

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Bless us, O
God, with a
reverent
sense of Your
presence, that
we may be at
peace may
worship You
with all our
mind and
spirit;
through Jesus
Christ our
Lord. Amen.

~ Lutheran
Book of
Worship
p. 47



The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2019 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day.

The promises of the Resurrection and the splendors of the New Creation should touch every aspect of our lives. Today, marriage is touched by the Resurrection through Jesus' words in our reading from Luke 20. In our reading from in 2 Thessalonians, true worship and doctrine are touched by the New Creation as Paul reminds us to hold fast to the traditions passed down to us. Indeed, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to re-evaluate every thing we see, think, and know in light of His promised future and the New Creation He has made.

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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

(9:00) Variations on "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

... J.S. Bach, Johann Walther, Kevin Hildebrand

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.

We have lost our young men and our young women, because we have taken the dare out of religion, the romance, the adventure, the attack, the sacrifice. We have taken the things which make for Christian manhood: sacrifice and struggle, and have substituted rites and popular preaching, which, at best, can satisfy only the typical church worker of middle age."

*~ Berthold von Schenk,
The Presence: An Approach to the Holy Communion,
1946 A.D.*

Behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

~ Matthew 20:30

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 Christ, My Sure Defense" green hymnal #340

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.

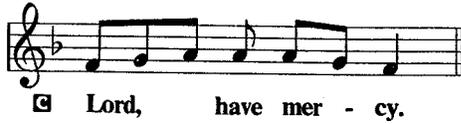
KYRIE

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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

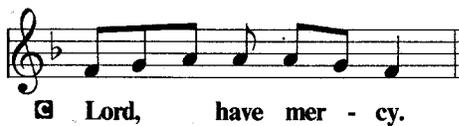
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

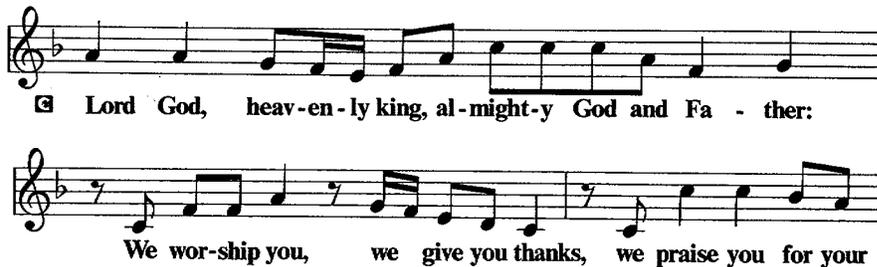


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

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



The heirs of liberal theology are today keen to marginalize the Bible, declaring that it supports slavery and other wicked things, because they don't like what it says on other topics such as sexual ethics. But if you push the Bible off the table, you are merely colluding with pagan empire...

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 . . . Living God, your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace to lay hold of your promises and live forever in your presence; 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.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE (9:00 a.m.)

"Jesus Loves Me"

... Katherine Larson

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 3:1-15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will

*...denying
yourself the
sourcebook for
your kingdom
critique of op-
pression. The
Sadducees
didn't know
the Bible or
God's power;
that's why
they denied the
resurrection
and supported
Rome.*

*~ N.T.
Wright,
Surprised
by Hope,
2008 A.D.*

From both sides within would-be Christian culture – those who deny the resurrection and thereby cut off the branch from which true Christian work for justice must grow, and those who affirm it but use it to reinforce their anti-this-worldly theology – we find apparently powerful reason for doing nothing about the plight of the world and for letting things take their own course, which means of course letting the strong go on winning. Implicit social Darwinism again...

send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148

L: Hallelujah! | Praise the LORD 'from the heavens;*
praise him 'in the heights.

Praise him all you an'gels of his;*
praise him 'all his host.

C: **Praise him 'sun and moon,*
praise him all you 'shining stars.**

**Praise him heav'en of heavens,*
and you waters a'bove the heavens.**

L: Let them praise the name 'of the LORD;*
for he commanded and they 'were created.

He made them stand fast forev'er and ever;*
he gave them a law which shall not 'pass away.

**C: Praise the LORD 'from the earth,*
you sea monsters 'and all deeps;**

**C: fire and hail 'snow and fog,*
tempestuous wind do'ing his will;**

L: mountains 'and all hills,*
fruit trees 'and all cedars;

wild beasts 'and all cattle,*
creeping things and 'winged birds;

**C: kings of the earth 'and all peoples,*
princes and all rulers 'of the world;**

**young 'men and maidens,*
old and 'young together.**

L: Let them praise the name 'of the LORD,*
for his name only is exalted, | his splendor is over 'earth and
heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his
'loyal servants,*
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. |
'Hallelujah!

**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**

*...We should
know where
that got us a
hundred
years ago, as
preachers in
Britain and
Germany sol-
emnly de-
clared that a
few good
wars might be
God's way of
enabling the
human race
to become
fitter and
stronger. As
we learn the
lessons of
God's future,
let us not for-
get the tragic
lessons of our
own past.*

*~ N.T.
Wright,
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The glory we experience now is nothing compared with the glory to come. One day Christ is going to come and call us to rise from our graves. He's going to give us resurrected, glorified bodies that are fit for living forever with him. We'll experience all that God has planned, and been preparing, to share with his people from the very beginning.

We're not merely looking forward to a restoration of what Eden once was...

EPISTLE 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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 20th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²⁷There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." ³⁴And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

...Instead, we're looking forward to the consummation of all that Eden was intended to be. Jesus, the true Adam, our glorious Bridegroom, the Seed who crushed the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15), will not fail to lead us into all that God is preparing for us – a home even better than Eden.

~ Nancy Guthrie, "Heaven will be Better than Eden," 2018 A.D.

SERMON

“The Deception Within”

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

(9:00) “From God Can Nothing Move Me” . . . Jeffrey Bleresch

Please stand.

OFFERTORY



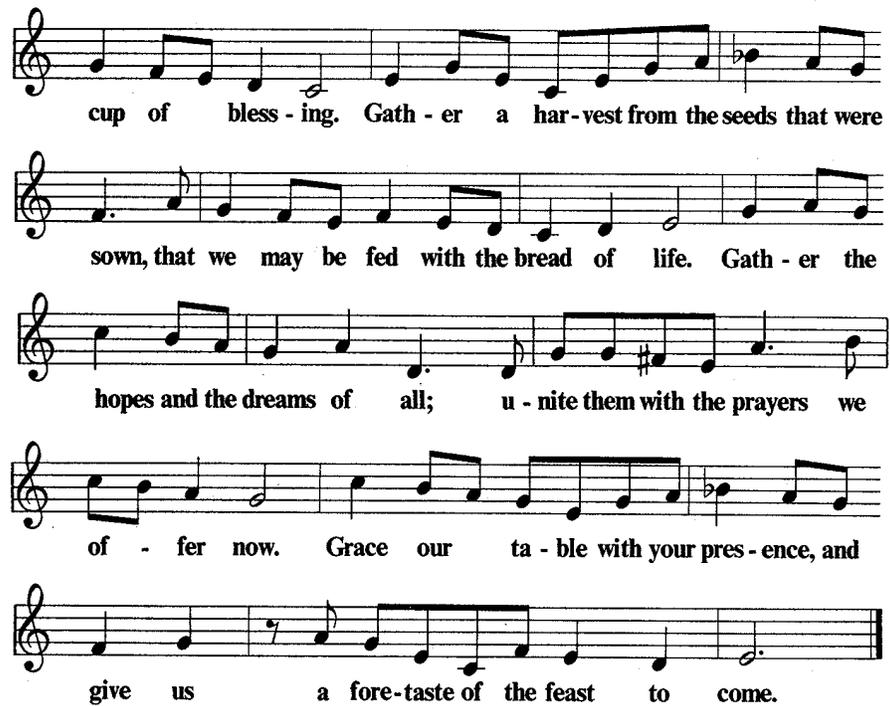
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our

...And while the church continued to set forth its doctrinal beliefs in a variety of creedal formulations, the DNA of orthodoxy remained essentially unchanged.

~ Andreas Köstenberger, The Heresy of Orthodoxy, 2010 A.D.

You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

*~ 1 Corinthians
10:21*



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.

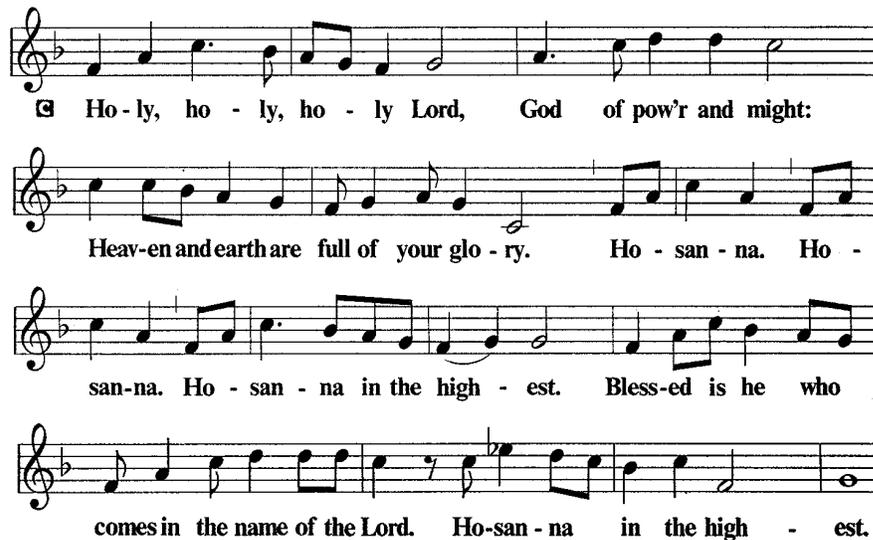


P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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."

Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

~ 1 Corinthians
11:28-29

The Holy Sacrament and its revival must be the supreme part of God's program for the spiritual life of His Church. This program is not to be changed until He comes again. No program that man can make can ever bring the church into that godliness of life and steadfastness and assurance of faith which the reverent and hallowed celebration of Holy Communion has worked in the past and will work in the future...

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.

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.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE (9:00 a.m.)

“Meditation”

... John A. Behnke

COMMUNION HYMNS

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives” green hymnal #352

“You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord” blue hymnal #779

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.

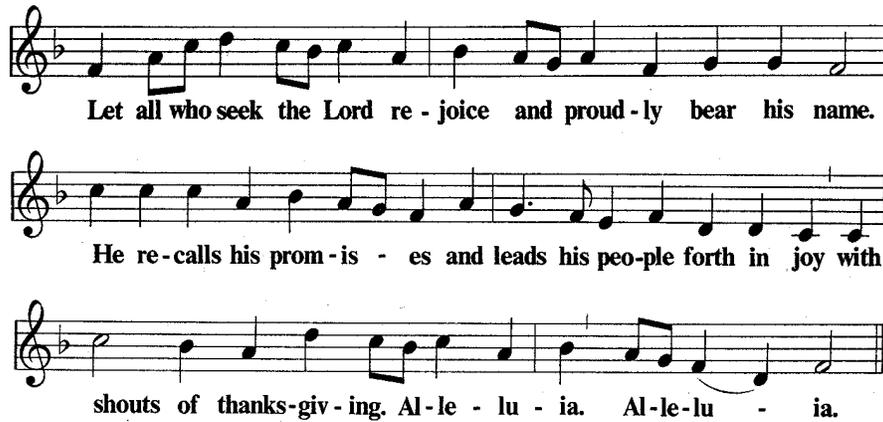
...Therefore, let us love the Communion. It will do much to keep us rooted to the great truths of God and will make His life a vibrant reality.

~ Berthold von Schenk, The Presence: An Approach to the Holy Communion, 1946 A.D.

**A Prayer
As You Go**

Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted into our hearts through Your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of Your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

~ Lutheran Book of Worship p. 48



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

(9:00) "The Heavens Declare"

... Benedetto Marcello

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Christopher Johnson

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

(11:00) The Rev. Joseph Pinzl

Assisting: (9:00) The Rev. Joseph Pinzl

Organist: (9:00) Kantor Irene Beethe

(11:00) Carmen Zuelsdorff

Choir: (9:00) Zion Handchime Choir

Lector: (9:00) Jewell Holdorf

(11:00) Dave Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Ashtyn Fernstaedt

(11:00) Ella Johnson

Elder: (9:00) Scott Schubring

(11:00) Lynn Budnik

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

Landis and Jewell Holdorf;

Gary and Sue Wolslegel

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Steve Zeinemann

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Dave Gisselman

Altar Guild: Sally Christoffersen; Kay Krall

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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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