

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

O God,
breaker of
idols, de-
scend into
our heart and
mind so that
we may know
you and love
you ever
more and
more. Amen.

~ *Charles C.
Taliaferro
Praying
With C. S.
Lewis*



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. The story is familiar to many, even those who don't know the Scriptures or stories of Jesus: two sisters, one who works, and one who sits. But what if the one who sits is doing the greater work? Under what conditions could such a thing be true? Yet so says Jesus in today's gospel — and what makes all the difference?



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Sabbath Rest

The frantic, fragmenting, multitasking character of contemporary living has made it likely that many of us will simply evade, or fail to consider with much seriousness or depth, life's most basic and profound questions:

What is all our living finally for?
Why do we commit to so much?
Why do we devote ourselves to the tasks or priorities that we do?
Will we know when we have achieved or acquired enough?
What purpose does our striving serve?

While these questions point to the basic ingredients of any recipe for a decent human life, they are also vital to the life of faith, for in pondering them we not only become clearer about our ultimate allegiances but also gain insight into who we understand ourselves to be. In answering them we get a clearer picture of how closely our intentions and our living line up with the purposes of God.

Do we truly believe ourselves to be children of God and members of creation, and thus able to trust in God's beneficent care and provision?

Norman Wirzba, *Living the Sabbath.*, p. 20
Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2006.

Announcements

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



PRELUDE

Four Interpretations on "Oh, Worship the King"

... David Cherwien; Jeffrey Blersch;
Paul Soulek, Robert A. Hobby

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.

Why confessing our sins is the most counter-cultural and culture-renewing thing we could ever do:

*"Faced with the choice between changing one's mind and proving that there is no need to do so, almost everyone gets busy on the proof."
~ John Kenneth Galbraith, quoted in "The American Prospect"*

*As the rain
and the snow
come down
from heaven,
and do not
return to it
without wa-
tering the
earth and
making it bud
and flourish,
so that it
yields seed for
the sower and
bread for the
eater, so is
my word that
goes out from
my mouth: It
will not re-
turn to me
empty, but
will accom-
plish what I
desire and
achieve the
purpose for
which I sent
it.*

*~ Isaiah
55:10-11,
around
586 B.C.*

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

“Oh, Worship the King” green hymnal #548

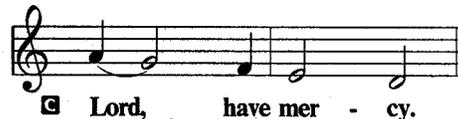
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

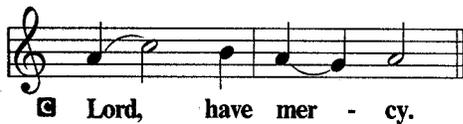
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

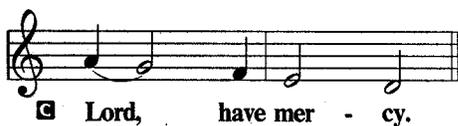
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



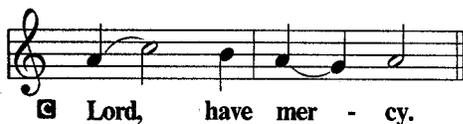
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

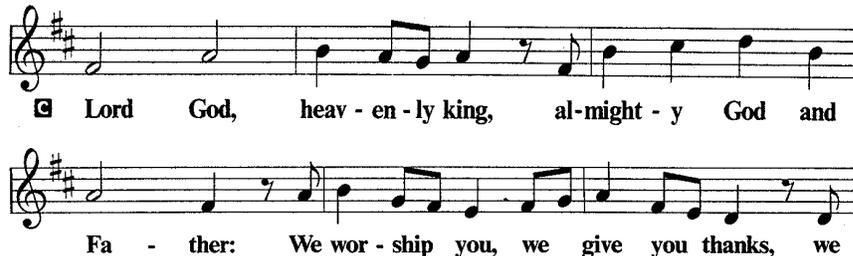


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA

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



Like God himself, the godly person is supremely jealous that God, and only God, should be honored. This jealousy is a part of the image of God in which the godly person has been renewed. There is now a doxology written on his heart, and he is never so truly himself as when he is praising God for the glorious thing that he has already done and pleading with him to glorify himself yet further.
~ J. I. Packer, *Hot Tub Religion*, (Tyndale House Publishers, 1987 A.D.)

Here Thy
 praise is
 gladly
 chanted, here
 Thy seed is
 duly sown;
 Let my soul,
 where it is
 planted,
 Bring forth
 precious
 sheaves alone,
 So that all I
 hear may be
 Fruitful unto
 life in me.
 ~ the hymn,
 "Open
 Now Thy
 Gate of
 Beauty,"
 Benjamin
 Schmolck,
 1704 A.D.

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear your word and know the one thing needful, so that by your word and Spirit we may live according to your will; 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 Genesis 18:1-10a

¹And the LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:10-18

L: Hearken to my voice, O LORD 'when I call;*
have mercy on me and 'answer me.

**C: You speak in my heart and say " 'Seek my face."*
Your face, LORD 'will I seek.**

L: Hide not your 'face from me,*
nor turn away your servant 'in displeasure.

**C: You have been my helper; | cast me 'not away;*
do not forsake me, O God of 'my salvation.**

L: Though my father and my moth'er forsake me,*
the LORD 'will sustain me.

**C: Show me your 'way O LORD;*
lead me on a level path because 'of my enemies.**

L: Deliver me not into the hand of my 'adversaries,*
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those
'who speak malice.

**C: What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness 'of
the LORD*
in the land 'of the living!**

L: Oh, tarry and await the LORD'S pleasure; |
be strong, and he shall com'fort your heart;
wait patiently 'for the LORD.

**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 1:21-29

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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.

But God will be all in all... when we shall be no longer divided (as we are now by movements and passions) and containing nothing at all of God, or very little, but then we shall be entirely like God, ready to receive into our hearts the whole God and him alone. This is the perfection to which we press on. Paul himself indeed bears witness to this.

~ Gregory of Nazianzus, 329-390 A.D.

"Thy Kingdom come."

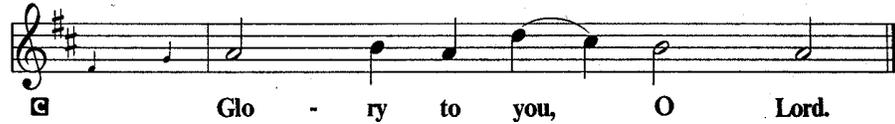
What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

*~ Second
Petition of
the Lord's
Prayer,
Small
Catechism*

GOSPEL

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



³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” green hymnal #511

SERMON

“The Better Part”

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.

“Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

*How is God’s will done?
God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.
~ Third
Petition of the Lord’s Prayer,
Small Catechism*

Everything in Christ astonishes me. His spirit over-awes me, and his will confounds me. Between him and whoever else is in the world, there is no possible term of comparison. He is truly a being by himself....I search in vain in history to find the similar to Jesus Christ, or anything which can approach the gospel. Neither history, nor humanity, nor the ages, nor nature, offer me anything with which I am able to compare it or explain it. Here everything is extraordinary.
 ~ Napoleon Bonaparte, d. 1821 A.D.

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.

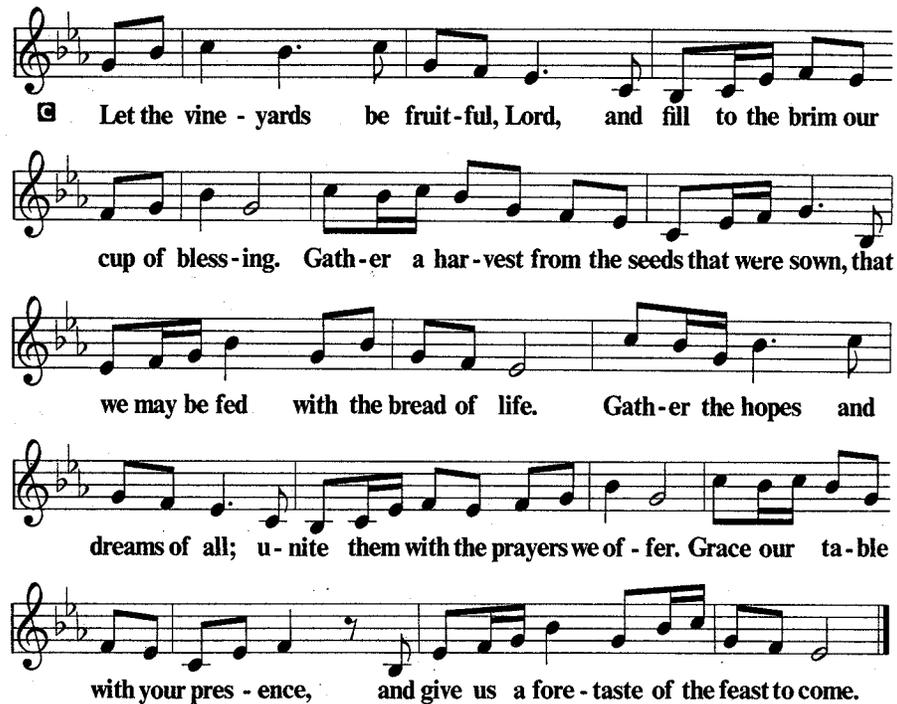
VOLUNTARY

"How Firm a Foundation"

... Robert A. Hobby

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and
 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
 with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,

C: we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

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



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

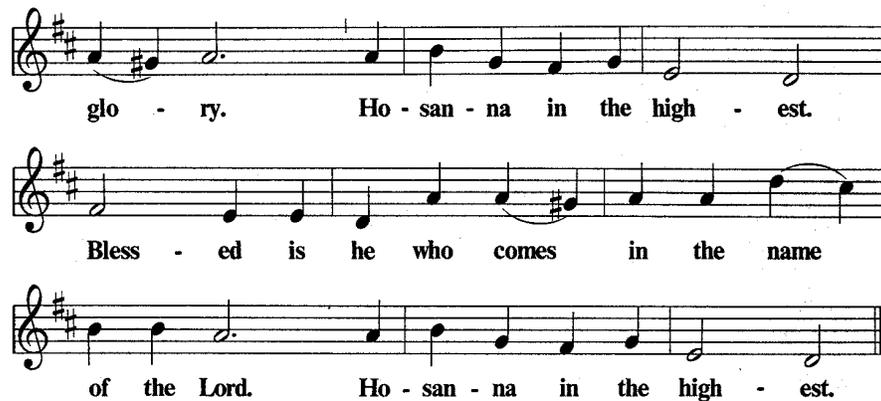
P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☐ 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.

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives ours sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

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.

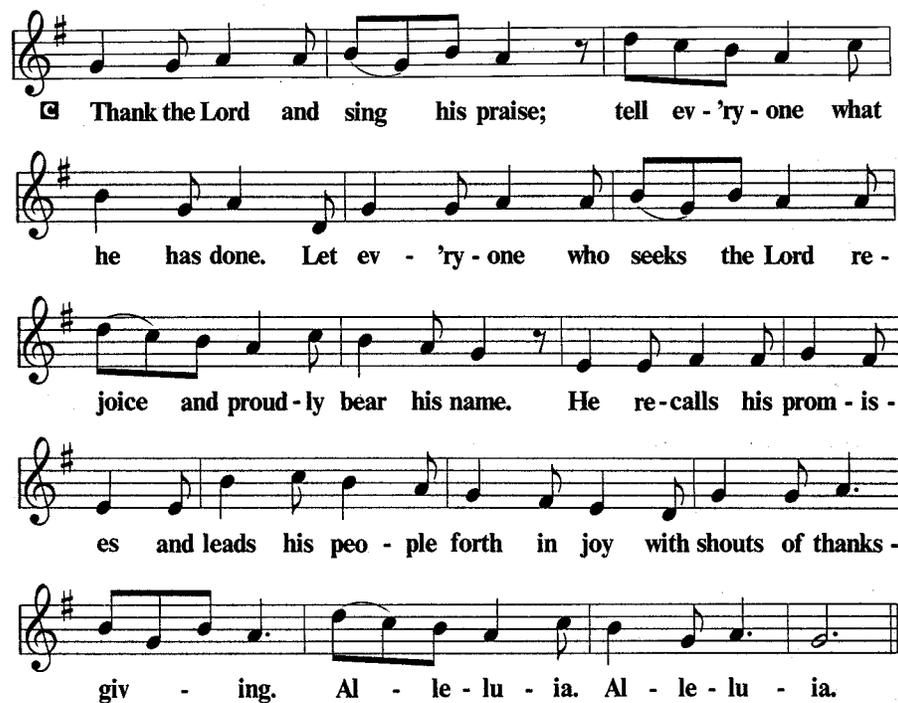
COMMUNION HYMNS

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” green hymnal #224

“How Firm a Foundation” green hymnal #507

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.



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

... Charles W. Ore

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

A Prayer As You Go

May thy servants, O God, be set on fire with thy Spirit, strengthened by thy power, illuminated by thy splendor, filled with thy grace, and go forward by thine aid; and after having manfully finished our course, may we be enabled happily to enter into thy kingdom.

~ Gallican

Sacramentary

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Presiding: The Rev. Joseph Pinzl

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

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Vocalist: Jessica Ray

Lector: (9:00) Samantha Pinzl

(11:00) Carl Boettcher

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Paul Fandrey

Acolyte: (9:00) Luke Popelka

(11:00) Emma Pagel

Elder: (9:00) Jon Oestreich

(11:00) Adam Holzschuh

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

Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen

(11:00) Gary Gisselman; Donna Nuernberg

Altar Guild: Anna Gjerde; Jane Gjerde; 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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