

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Remember,
Lord, Your
church, to
save it from
all evil and to
make it per-
fect by Your
love. Make it
holy, and
gather it to-
gether from
the four
winds into
Your king-
dom which
You have
made ready
for it. For
Yours is the
power and
the glory for-
ever. Amen

~ the
Didache,
around
100 A.D.



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome to the Lord's Day. "Do not be anxious," He says. "Consider the ravens...Consider the lilies..." Consider your Lord! He bids you to sit at His feet offering the better portion (Lk 10:42). He puts His words on your lips, blessing you with the inheritance guaranteed by faith (Lk 11:3-4). In the midst of our anxiety of what we have and have not, the only thing absent in our hearts should be fear. That fear has been scattered; chased away by the prevailing light of the gospel and replaced by the Son of God Himself. It is God's pleasure to give Him to you!

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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

Selected movements from the Partita on "St. Anne"

... Paul Manz

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.

Faith is a mother, so to speak, from whom that crop of virtues springs. If faith is not there first, you would look in vain for those virtues. If faith has not embraced the promises concerning Christ, no love and no other virtues will be there, even if for a time hypocrites were to paint what seem to be likenesses of them....Every promise of God includes Christ; for if it is separated from the Mediator, God is not dealing with us at all.

~ Martin Luther, A.D. 1545

The chief and most important part of the doctrine is the promise; to it faith attaches itself, or, to speak more clearly, faith lays hold of it. Moreover, the confident laying hold of the promise is called faith; and it justifies, not as our own work but as the work of God. For the promise is a gift, a thought of God by which He offers us something. It is not some work of ours, when we do something for God or give Him something. No, we receive something from Him, and that solely through His mercy.

~ Martin Luther, A.D. 1545

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

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” green hymnal #294

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

Why does a steward steal? He steals because he's not sure he'll always remain with his master and wants to make his future secure.

~ Alexandre Dumas, "The Count of Monte Cristo" A.D. 1844

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 wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; 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 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:12-22

L: Happy is the nation whose God 'is the LORD!*

Happy the people he has chosen to 'be his own!

C: **The LORD looks 'down from heaven,***
and beholds all the people 'in the world.

*God said,
"Don't be
afraid,
Abram." No-
tice the ex-
traordinary
degree of His
care. Why did
He say, "don't
be afraid"?
Since Abra-
ham had
scorned so
much wealth
by giving little
importance to
the offerings of
the king. God
said to him,
Have no fear
for despising
gifts of such
value...Then
He said, "I am
your
shield." ...After
daily making
you acclaimed
by all, I will be
your shield –
that is, I will
struggle in
your place. I
will be your
shield. "Your
reward will be
exceedingly
great."*

*~ John Chry-
sostom, A.D.
398*

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." ...

L: From where he sits enthroned he 'turns his gaze*
on all who dwell 'on the earth.

**C: He fashions all the 'hearts of them*
and understands 'all their works.**

L: There is no king that can be saved by a 'mighty army;*
a strong man is not delivered by 'his great strength.

**C: The horse is a vain hope 'for deliverance,*
for all its strength it 'cannot save.**

L: Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon 'those who fear him,*
on those who wait up'on his love,

**C: to pluck their 'lives from death,*
and to feed them in 'time of famine.**

L: Our soul waits 'for the LORD;*
he is our help 'and our shield.

**C: Indeed, our heart rejoic'es in him,*
for in his holy name we 'put our trust.**

L: Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, 'be upon us,*
as we have put our 'trust in you.

**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 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which

...He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.

~ 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

Simply telling people not to be anxious or to be content with their lot in life like the birds or the grass could be a cruel, if sentimental deceit. Jesus does not trivialize human needs of food and clothing, of "life/soul" and body. God feeds the birds, and adorns the vegetation in grandeur. But God's way of caring for humanity, God's reign and kingdom will be done on God's terms. This reign is not another scheme to get rich or to dominate the world...

they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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.

²²Jesus said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious

about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

...Nor is it a new spiritual asceticism by which an elite corps of the “poor” will conquer. Its strength is hidden in its being the work of God, and trust in God’s promise, faith, is the way of the Messiah and His disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



~ David
Tiede,
1988 A.D.

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.

The treasure in the heavens, therefore, is an act of earthly faith, living in the confidence of the present reality of God's kingdom while it is still contested. It is an investment strategy concerning what will last and what is truly worthwhile. This is not a "heavenly mindedness" which is no "earthly good." It is an earthly faith in the kingdom of righteousness and mercy which Jesus has inaugurated...

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

"Have No Fear, Little Flock" green hymnal #476

SERMON

"How Much More"

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

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

... Ralph C. Schultz and Richard W. Gieseke

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 ethics of faith are also stated quite literally here, but not as a way to produce the kingdom. They are rather a real possibility because in Christ Jesus, the Kingdom has been given.

*~ David L.
Tiede, A.D.
1988*

We need (the Supper every Sunday). We need the meal side-by-side with the scriptures in order to understand what the scriptures are about. We need to hear "This is my body" and "This is the new covenant in my blood" in order to encounter Jesus Christ in truth. We need to receive those repeated words "for you" and the gifts they accompany in order ourselves to believe and to live in the all-encompassing forgiveness they convey.

~ Gordon Lathrop, 2005 A.D.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

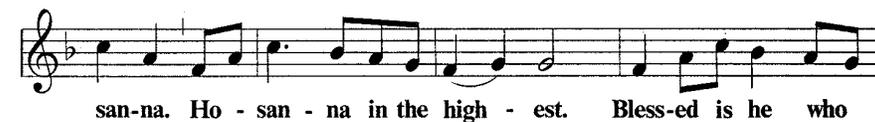
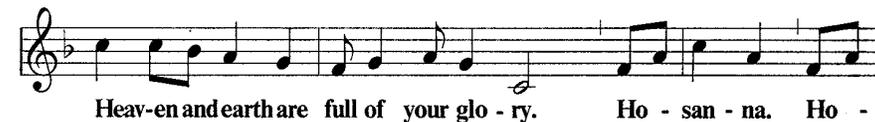


P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

SANCTUS ("Holy")



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

*Only God can
make the com-
mon sacred.*

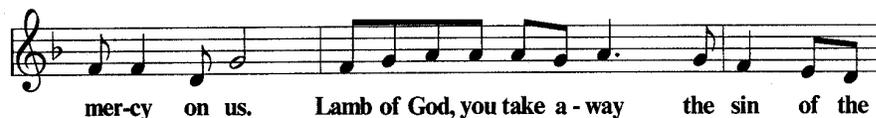
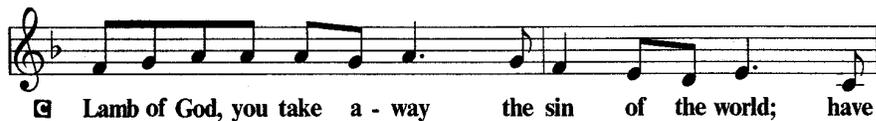
*~ Beth Moore,
A.D. 1997*

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")



Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

~ Revelation
22:12



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

“Day by Day” blue hymnal #746

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” green hymnal #320

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

SILENT PRAYER

A Prayer As You Go

O Christ our God, Thou art now the one God and lover of Thy children: We pray Thee to grant us and Thy whole people a mind free from care, a clear understanding, that we may know and understand what profit there is in that holy teaching of Thine, which now is being delivered unto us, and how far it resembles Thee, O Prince of Life! So also make us worthy to be like unto it in every work, and in faith, and to glorify Thy holy name and to rejoice in Thy cross.
Amen
~ Gregory of Nazianzus, 329-390 A.D.

POSTLUDE

Fugue – Finale from Partita on “St. Anne” ... Paul Manz

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Joseph Pinzl

Presiding: (9:00) The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde (*at Bethany, 10:30*)

(11:00) The Rev. Christopher Johnson

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Vocalist: Steve Zeinemann

Lector: (9:00) Jewell Charbarneau

(11:00) Robert Steffen

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Michael Cornell

(11:00) Taylor Halverson

Elder: (9:00) Scott Schubring

(11:00) Adam Holzschuh

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

Jewell Charbarneau; Landis Holdorf;

Gary and Sue Wolslegel

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Sally Christoffersen

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Dianne Ames; Pam Hoppe

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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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