

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

To thee, O
Jesus, I direct
my eyes;
To thee my
hands, to thee
my humble
knees;
To thee my
heart shall
offer sacrifice;
To thee my
thoughts,
who my
thoughts
only sees;
To thee my
self,--my self
and all I give;
To thee I die;
to thee I only
live.

*~ attributed to
Sir Walter
Raleigh*



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. You've seen it happen: someone sits in the back, or away from where all the action is, and the host comes forward to invite that person to sit closer to the front or at the main table. What an honor! It is to this very honor that Christ calls His disciples in today's gospel: humble yourself, and let God do the exalting. It's a radical denial of the self in favor of God's wisdom. What might it tell us about the kingdom of God?

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Mrs. Erwin H. (Lillian T.) Baehr by Mrs. Carolyn B. Lange and family.
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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 Duke Street ("Jesus Shall Reign")

... 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.

*Jesus Christ
is the first
and true wor-
shiper in
spirit and in
truth. He is
the Head of
the church,
the Leader of
the called. In
Him all wor-
ship is in
spirit and
truth, for He
is the God-
ordained man
to fulfill the
Law on our
behalf by dy-
ing the death
without in
any way mis-
trusting that
God would
raise Him
from the dead.
Jesus Christ
perfects all
worship in
that He gives
His life for
the world . . .*

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*His worship
is true, for He
entrusted
Himself to
God, even in
the death re-
sulting from
God's curse.
He offered
Himself to
God in the
spirit and
through Him
God con-
quered death
for men. God
thereby does
His full work
of holy love:
He over-
throws the
kingdom of
sin and death,
and raises up
new life that
never dies.
He gives the
Spirit that
this life in
man may be
full and free.
Jesus' altar
for offering
His self-
oblation is the
cross . . .*

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

“Jesus Shall Reign” green hymnal #530

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.

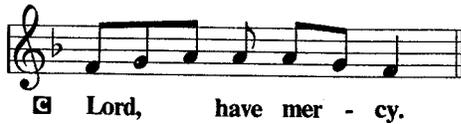
KYRIE

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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

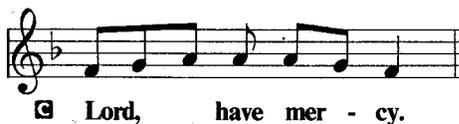
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

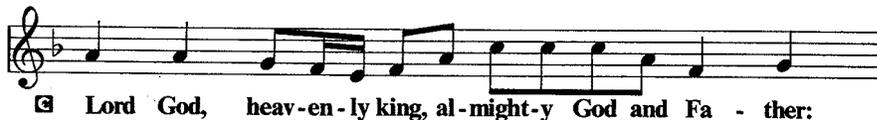


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

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



... His life is the sacrifice He offers, in shape and content of the church's worship is union with Jesus Christ in His death and resurrection, effected by the Spirit through the High Priest's continuing intercession for the church.
~ Kenneth Korby, "The Church at Worship," taken from The Lively Function of the Gospel

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 of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Proverbs 25:2-10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

If God has nothing to do with suffering, what is he involved with? Whoever does not know God hidden in suffering, Luther asserts in his proof, does not know God at all.

~ Gerhard Forde, On Being a Theologian of the Cross

*“O Lord, our
Lord, how
marvelous
Thy name,*

*Spread
through the
reaches of the
earth!” said
she,*

*“Nor only are
Thy precious
praise and
fame*

*Found in the
mouths of
men of dig-
nity,*

*For in the
mouths of
children, such
maybe*

*As suck the
breast, the
bounty of Thy
ways*

*Can be de-
clared in wor-
ship and in
praise.”*

*~ Sir Geof-
frey Chau-
cer, The
Canterbury
Tales,
1300s A.D.*

PSALM 131

L: O LORD, I 'am not proud;*
I have no 'haughty looks.

C: **I do not occupy myself 'with great matters,*
or with things that are too 'hard for me.**

L: But I still my soul and make it quiet, | like a child upon its
'mother's breast;*
my soul is quiet'ed within me.

C: **O Israel, wait up'on the LORD,*
from this time forth for'evermore.**

All: **Glory to the Father and 'to the Son,*
and to the 'Holy Spirit;
as it was in 'the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. 'Amen**

EPISTLE Hebrews 13:1-17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” ⁶So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?” ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange

teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

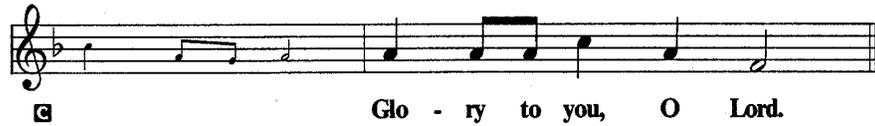
Please stand.

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

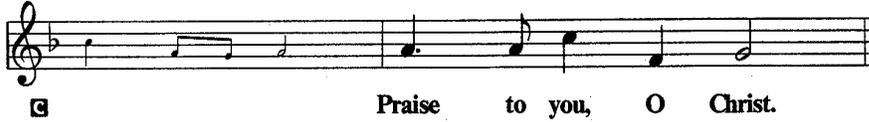
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.



*Whom would
you never
invite, whom
you could
nevertheless
invite?*

¹One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

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

"Son of God, Eternal Savior" green hymnal #364

SERMON

"God's Way of Feasting"

Please kneel.

Savior, I com-
mit my head,
my heart, my
tongue, my
hands, my
feet, my
strength, my
love, my all to
You this day.
Make me
Your instru-
ment of grace.
Empty me of
self-esteem
and fill me
with Your
Spirit. May
all who meet
me this day
meet You, not
me. Amen.

~ George
Kraus, The
Pastor at
Prayer

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

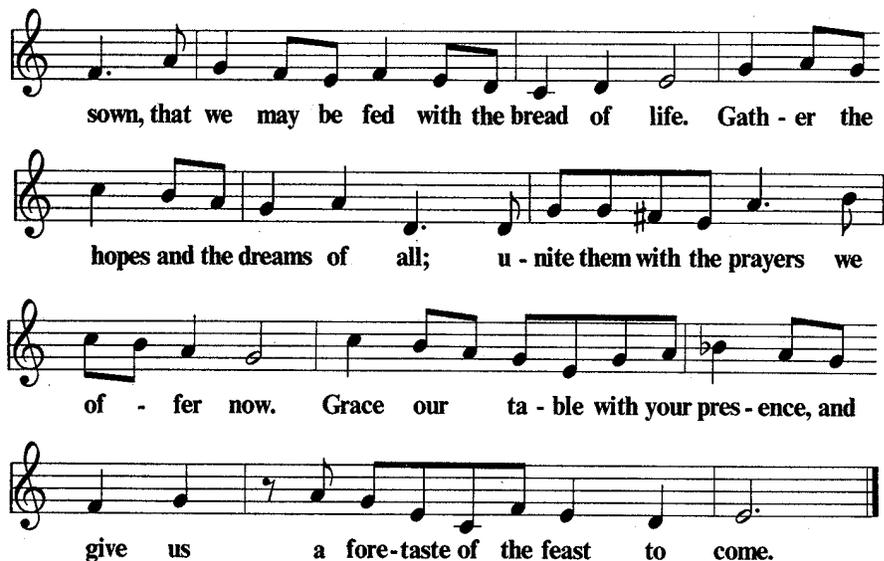
“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

... 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 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.

Changing water into wine anticipates the Lord's changing of wine into His Blood – only not by transubstantiation but by sacramental union; just as in the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word was not transformed into flesh, but assumed our human nature into the unity of His Person. ~ Kurt E. Marquart, from the anthology Shepherd the Church, 2002 A. D.

The knowledge that she is in the incarnate presence of Christ elicits a response from the congregation. She has heard His Words spoken over the bread and the cup; she has seen Him in the Sacrament displayed at the elevation; and she has received His greeting of "peace be with you" . . .

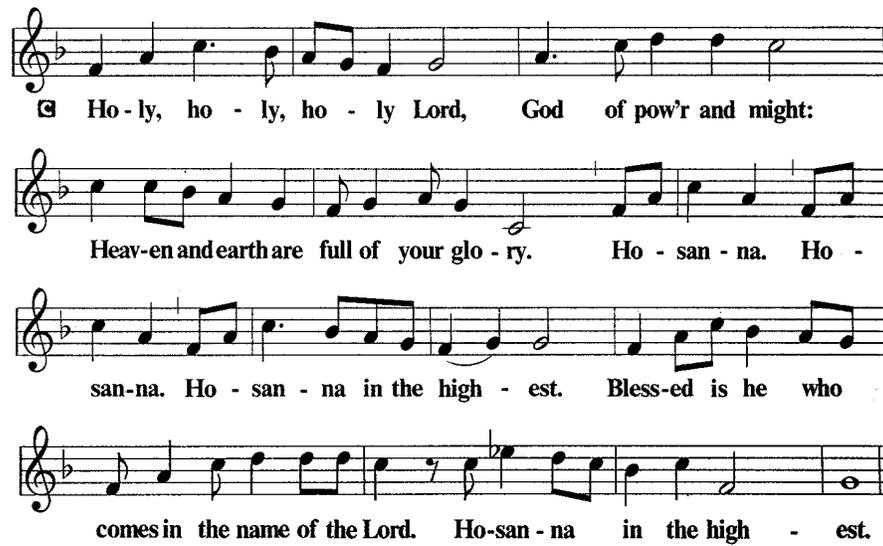
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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.

*... Now she confesses her faith that He is truly present in the Sacrament and prays His blessing: "O Christ, the Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us...grant us Your peace."
~ David A.
Kind, About Our Liturgy: Meaning, History and Practice*

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

“Your Table, I Approach”



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place. This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

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|--|--|
| 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind. | 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light. |
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“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now” green hymnal #253

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



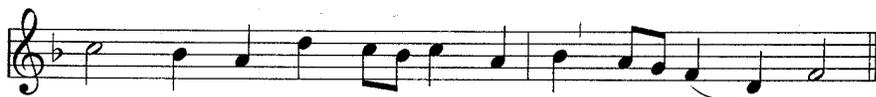
☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



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



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

A Prayer

As You Go

Stir us up to offer to thee, O Lord, our bodies, our souls, our spirits, in all we love and all we learn, in all we plan and all we do, to offer our labors, our pleasures, our sorrows to thee; to work through them for thy Kingdom, to live as those who are not their own, but bought with thy blood, fed with thy body; thine from our birth-hour, thine now, and thine for ever and ever.

Charles
Kingsley

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

“Toccata & Fugue in F Major” ... Dietrich Buxtehude

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Presiding: (9:00) The Rev. Christopher Johnson (*at Bethany, 10:30*)
(11:00) The Rev. Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Vocalist: Jessica Ray

Lector: (9:00) Lance Holdorf
(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Luke Popelka

Elder: (9:00) Lynn Budnik
(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

Ushers: (9:00) Adele Blair; Donald Budnik;
Fred Fenhaus; Robb Halverson
(11:00) Al Lippert; Wayne Reuter

Communion Assistants:
(9:00) Vicky Radunz
(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Gary Gisselman

Altar Guild: Dianne Ames; Janet Dettmering

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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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