing true.
~ Thomas
Aquinas
1225-1274
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

ACCLAMATION

P: The Word was made flesh

C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

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



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 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

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" green hymnal #200

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*Simeon's Song*)



Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal you to the na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . O God of wonder, we have tasted your goodness, and beheld your presence in the Word made flesh. Shine forth his light in all we say and do, and fill the earth with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

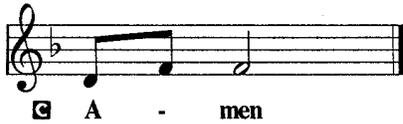
C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

... John A. Behnke

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +

To God alone be glory

A Prayer as You Go

We are weak and sick, O Father, and the temptations of the flesh and the world are great and many. O Father, keep us, and let us not fall again into temptation and sin. Give us grace that we may remain steadfast and fight bravely to our end. Without Your grace and help we can do nothing. Amen.
~ Martin Luther, 1483-1546 A.D.

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Presiding: The Rev. Chris Johnson

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Choir: (9:00) Zion Kantorei

Lector: (9:00) Mark Gehrke

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Scott Schubring

Acolyte: (9:00) Mitchell Steinke

(11:00) Mara Stahl

Elder: (9:00) Craig Zastrow

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

Ushers: (9:00) Mark Gehrke; Grace Mueller;

Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistant:

(9:00) Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Anna Gjerde; Anna Mae Zeinemann

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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