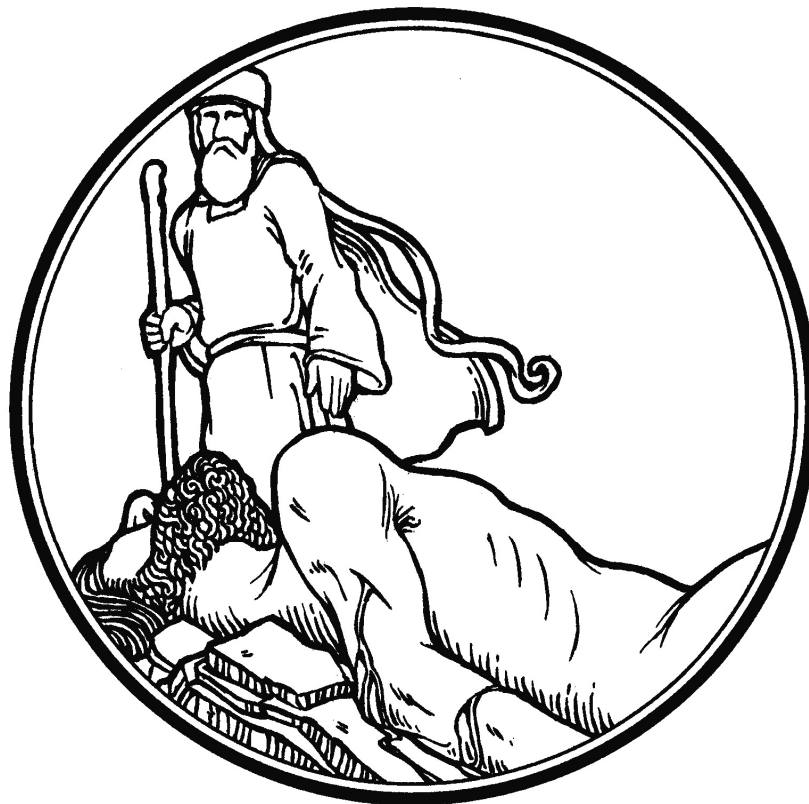


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Lord, help me
to love this
day and al-
ways all those
who are put
in my life that
I may be a
good
neighbor to
them.

Strengthen all
my weak-
nesses. Purge
me of all my
excuses.

Loosen my
grip on the
wealth You
have en-
trusted to me
that I may
love those in
need. Grant
me Your
heart and
compassion.
Amen.



The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day.

During the weekly Matins service we hear these words in the Benedictus: "In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us..." Jesus shows us today what tender compassion looks like in the parable of the Good Samaritan. However, our compassion will always fall short of perfection. Our compassion isn't always tender. Our compassion may indeed be full of sin. Yet the tender compassion of our God, Jesus Christ, the Dawn from on High, the true "Good Samaritan" is beautiful, perfect, righteous, holy, and pure.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Delores Kottke, who died May 3, 2019, from her family and friends.
- The bulletins are sponsored by Gerald and Shirley Kieckhaefer in loving memory of their daughter, Connie Meurett (7/15/1962–3/6/2012) and their son-in-law, Dean Meurett (6/12/60–6/21/2013).
- 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

Partita on "Hymn to Joy"

... Charles Callahan

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.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him...Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

*~ 1 John
4:7-11*

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

~ 1 Corinthians
13:4-7

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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” green hymnal #551

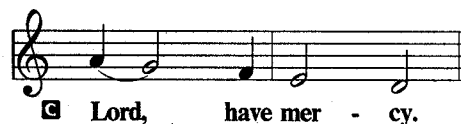
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

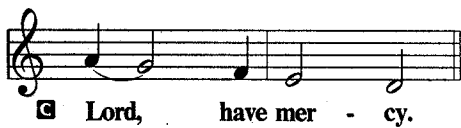
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



Experience dictates that is it very hard to love the unlovely neighbor until the disciple's heart is filled with the love of God, which provides the energy and motivation necessary for the arduous task of loving the neighbor...if costly acts of love are extended to others out of gratitude for the love of God, then the believer is sustained by the unwavering love of God toward him or her.

~ Kenneth Bailey, *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*, A.D. 2008

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 Jesus Christ, in your deep compassion you rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love you above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Leviticus 19:9-18

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. ¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 41

- L: Happy are they who consider the 'poor and needy!*
- The LORD will deliver them in the 'time of trouble.
- C: The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy 'in the land;***
- he does not hand them over to the will 'of their enemies.**
- L: The LORD sustains them 'on their sickbed*
and ministers to them 'in their illness.
- C: I said, "LORD be merci'ful to me;***
- heal me for I have 'sinned against you."**
- L: My enemies are saying wicked 'things about me:*
- "When will he die and 'his name perish?"
- C: Even if they come to see me, they speak 'empty words;***
- their heart collects false rumors; | they go out'side and spread them.**
- L: All my enemies whisper togeth'er about me*
and devise e'vil against me.
- C: "A deadly thing" they say, has fas'tened on him;***
- he has taken to his bed and will never get 'up again."**
- L: Even my best friend whom I trusted, who broke 'bread with me,*
has lifted up his heel and 'turned against me.
- C: But you O LORD, be merciful and 'raise me up,***
- and I 'shall repay them.**
- L: By this I know you are 'pleased with me:*
- that my enemy does not triumph 'over me.

**C: In my integrity you 'hold me fast,*
and shall set me before your 'face forever.**

L: Blessed be the LORD 'God of Israel,*
from age to age. | A'men. Amen

**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 Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The care the Samaritan offers is not a model of moral obligation but of exaggerated action grounded in compassion that risks much more than could ever be required or expected. He stops on the Jericho road to assist someone he does not know in spite of the self-evident peril of doing so; he gives his own goods and money, freely, making no arrangements for reciproca-tion...

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE

L: Al-le-'luia.* Al-le-'luia.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul |

and with all your strength and with 'all your mind,*
and your neighbor 'as yourself.

Al-le-'luia.* Al-le-'luia.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.



²⁵And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on

oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

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.

...in order to obtain care for this stranger, he enters an inn, itself a place of potential danger; and he even enters into an open-ended monetary relationship with the innkeeper, a relationship in which the chance of extortion is high.

~ Joel B. Green, The Gospel of Luke: NICNT, A.D. 1997

*I want to love
my neighbor
not because
he is I, but
precisely be-
cause he is
not I. I want
to adore the
world, not as
one likes a
looking-glass,
because it is
one's self, but
as one loves a
woman, be-
cause she is
entirely dif-
ferent.*

*~ G.K.
Chesterton,
in "The
Romance of
Orthodoxy"
in Ortho-
doxy, A.D.
1908*

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" green hymnal #126

SERMON

"Inconvenient Compassion"

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

"Where Charity and Love Prevail" . . . 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
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 righteous-
ness 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.

...a new world order has opened up in the midst of the present one. God's future has arrived in the present in the person of the risen Jesus, summoning everybody to become people of the future, people in Christ, people remade in the present to share the life of God's future. Our present experience, even our present Christian experience is incomplete...

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

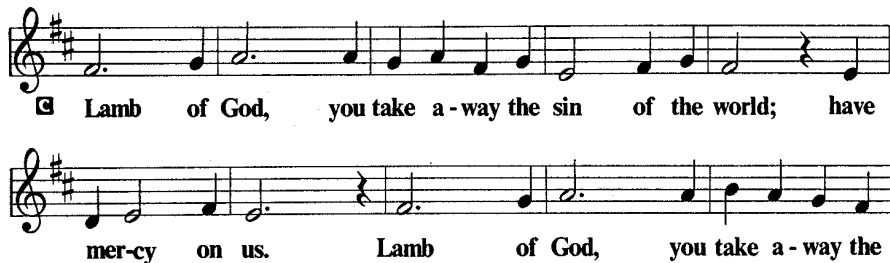
C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is 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

...But in Christ we have heard the complete tune; we know what it sounds like and that we shall one day sing it in tune with him. Our present experience, with all its incompleteness, is meant to point us to the fact that we will one day wake up and arise from sleep. That, after all, is what resurrection is all about.

~ N.T. Wright,
Surprised by Hope, A.D.
2008

We make our friends; we make our enemies; but God makes our next-door neighbour. Hence he comes to us clad in all the careless terrors of nature; he is as strange as the stars, as reckless and indifferent as the rain. He is Man, the most terrible of the beasts. That is why the old religions and the old scriptural language showed so sharp a wisdom when they spoke, not of one's duty towards humanity, but one's duty towards one's neighbour...

sin of the world; have mercy 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.

SOLO (9:00 a.m.)

“My Tribute”

... Andrae Crouch

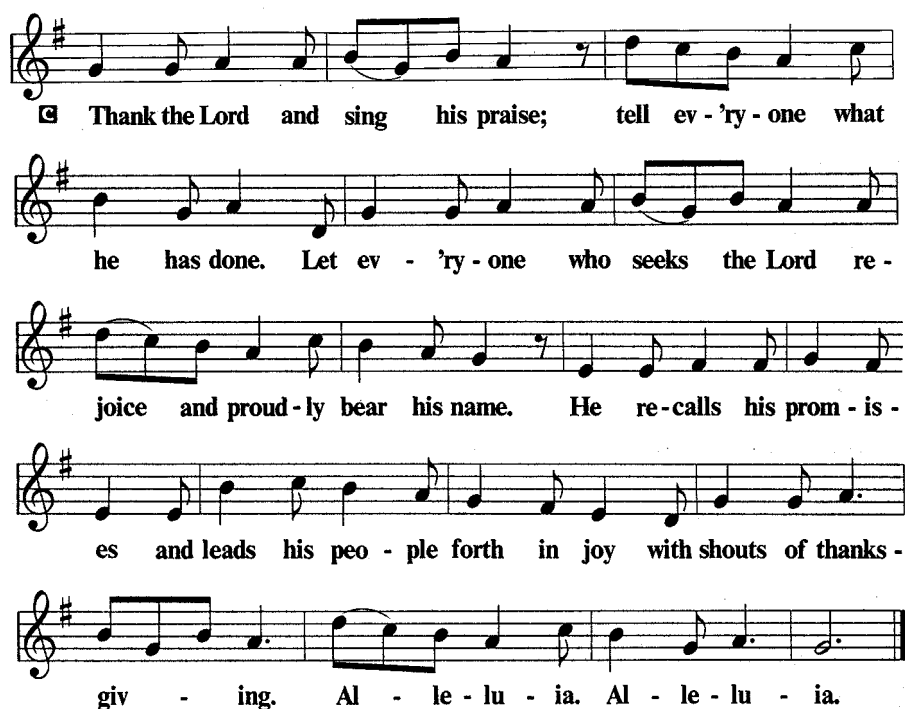
COMMUNION HYMNS

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” green hymnal #315

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” green hymnal #221

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

...we have to love our neighbour because he is there – a much more alarming reason for a much more serious operation. He is the sample of humanity which is actually given to us. Precisely because he may be anybody he is everybody.

~ G.K. Chesterton, “On Certain Modern Writers and the Institution of the Family” in *Heretics*, A.D. 1905

**A Prayer
As You Go**
Gracious
Lord, Your
dear Son
has become
for me my
Good Sa-
maritan,
rescuing
me from
certain
death,
cleansing
my
wounds
with the
salve of
Baptism,
strengthen-
ing me
with His
own body
and blood,
paying my
debt of sin.
Help me to
love as He
has so ex-
travagantly
loved me.
In Jesus'
name I
pray.
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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

... John A. Behnke

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Presiding and Preaching: The Rev. Christopher Johnson

Assisting: (9:00 a.m.) Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Vocalist: Cyndi Reuter

Lector: (9:00) Bill Metter

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Ryan Fernstaedt

Acolyte: (9:00) Noah Harter

(11:00) Nathan Contreras

Elder: (9:00) Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

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

Jewell Charbarneau; Landis Holdorf;

Gary and Sue Wolslegel

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Bill Metter; Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Rob Kittel; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Anna Mae Zeinemann

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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