

**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

We thank you, Lord God, for all your benefits, for all you bestow by common grace and to your chosen people through Word and Sacrament. We thank you, Lord God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.



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**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

October 13, 2019 + 9:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.**

If Jesus were a professional baseball player, He wouldn't last long in the Major Leagues. One out of ten is not a good batting average. Successful baseball players hit .300 not .100! Yet Jesus still presses on with preaching, teaching, and healing, knowing full well that not all He does will be received with thanksgiving. Thanks be to God for the 10% who do thank Him. Thanks be to God for the one in ten that come back to confirm their faith in their Lord. Thanks be to God He continues to "swing away" for you, for all those who are lost and in need of His healing touch.

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

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Charles Lewitzke in memory of his wife, Sally, who died October 11, 2018.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Muriel Prah1 and family, in remembrance of Robert (Bob) Prah1, Jr., whose birthday was October 19, and died one year ago on October 4.
- 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

Two Improvisations on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

... 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.*

*Sin has had its effect on us all – physically and socially. It should not be difficult to think of local examples. Social alienation may be particularly pressing... Despite the connectivity at our fingertips, individuals report feeling more isolated than ever... Today you don't need leprosy to find yourself all alone.*

*~ Peter Nafzger,  
[1517.org](http://1517.org),  
AD 2019*

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

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” green hymnal #543

## 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

*Is it right to think of Him only when our need is great and beyond all other help? Only when the floor gets hot under our feet or the storm threatens to wreck the house do we remember what we owe to our God and what we hope and expect of Him. There is such a thing as waiting too long...*

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 . . . Almighty God, you show mercy to your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize your goodness, give thanks for your compassion, and praise your holy

name; 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** Ruth 1:1-19a

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. <sup>6</sup>Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people."<sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me."<sup>14</sup>Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed

*...Why is it that people act this way, that we too, are inclined to forget our God until we are in dire need of His help?*

*~ Meditations on the Gospels,  
AD 1942*

*If we really believe that God is the substance of blessing, we won't confess that we're blessed only in the circumstances that seem good. Instead, when times are hard, and even when the worst things we can imagine are happening to us, we'll be able to say that we are blessed.*

*We'll call ourselves blessed and mean it because we're experiencing the presence of God with us and in us – in ways we were barely aware of when life seemed easy...*

her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. <sup>15</sup>And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." <sup>18</sup>And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. <sup>19a</sup>So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 111**

L: Hallelujah! | I will give thanks to the LORD with 'my whole heart,\*  
in the assembly of the upright in the 'congregation.

**C: Great are the deeds 'of the LORD!\***  
**They are studied by all who de'light in them.**

L: His work is full of majes'ty and splendor,\*  
and his righteousness en'dures forever.

**C: He makes his marvelous works to 'be remembered;\***  
**the LORD is gracious and full 'of compassion.**

L: He gives food to 'those who fear him;\*  
he is ever mindful 'of his covenant.

**C: He has shown his people the power 'of his works\***  
**in giving them the lands 'of the nations.**

L: The works of his hands are faithful'ness and justice;\*  
all his command'ments are sure.

**C: They stand fast forev'er and ever,\*  
because they are done in 'truth and equity.**

L: He sent redemption to his people; | he commanded his  
cove'nant forever;\*  
holy and awesome 'is his name.

**C: The fear of the LORD is the begin'ning of wisdom;\*  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding. |  
His praise en'dures forever.**

**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 2 Timothy 2:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup>An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. <sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*...Because we know the Lord is keeping us and being gracious to us, our sense of security and peace won't be so tied to our circumstances. In our desperation for him during difficult times, we'll find ourselves incredibly blessed by an increased sense of his companionship and comfort.*

*~ Nancy Guthrie,  
"Blessed Even in the Worst,"  
AD 2017*

*That someone who denies that God exists doesn't thank Him for His gifts is understandable. But there's an infinite number of those who count on God's existence, who receive most of His gifts without saying thank You. They do it day after day. Everything we receive regularly we so easily regard as something we have a right to, something we naturally should have...*

Please stand.

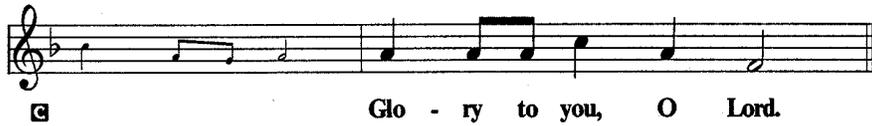
**VERSE**



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 17th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.

### HYMN OF THE DAY "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old  
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,  
3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,

Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver  
Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and  
The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,

ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.  
fren - zy calmed, Re - vealed You, Lord of light.  
soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,  
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their  
Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by  
Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis - er - y. The sick with fe - vered frame.  
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore,  
weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

...That's why it's such a useful reminder to thank God for food. Just that, however, is something many feel is so unnecessary, an old custom we can put away. This is the attitude of a dead faith. God has become something in the background.

~ Bo Giertz,  
To Live  
with Christ,  
A.D. 1974

*Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip when they heard him and saw the signs that he did...when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*

~ Acts  
8:5-6, 8

## SERMON

“A Cathartic Eucharist”

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

P: In Holy Baptism, our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As the holy apostles of the Lord declare, “Baptism now saves you,” and “As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” Living with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

How are you named?

*Sponsors:* Henry Patrick.

P: Henry Patrick., receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ head and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God’s house, and teach him the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith that, living in the promise of Holy Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Is it your intention to serve Henry Patrick as sponsors of this Christian faith?

*Sponsors:* Yes, with the help of God.

P: God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

*Henry Patrick is taken to the font.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood, you condemned the unbelieving and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He hallowed water, making it a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away his sin, and bring him forth an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*Please stand.*

P: Henry Patrick, do you renounce the devil?

*Sponsors: Yes, I renounce him.*

P: Do you renounce all his works?

*Sponsors: Yes, I renounce them.*

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

*Sponsors: Yes, I renounce them.*

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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**

P: Henry Patrick, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

*Henry Patrick is carried to the altar steps. Please be seated.*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you**

P: Let us pray . . . God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Henry Patrick: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the Spirit of joy in your presence.

**C: Amen**

P: Henry Patrick, child of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

*Elder:* Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness and strengthen them in your Holy Spirit, that they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

*Elder:* Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

**C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

Whoever wants to be a Christian must clearly understand the fact that all his good deeds, faithfulness, and service to others will only result in ingratitude, and he must guard against letting that fact move him to quit doing good deeds and helping others. For it is a Christian virtue and true fruit of faith, that, when you have done your best and people reward your kindness by criticizing your deed, you remain patient and respond by saying...

P: Peace be with you.

*Henry Patrick is carried to his place in the congregation. 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

"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old" . . . 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.

...“No, I refuse let you make me angry or surly. I shall simply put up with your insolence and keep right on helping people whenever I can. Even if you insist on being ungrateful, I know someone in heaven above who will thank me in your stead. That will be far more gratifying to me than your gratitude would be.”

~ Martin Luther, “Sermon for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity,” AD 1533

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

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



☐ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

### 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.

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

*How does God's kingdom come?*

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

*~ Martin Luther, Small Catechism, AD 1529*

If we eat him spiritually through the Word, he abides in us spiritually in our soul; if one eats him physically, he abides in us physically and we in him. As we eat him, he abides in us and we in him. For he is not digested or transformed but ceaselessly he transforms us, our soul into righteousness, our body into immortality.

~ Martin Luther, "These Words of Christ, 'This is my Body,' Still Stand Firm," AD 1527

*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.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

"Thee Will I Love, My Strength" green hymnal #502

"When Peace, like a River" green hymnal #346

*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-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**

He re-calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

### BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

A - men

### SILENT PRAYER

### POSTLUDE

"The Kingsfold Trumpet"

... Alfred V. Fedak

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**

*To God alone be glory*

### A Prayer As You Go

Dear heavenly Father,  
who daily cares for us and  
is an ever present help  
in every need,  
we pray that  
You awaken  
our hearts  
that we may  
be truly  
thankful for  
all Your  
blessings....  
Let us re-  
member in  
confidence  
that Your  
mercy is new  
every morn-  
ing, that in  
perfect trust  
we may call  
upon You in  
every trouble  
and thank  
and praise  
You with a  
joyous heart.  
Amen.

~ Meditations  
on the Gos-  
pels,  
AD 1942

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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