

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

O God of all deliverance, send your Holy Spirit into my heart and kindle within it's depths a life-giving faith in your Son. Lift my head that my eyes might ever behold the expanse of your mercy as I gaze upon the risen glory of Him you have revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. We all love the feast. Tables stocked full with the fruits of an abundant harvest warm the soul. But before we sow and reap, before the laying of seed, a field good for growing must be cleared. In this first part of the season of Pentecost, our Lord is clearing the countryside, casting out whatever would prevent the seed from flourishing into a fruitful harvest. This is no easy task, and all the commotion it causes isn't likely to be received well from the locals who have their own opinions about how things ought to be done. For them and for us, this way of planting is risky business.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Katy Bliese by her loving family.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored in loving memory of Roland and Arvilla Wendorff by Eric and Kathy Wendorff.
- The sponsor charts for 2019 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

Three Settings of "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
... Albrecht; Manz; Walther

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.

*For God to
save us, God
must invade.
God's pri-
mary weapon
is the resur-
rection. The
Lamb's resur-
rection. And
then ours.*

*~ Brian K.
Blount,
2015*

The main battle is not waged out there in the world, but right here in our souls. Here in our conscience we “fight the good fight” by “holding faith in good conscience.” That fight is not won by going on some spiritual crusade against the forces of darkness and their strongholds in the world around us. Instead, it is won by retaining and using what we have received from God, faith in Christ and the good conscience that comes through faith in [His forgiveness.]

~ John Kleinig, 2008

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church, and by the authority of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Please stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” green hymnal #543

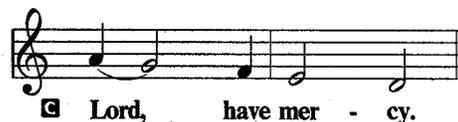
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

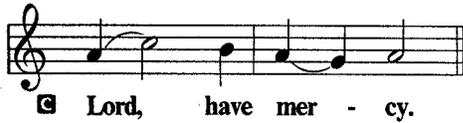
C: And also with you.

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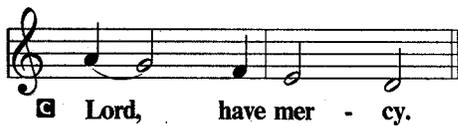
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



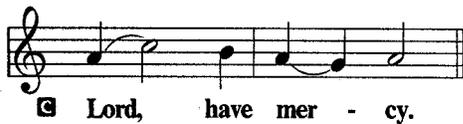
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

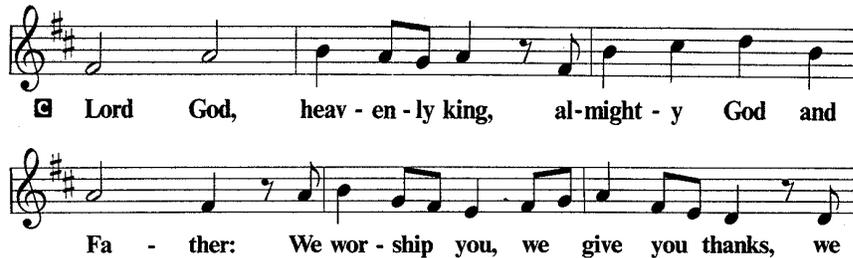


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA

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



Right outside
of this one
church town;
There's a gold
dirt road to a
whole lot of
nothing;' Got
a deed to the
land, but it
ain't my
ground This
is God's
country. We
pray for rain,
and thank
Him when
it's fallen;
'Cause it
brings a grain
and a little bit
of money. We
put it back in
the place; I
guess that's
why they call
it God's
country.

I saw the
light in the
sunrise; Sit-
tin' back in
the 40 on the
muddy river-
side; Gettin'
baptized in
holy water
and shine
with the dogs
runnin'.
Saved by the
sound of the...

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 COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things that surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 65:1-9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name. ²I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom ⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds." ⁸Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*...been found;
Dixie whistle
in the wind,
that'll get you
heaven bound.
The devil went
down to Geor-
gia, but he did-
n't stick
around. This is
god's country.*

*We turned the
dirt and
worked until
the week's
done; We take
a break and
break bread on
Sunday; And
then do it all
again
'Cause we're
proud to be
from God's
country.*

*~ Blake Shel-
ton, "God's
Country."*

There is no help for him in his God.

L: But you O LORD, are a 'shield about me;*
you are my glory, the one who lifts 'up my head.

**C: I call aloud up'on the LORD,*
and he answers me from his 'holy hill;**

L: I lie down and 'go to sleep;*
I wake again because the 'LORD sustains me.

**C: I do not fear the multi'tudes of people*
who set themselves against me 'all around.**

L: Rise up O LORD; | set me free 'O my God;*
surely you will strike all my enemies across the face, |
you will break the teeth 'of the wicked.

**C: Deliverance belongs 'to the LORD.*
Your blessing be up'on your people!**

**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 Galatians 3:23–4:7

^{3:23}Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God,

through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. ⁴¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

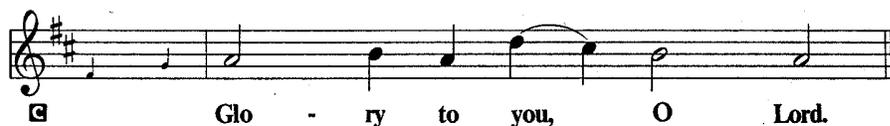
Please stand.

VERSE



GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter.



*You can run on
for a long time;
Run on for a long
time;
Run on for a long
time.
Sooner of later
God'll cut you
down.
Sooner or later
God'll cut you
down.*

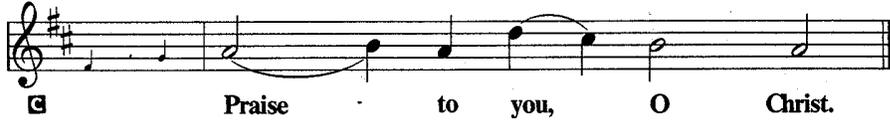
*Go tell that long
tongued liar;
Go tell that mid-
night rider;
Tell the rambler,
the gambler, the
back biter;
Tell'em that
God's gonna cut
'em down.
Tell'em that
God's gonna cut
'em down.*

*~ Johnny Cash,
"God's Gonna
Cut You
down."*

We may also learn for what befell the herd of swine> wicked demons are cruel, mischievous, hurtful and treacherous to those who are in their power. The fact clearly proves this. Because they hurried the swine over a precipice and drowned them in the waters. Christ granted their request that we might learn from what happened that their disposition is ruthless, bestial, incapable of being softened, and solely intent on doing evil to those whom they can get into their power...

²⁶Then Jesus and his disciples sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. ³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

“Rise, Shine You People” green hymnal #393

SERMON

“Eat or be Eaten”

Please kneel.

...If there is anyone among us who is wanton, swinish, filthy loving, impure and willingly contaminated with the abominations of sin, God permits such a one to fall into their power and sink into the abyss...It will never happen that those who love Christ will become subject to them. It will never happen to us as long as we walk in His footsteps... and belong to that virtuous and praiseworthy lifestyle that Christ has marked out for us...

~ St. Cyril of Alexandria, 436 A.D.

....Consider the whole course of our life as a feast, and continue near and do not go far off, saying to Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life' ([In 6:68](#)). Let those of us who are far off return, confessing our iniquities, and having nothing against any man, but by the spirit mortifying the deeds of the body ([Rm 8:13](#))...

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

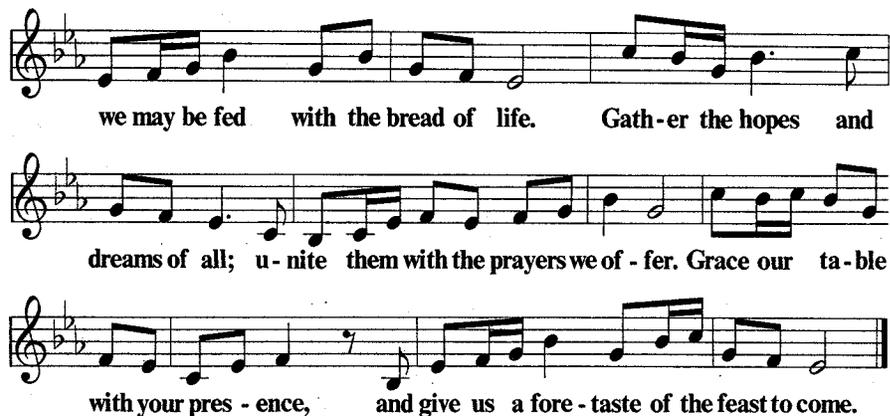
“Amazing Grace”

... Haan

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.



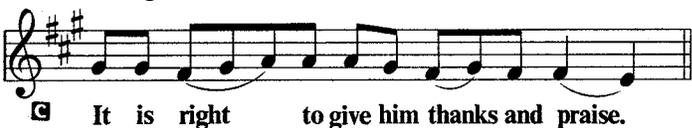
And al-so with you.

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.

...For thus, having first nourished the soul here, we shall partake with angels at that heavenly and spiritual table; not knocking and being repulsed like those five foolish virgins ([Mt 25:1-13](#)), but entering with the Lord, like those who were wise and loved the bridegroom; and showing the dying of Jesus in our bodies ([2Co 4:10](#)), we shall receive life and the kingdom from Him.

~ St. Athanasius, 367 A.D.

Com everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without price. For why do you spend your money on that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David...

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

...Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the un-righteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

~ Isaiah 55:1-7

The feast of the church has no end. It is as though the altar rail extends beyond the wall of our churches into eternity. Thus, we eat and drink Christ's body and blood together with all believers both living and dead, yet unseen. The feast, though something great in itself, also points forward to something greater yet. The feast will have an eternal dimension. The feast will be set and served by Jesus Himself in eternity, as it is here and now ([Rev 22:17](#)).

~ Rev. Dr. Scott Murray, 2019

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

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” green hymnal #448

“O Bread of Life from Heaven” green hymnal #222

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 -
 joice 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.

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 upon you and be gracious to you.

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

☐ A - - - - - men

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Rise, Shine You People”

... Culli

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

**A Prayer
 As You Go**

Rise up, O Lord, and sustain me for your name’s sake. Though the darkness enfolds me, tempting me to sleep, call my soul to wake in the light of your Son, and bring me at last to your kingdom, where with all the company of the redeemed, I might bask in the glory of your eternal presence.
 Amen.

Serving at Worship

Preaching: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Presiding: The Rev. Christopher Johnson

Organist: Rod Riese

Vocalist: Steve Zeinemann

Lector: (9:00) Grace Mueller

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Jon Oestreich

Acolyte: (9:00) Lilith Christoffersen

(11:00) Mara Stahl

Elder: (9:00) Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Lynn Budnik

Ushers: (9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Ken Rodemeier;

Steve and Marlene Kroening

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Rob Kittel; Grace Mueller

(11:00) Dave Gisselman; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Julie Sweeney; Natalie Sweeney

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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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