

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

I do not know
You, God, be-
cause I am I
the way.
Please help
me to push
myself aside.
Amen.

~ Flannery
O'Conner



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. So much to say, and yet no words to say it. We find ourselves in this position frequently. We want to say the right thing to a loved one, a brother, sister, friend – for them to know the truth so that they too may be free. But when it comes to proclaiming the truth, how free are we? In our gospel lesson today Jesus gives you that perfect freedom, to speak not with your own words, but His. These words placed into your mouth call God, “Father,” and you son, daughter, children of the Most Holy One. Here you are given more than you could ever claim for yourself. So forget about your words, try His!



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July 28: For Holy Johannes Sebastian Bach, Thanks Be to God

The Lutheran Church gives thanks for the great kantor, J. S. Bach (1685-1750 A.D.), on this Sunday, July 28. While Bach is often remembered as a "classical composer," he was, in fact, a church musician, serving the worship of the Lutheran Church throughout his career. His most memorable term of service was the last 27 years of his life, spent in the city of Leipzig, Germany, where he worked as the kantor for the city's four Lutheran churches.

Most of Bach's music was composed for use in worship. As he prepared it, he relied on the theology and catechism of the Lutheran Church, putting to music the great consolation of our gracious Savior, Jesus Christ. Whether leading us through the suffering of Christ or the heights of singing "Gloria!", Bach's music resounds with the conviction that God has acted decisively on behalf of the sinner. Tellingly, he inscribed each of his musical pieces with the initials "SDG," which stand for "Soli Deo Gloria," or "To God Alone Be Glory." These same words appear at the end of each of Zion's bulletins (see page 18 of this bulletin).

In thanksgiving for the grace shown to Bach by our Lord, some of today's music is selected from his works.

Announcements

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



PRELUDE

“Tocatta in D Minor” (Dorian) - (BWV 538)

... J. S. Bach

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.

This is the sound of one voice; One Spirit, one voice; the sound of One who makes the choice; this is the sound of One voice.

This is the sound of voices two; The sound of me singing with you; Helping each other to make it through, this is the sound of voices two

This is the sound of voices three; Singing together in harmony; Surrendering to the mystery, this is the sound of voices three...

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This is the sound of all of us; Singing with love and the will to trust. Leave the rest behind it will turn to dust; this is the sound of all of us

This is the sound of One voice; one people, one voice; A song for every one of us; This is the sound of one voice.

~ "One Voice," The Wailin' Jennys.

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

"We Know That Christ Is Raised" green hymnal #189

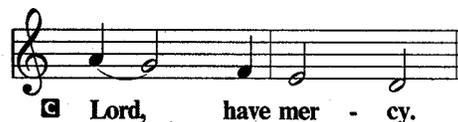
THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

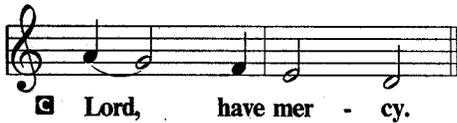
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

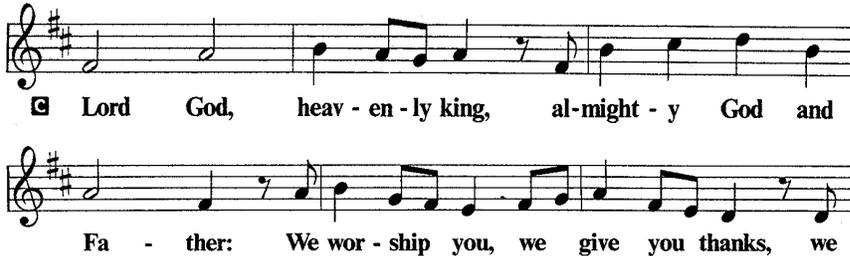


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA

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



For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.

~ Romans 5:6-9

God knew what would happen to His creation from the foundation of the world in all its awful detail, far more than we can know or fathom and yet He still is the God for us. He knows what we have done. He is more fully aware of our sins than even we ourselves can be, because we lie to ourselves about our own sin. God neither lies to us, nor to Himself about us, not even before the world was founded. He knew what the final score was, before we even started the game. He knew that we would...

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, let your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of your servants, and by your word and spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before you; 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 18:20-33

²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then

*...hate Him
precisely for
His unending
love for us, yet
He still loved
us with an
unending
love...Christ
died not for the
good people
but for sinners
and He knew
before we were
created that
that would be
the deal. What
a mystery this
great love for
us sinners is...
What did God
know and
when did He
know it? He
always did, the
whole sordid
tale and yet
still offered
Himself in
Christ to us.
God knows us
in Christ and
always has.*

*~ Rev Dr.
Scott
Murray,
2019 A.D.*

*Let us not be
ashamed to
confess the
crucified. Let
the cross, as
our seal, be
boldly made
with our find-
ers upon our
brow, and on
all occasions;
over the bread
we eat, over
the cups we
drink; I our
comings and
in our goings;
before we
sleep; on ly-
ing down and
rising up;
when we are
on the way
and when we
are still...*

he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

L: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with 'my whole heart;*
before the gods I will 'sing your praise.

**C: I will bow down toward your holy temple and 'praise your
name,*
because of your 'love and faithfulness;**

L: for you have glori'fied your name*
and your word a'bove all things.

**C: When I called, you 'answered me;*
you increased my 'strength within me.**

L: All the kings of the earth will praise 'you, O LORD,*
when they have heard the words 'of your mouth.

**C: They will sing of the ways 'of the LORD,*
that great is the glory 'of the LORD.**

L: Though the LORD be high, he cares 'for the lowly;*
he perceives the haughty 'from afar.

**C: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you 'keep me safe;*
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; |
your right 'hand shall save me.**

L: The LORD will make good his pur'pose for me;*
O LORD, your love endures forever; |
do not abandon the works 'of your hands.

**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 2:6-15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,
⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you
were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes
you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human
tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not
according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells
bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all
rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a cir-
cumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the
flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him
in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in
the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.
¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumci-
sion of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having for-
given us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that
stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it
to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them
to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

*...It is a pow-
erful safe-
guard; t is
without price,
for the sake of
the poor;
without toil,
because of the
sick; for it is a
grace from
God, a badge
of the faithful,
and a terror
to the devils;
for "he dis-
played them
openly, lead-
ing them
aways in tri-
umph by
force of it."
For when
they see the
cross, they
are reminded
of the Cruci-
fied.*

*~ Cyril of
Jerusa-
lem, 352
A.D.*

He gives His glory to us. He raises slaves to the dignity of freedom. He crowns the human condition with such honor as surpasses the power of nature. He brings to pass what was spoken of old by the voice of the psalmist: "I said, you are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High." He rescues us from the measure of slavery, giving us by His grace what we did not possess by nature, and permits us to call God "Father," as being admitted to the rank of sons. He commands us,...

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 11th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know

how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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

"O Thou, Who Hast of Thy Pure Grace" green hymnal #442

SERMON

"Look Who's Talking Now"

...therefore, to take boldness and say in our prayers, "Our father." We, who are also children of the earth and slaves and subject by the law of nature to Him who created us, call Him who is in heaven "Father." Most fittingly, He enables those who pray to understand this also. Since we call God "Father" and have been counted worthy of such distinguished honor...we must behave as is pleasing to our Father and not think or say anything unworthy or unfit for the freedom that has been bestowed on us.

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~ Cyril of
Alexandria,
432 A.D.

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

“O Thou Who Has of Thy Pure Grace”

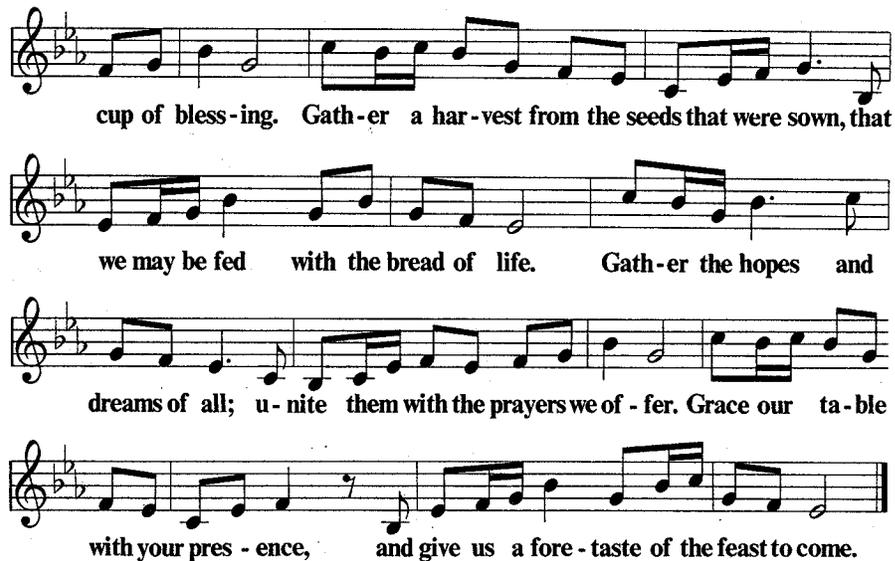
(TUNE: Vater Unser im Himmelreich) - (BWV 636) ... J. S. Bach

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



☐ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and
dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table
with your presence, 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 also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

He who believes that the mouth of Jesus cannot lie would not hesitate a moment to be persuaded to pray, when He says, "Ask, and it will be given to you...for everyone who asks, receives." When we ask for the living bread, the good Father certainly gives Him (and not the stone that His adversary wishes to give to Jesus and His disciples for food) to those who have received the Spirit of sonship from the Father. The Father gives a good gift, raining it down from heaven for those who ask Him.

~ Origen,
243 A.D.

He calls the church that which is filled with the Father's divinity. The church is full by dwelling bodily in Christ, that is, as the body is completed in the head, he says that Christ is everywhere the head of the church. And you are fulfilled in him, fulfilled for his sake through him.

~ Severian of Gabala, 401 A.D.

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.

With good reason do we celebrate the Pass-over wherein the blood of the Lord was poured out, by which we are cleansed from every offense. Let us be assured; the devil was holding the bond of slavery against us, but it was blotted out by the blood of Christ.

~ St. Augustine, 415 A.D.

I think there is no suffering greater than what is caused by the doubts of those who want to believe.

~ Flannery O'Conner, 1964 A.D.

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.

CHORAL MEDITATION (9:00 a.m. – sung by the soloists)

“God, Our Ever Faithful Shepherd” (BWV 208)

... J. S. Bach; edited by K. Lee Scott

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus” green hymnal #219

“What Feast of Love” blue hymnal #701

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 -
 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

**A Prayer
 As You Go**
 Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

~ Catholic Liturgical prayer.

POSTLUDE

“Concerto in C Major” (BWV 595)

... J. S. Bach

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Joseph Pinzl

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

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

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Vocalists: Vicky Radunz; Carol Rich

Lector: (9:00) Robert Hochberger

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Jon Oestreich

Acolyte: (9:00) Noah Harter

(11:00) Asa Rich

Elder: (9:00) Lynn Budnik

(11:00) Adam Holzschuh

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

Steve and Marlene Kroening

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Ted Gulhaugen

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; 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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