

**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Father, You restored Your people to eternal life by raising Christ, Your Son, from death. Make our faith strong and our hope sure. May we never doubt that You will fulfill the promises You have made. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



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## **The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 18, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** Where have you experienced division in the Church? Is it possible that such division was the Lord's will? In today's gospel reading, our Lord Jesus Christ says that He has come to bring division on earth. Why does He say so? Do we want this division? How could the division that the Lord brings make the earth better? All these questions are prompted by today's Scripture readings as we gather to receive the Lord's good gifts in His holy liturgy.

## **Sharing God's Blessings Today**

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Lorinda Boelter by Karen and Richard Merlau.
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- The flowers at the lectern and pulpit are sponsored from the Holdorf/Charbarneau wedding.
- Today's bulletins are sponsored in thankfulness for all of God's blessings by Barb Ziebell and family.
- 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

“Cantabile”

... C. Franck

## 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.*

*O my Creator! Consume the thorns of all my offences. Make clean my soul, make holy my mind, nail down my being in respect of Your name, ever keep watch, guard and protect me from every act and word that destroys the soul. Make me holy, make me clean, set me in order . . .*

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... Make me comely, give me understanding, give me light. Make me a worthy temple of Your Holy Spirit, no more a temple of sin, but a child of light. You alone are the shining brightness of souls, and to You, as God and Master, we give all glory every day of our lives.  
~ Simeon the New Theologian, 900s 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

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!” green hymnal #553

## 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.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

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



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy.

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



☐ A - - - men

## HYMN OF PRAISE

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



☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we 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 . . . Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend your church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with him in holy baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of his redeeming work and daily follow in his way; through the same 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** Jeremiah 23:16-29

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" <sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. <sup>21</sup>"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. <sup>23</sup>"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream

*This is always profitable and necessary to teach to the young people. Admonish them and remind them of it, so that they may be brought up not only with blows and compulsion, like cattle, but in the fear and reverence of God. Let this be considered and laid to heart that these things are not human games, but are the commandments of the Divine Majesty. He insists on them with great seriousness . . .*

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... He is angry with and punishes those who despise them. On the other hand, He abundantly rewards those who keep them. In this way there will be a spontaneous drive and desire gladly to do God's will. Therefore it is not meaningless that it is commanded in the Old Testament that we should write the Ten Commandments on all walls and corners. . . It is so that we might have our eyes constantly fixed on them.  
~ The Large Catechism

tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 119:81-88**

L: My soul has longed for 'your salvation;\*  
I have put my hope 'in your word.

My eyes have failed from watching 'for your promise,\*  
and I say, "When will you 'comfort me?"

C: **I have become like a leather flask 'in the smoke,\*  
but I have not forgot' ten your statutes.**

**How much longer 'must I wait?\***

**When will you give judgment against those who per'secute me?**

L: The proud have dug 'pits for me;\*  
they do not 'keep your law.

All your command'ments are true;\*  
help me, for they persecute 'me with lies.

C: **They had almost made an end of 'me on earth,\*  
but I have not forsaken 'your commandments.**

**In your lovingkind'ness, revive me,\*  
that I may keep the decrees 'of your mouth.**

**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** Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. <sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. <sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. <sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the

*Church is where we go to be made unhappy with present arrangements. This world is not destined for incineration by God, but rather for fulfillment, completion, healing, and restoration by God. This means that the present world, for all of its occasional beauty, is not God's final act . . .*

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... An early Christian apologist calls Christians "sojourners," who treat their native lands as the "lands of strangers," because followers of Jesus "pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven."  
~ The Epistle to Diognetus, Ante-Nicene Fathers, Vol. 1, p. 26-27

joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

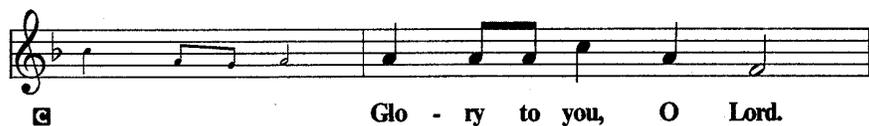
### VERSE



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

### GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>49</sup>Jesus said, "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

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

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” green hymnal #230

## SERMON

“The Fire and the Hammer”

*Please kneel.*

*We prevent God from giving us the great spiritual gifts He has in store for us, because we do not give thanks for daily gifts. We think we dare not be satisfied with the small measure of spiritual knowledge, experience, and love that has been given to us, and that we must constantly be looking forward eagerly for the highest good . . .*

## 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

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

... A. Fedak

*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  
 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.

*. . . Then we deplore the fact that we lack the deep certainty, the strong faith, and the rich experience that God has given to others, and we consider this lament to be pious...*

*Only he who gives thanks for little things receives the big things.  
 ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer,  
Life Together*

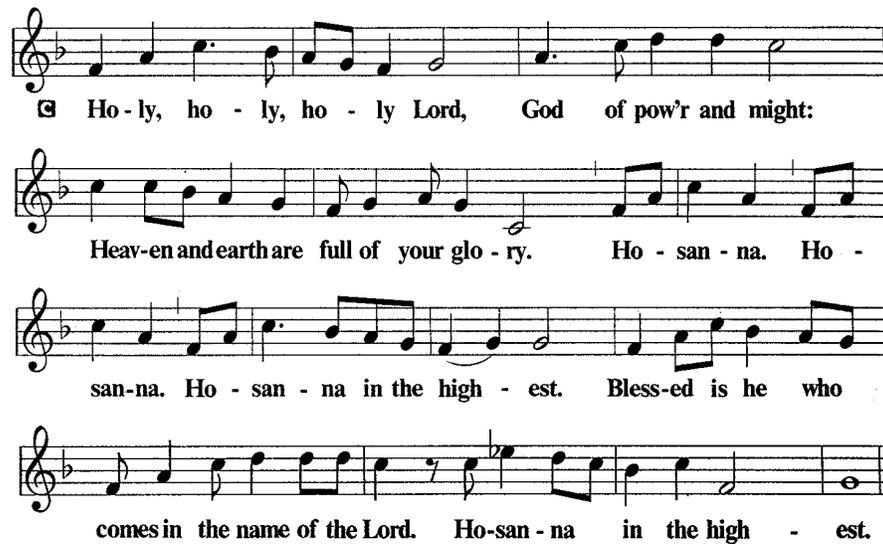
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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:

### SANCTUS ("Holy")



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

*Please be seated.*

*Very Bread,  
good Shepherd,  
tend us*

*Jesu, of Thy love  
befriend us,*

*Thou refresh us,  
Thou defend us,*

*Thine eternal  
goodness send  
us*

*In the land of life  
to see.*

*Thou Who all  
things canst and  
knowest,*

*Who on earth  
such food be-  
stowest,*

*Grant us with  
Thy Saints,  
though lowest,*

*Where the heav-  
enly feast Thou  
shewest,*

*Fellow-heirs and  
guests to be.  
Amen*

*~ Thomas Aquinas (1225-  
1274 A.D.),  
Lauda Sion*

*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

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” blue hymnal #649

“O Word of God Incarnate” green hymnal #231

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



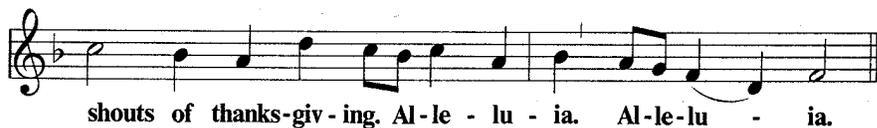
**☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-ry-one what he has done.**



**Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.**



**He re-calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with**



**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**

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

... B. Culli

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

**A Prayer  
 As You Go**  
 Almighty God,  
 Who are the  
 protector of all  
 who trust in  
 You, without  
 Whose grace  
 no one is able  
 to do anything,  
 or to stand be-  
 fore You:  
 Grant us richly  
 Your mercy,  
 that by Your  
 holy inspira-  
 tion we may  
 think what is  
 right and by  
 Your power  
 perform the  
 same; for the  
 sake of Jesus  
 Christ our  
 Lord. Amen  
 ~ Martin Luther

## **Serving at Worship**

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Presiding: (9:00) The Rev. Joseph Pinzl (*at Bethany, 10:30*)

(11:00) The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Organist: John Schubring

Vocalist: Jim Speckhard

Lector: (9:00) Jan Gaugush

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Jon Oestreich

Acolyte: (9:00) Lilith Christoffersen

(11:00) Carter Kulesa

Elder: (9:00) Robb Halverson

(11:00) Karla Westcott

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

Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Lois Jarosz; Bill Metter

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Dave Gisselman; Gary Gisselman

Altar Guild: Sally Christoffersen; Pam Hoppe; Deb Thomas

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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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