

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**
Almighty
God, through
Your infinite
mercy You
not only re-
ceive us but
also com-
mand and
teach us,
through Your
beloved Son
our Lord Je-
sus Christ,
that we by
His merits
and means
should look
to You and
call You Fa-
ther. Amen.

~ *Martin
Luther*



The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. A man named Elisha was plowing his field when another man, the preacher Elijah, came and threw his mantle (a kind of coat) on him! That interruption to his farming shocked Elisha, because it meant that Elijah was calling Elisha to leave his plow and be a preacher, too. So it goes with God: His call interrupts the life that we think we have and bestows on us a new life. In that new life we may preach or plow fields or do a hundred different things, but now we do it with Christ and the freedom that He alone gives.

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Both Love and Fear

[By sending His Son to become flesh,] the living God has been pleased to weld us into Himself and fill us with His Spirit, which is a consolation. But that in doing so He never becomes subordinate to us is fearsome. There is nothing unusual about a god being fearsome. Gods are well known for this quality. Nor is there anything unusual about a god consoling its devotees. But there does seem to be something unusual about the way in which the [true] God of Jesus Christ is fearsome with such tenderness, consoling with such towering justice. The perfect icon of this is painted by the Christian Bible three times: in the accounts of Jesus' birth, His Transfiguration, and His death and Resurrection. The perfect enactment of this is the liturgy of Christians. For when they come to their liturgy, Christians approach not just a text, a proposition, a doctrine, an option, or a chance to grab the brass ring of grace or passing moral uplift. In their liturgy, Christians disport themselves warily with the One for whom their universe is but a snap of the finger. They have the impertinence to play with the One who did not hesitate to yield up His holy Son into our blood-stained hands. This is the One at whose table we sit by grace and pardon.

~ Aiden Kavanagh, *On Liturgical Theology*

Announcements

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PRELUDES

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

... Karg-Elert

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

... Hildebrand

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

... Walcha

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.

Wherefore one should teach that men make confession to Christ, and Christ absolves through the mouth of the minister, for the minister's mouth is the mouth of Christ and the minister's ear is the ear of Christ. It's to the Word and the command that one should pay attention, not to the person. Christ sits there, Christ listens, Christ answers, not a man.
~ Martin Luther,
1540 A.D.

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

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good” green hymnal #542

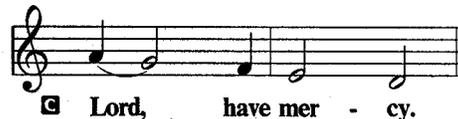
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

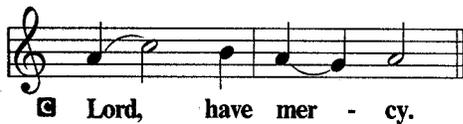
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

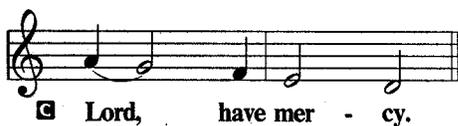
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



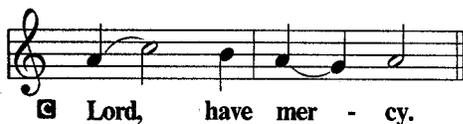
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



Prayer does not mean simply to pour out one's heart. It means rather to find the way to God and to speak with him, whether the heart is full or empty. No man can do that by himself. For that he needs Jesus Christ.
~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Psalms: The Prayer Book of the Bible

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 . . . Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; 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 1 Kings 19:9b-21

^{9b}And behold, the word of the LORD came to Elijah, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet

We are utterly dependent on God. Saving faith involves giving up on our pretensions of being self-sufficient, strong and in control. Instead, we are to rest in utter dependence on Jesus Christ.
~ Gene Edward Veith, Jr., *The Spirituality of the Cross*

in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." ¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

L: Protect me, O God, for I take ref'uge in you;*
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a'bove all other."

**C: All my delight is upon the godly that are 'in the land,*
upon those who are noble a'mong the people.**

L: But those who run after 'other gods*
shall have their troubles 'multiplied.

**C: Their libations of blood I 'will not offer,*
nor take the names of their gods up'on my lips.**

L: O LORD, you are my portion 'and my cup;*
it is you who up'hold my lot.

**C: My boundaries enclose a 'pleasant land;*
indeed, I have a 'goodly heritage.**

L: I will bless the LORD who 'gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me night 'after night.

**C: I have set the LORD al'ways before me;*
because he is at my right hand, I 'shall not fall.**

L: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir'it rejoices;*
my body also shall 'rest in hope.

**C: For you will not abandon me 'to the grave,*
nor let your holy one 'see the pit.**

L: You will show me the 'path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy, |
and in your right hand are pleasures for'evermore.

**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 5:1, 13-25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

*Everywhere
and always
God is with
us, near to us
and in us.
~ Theophan
the Recluse,
1815-1894
A.D.*

A man who is full of love cannot be enraged, no matter how much injury is done him; he covers all and acts as though he did not see it.
~ Martin Luther, 1522 A.D.

¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

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



⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



The disciples of Jesus, it would seem, are noted for what they do not take with them on the journey rather than what they do take with them. How different is this from the way we usually present the Christian life? We usually present Jesus as a means for getting something we need. And yet here, Jesus is presented as the master of relinquishment. Come and follow Jesus and leave things behind, give up things that were once dear to you, and move forward with Jesus.
~ William H. Willimon

The ever-living, ever-active God Himself is present and active in the proclamation. Man's life in separation from God is more a search for life than true, constructive life. By His Word He takes men whose lives are "careful" and centered in themselves and He pushes His own life into these "dead" lives. Unless one has died to himself, to his frantic effort at finding meaning in life, and has become "alive unto God through Jesus Christ," he will be unable to be really for his neighbor.
~ Ernest Koenker,
Worship

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

“Come Follow Me,” the Savior Spake” green hymnal #455

SERMON

“Freedom”

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

P: . . . Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, please pass in your row the **Friendship Register**, and add your name(s). If you are a guest or visitor, please include your address.*

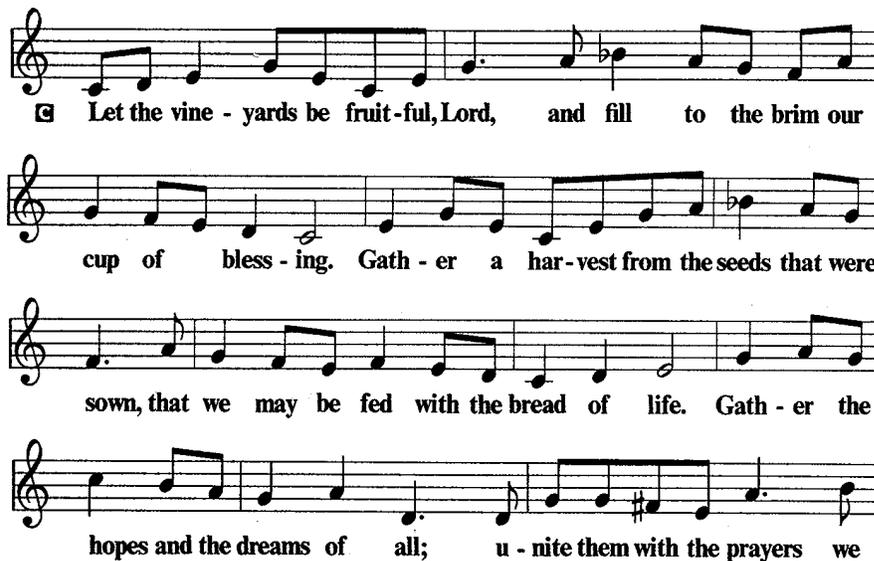
VOLUNTARY

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

... Walther

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

*The proof of
love is to do
good. The love
of God is
never idle;
where you
find it, it is
doing great
things. If it
does nothing,
love is not
there.*

*~ Gregory the
Great (540-
604 A.D.),
Homily 30
on the Gos-
pel*

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 . . . 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.

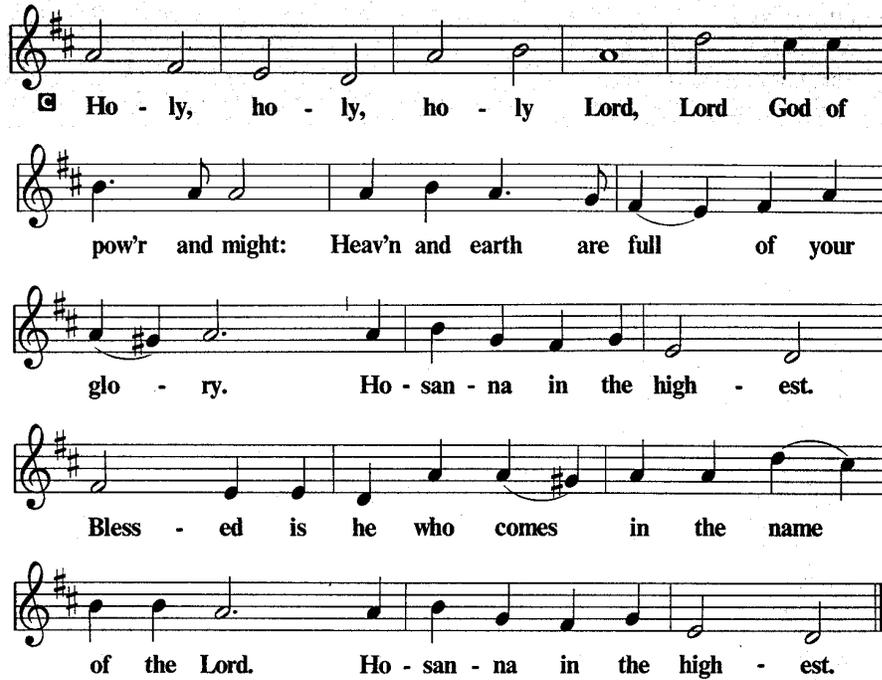
P: Lift up your hearts.

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:



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.

In Holy Communion Christ comes already now and gives us a share in the "messianic" banquet in heaven.

~ Hermann Sasse, We Confess Anthology: Sacraments

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 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

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” green hymnal #487

“Be Thou My Vision” blue hymnal #776

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 -

The body of
God's Lamb
we eat,

A priestly food
and priestly
meat;

On sin-parched
lips the chalice
pours

His quenching
blood
that life restores.

~ Chad Bird,
“The Infant
Priest was
Holy Born”

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.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Fantasy in C Major” ... J.S. Bach

+ **Soli Deo Gloria** +
To God alone be glory

**A Prayer
 As You Go**

*Lord Jesus,
 since You
 love me, now
 spread Your
 wings above
 me and shield
 me from
 alarm.*

*Though Satan
 would devour
 me, let angel
 guards sing
 over me: This
 child of God
 shall meet no
 harm. Amen.*

*~ Paul
 Gerhardt,
 “Now Rest
 beneath
 Night’s
 Shadow”*

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Presiding: (9:00) The Rev. Christopher Johnson

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Rod Riese

Vocalist: Jim Speckhard

Lector: (9:00) Kathy Fandrey

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Paul Fandrey

Acolyte: (9:00) Madison Cornell

(11:00) Carter Kulesa

Elder: (9:00) Jon Oestreich

(11:00) Karla Westcott

Usher: (11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Ted Gulhaugen

(11:00) Gary Gisselman; Donna Nuernberg

Altar Guild: Marge Gausewitz; Bonnie Waack

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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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