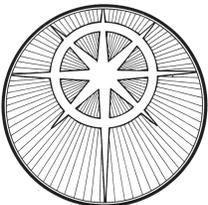


**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

Christ, when  
for us You  
were bap-  
tized, God's  
Spirit on You  
came, as  
peaceful as a  
dove and yet  
As urgent as  
a flame.

Baptize us  
with Your  
Spirit, Lord,  
Your cross  
on us be  
signed,  
That, like-  
wise in  
God's service  
we May per-  
fect freedom  
find.

~ *F. Bland  
Tucker,  
1895-1984  
A.D.*



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**The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

January 19, 2020 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" So cried out St. John the Baptist, pointing to Jesus Christ, and so preaches the Church today. We *confess* that Jesus is Lord, which simply means that He is the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In order to confess this good news, we must also confess the bad news that we are deeply sinful and cannot free ourselves – but even that confession is easy and light with such a gracious God!

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

- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored in memory of Russell and Regina Mulvey and Grover Fandrey, by Paul, Kathy, and Andrew Fandrey.
- The Flowers at the Altar are sponsored in honor of our mother and grandmother, Adeline Fandrey, by Paul, Kathy and Andrew Fandrey.
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## **Sermon Series: "The Good Confession" – Article One: God**

*The Augsburg Confession (1530 A.D) states what the Lutheran Church confesses. Each week for our sermon series, you will find an article of the Augsburg Confession printed here. Some of the language will be unfamiliar. You might think of it as a journey to the land from which your ancestors came: full of new sights and sounds that are rich in promise and revelation.*

Our Churches teach that since the fall of Adam (Romans 5:12), all who are naturally born are born with sin (Psalm 51:5), that is,

without fear of God,

without trust in God,

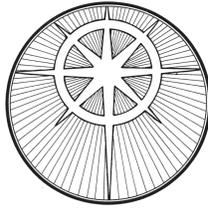
and with the inclination to sin, called "concupiscence."

[This inclination to sin] is a disease and original vice that is truly sin. It damns and brings eternal death on those who are not born anew through Baptism and the Holy Spirit (John 3:5). Our churches condemn [those] who deny that original depravity is sin, thus obscuring the glory of Christ's merit and benefits. [They wrongly] argue that a person can be justified before God by his own strength and reason.

*~ Augsburg Confession, Article I, 1530 A.D.*

## **Announcements**

Parish announcements may be found in the weekly newsletter, *For You*, provided by the ushers after worship.



## PRELUDE

“All Glory Be to God on High”

... David A. deSilva and Georg Boehm

## 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.*

*It is increasingly less possible, even in the cozy corners of Western culture, to avoid confronting evil and to skip merrily along life's pathway in the fashion of a Pollyanna, denying that anything is really all that wrong. However, even if we perceive that something is wrong in this world, we often find it easy to deny our personal responsibility for any of that wrong. . . .*

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*... We often make several critical mistakes in trying to define what sin and evil really are. One of those mistakes involves the attempt to escape from personal responsibility, identifying what is wrong with this world as something outside ourselves and beyond our control . . . This kind of self-deception may comfort me for a while, but . . . accepting personal responsibility is a vital part of preserving the integrity of one's personality . . .*

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

"All Glory Be to God on High" green hymnal #166

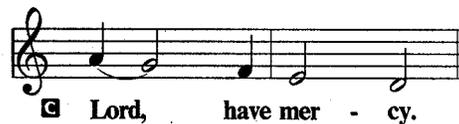
## GREETING

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

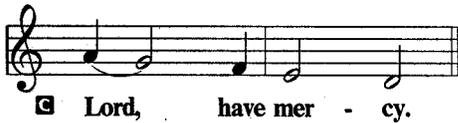
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

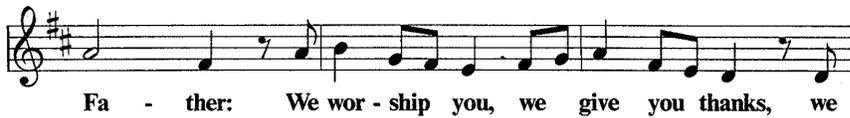


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



## GLORIA

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



*... Not only a glimpse of the evils for which I am responsible, but also an honest confrontation with the depth of evil of which I could potentially drive myself, reveal that evil is not just out there. Evil dwells within me. Confronted with evils outside ourselves, we may resist or run, but we cannot escape sins which gang up on us and threaten our lives from within us or from outside ourselves...*

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... Only by being brought to recognize my own impotence and guilt, however, will I be able to recognize the power of life in the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Only out of the terror which arises, when I cannot imagine how my life can be secure and meaningful, or how I might be able to hang onto my identity, can I be prepared for receiving peace and calm, harmony with myself, my neighbor, my world, and my God.

~ Pr. Robert Kolb,  
*Speaking the Gospel Today*

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the  
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of your people and grant us your peace through all our days; 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** Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— <sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Let us rejoice  
in the Lord,  
dearly be-  
loved, and be  
glad with  
spiritual joy  
that there has  
dawned for us  
the day of ever-  
-new redemp-  
-tion, of ancient  
preparation, of  
eternal happi-  
-ness.*

*~ Leo I of  
Rome,  
400-461  
A.D.*

*“Jesus Christ is Lord.”  
This is the original confession of the church. With it the Christian faith once entered world history. To understand the sense of this confession ever more deeply is the great, yes, basically the only task of all Christian theology. To repeat this confession, to speak it in ever new forms, to translate it into the language of all times and peoples, to protect it against misunderstandings and reinterpretations, and to understand its meaning for all areas of life ...*

## **PSALM 40:1-12**

- L: I waited patiently up'on the Lord;\*  
he stooped to me and 'heard my cry.
- C: He lifted me out of the desolate pit, |  
out of the 'mire and clay;\*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my 'footing sure.**
- L: He put a new song in my mouth, |  
a song of praise 'to our God;\*  
many shall see and stand in awe, and put their trust 'in the Lord.
- C: Happy are they who trust 'in the Lord!\***  
**They do not resort to evil spirits or turn 'to false gods.**
- L: Great things are they that you have done O Lord my God! |  
How great your wonders and your 'plans for us!\*  
There is none who can be com'pared with you.
- C: Oh that I could make them 'known and tell them!\***  
**But they are more than 'I can count.**
- L: In sacrifice and offering you 'take no pleasure;\*  
you have given me 'ears to hear you;
- C: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have 'not required,\*  
and so I said “Be'hold I come.**
- L: In the roll of the book it is written con'cerning me:\*\br/>'I love to do your will O my God; |  
your law is deep 'in my heart.' "

**C: I proclaimed righteousness in the great 'congregation;\*  
behold I did not restrain my lips; |  
and that O 'Lord you know.**

**L: Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; |  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and 'your deliverance;\*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great  
'congregation.**

**C: You are the LORD; | do not withhold your com'passion from  
me;\*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me 'safe 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** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*... that is the task of all confession building within Christendom. No later confession of the church can and wants to be anything else than a renewal of the original confession to Jesus as Christ and Lord.*

*This is true of the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and any confession in which the Christendom of the future may want to speak its faith. As this confession stood at the beginning of the church's history, so it will stand at its end.*

*~ Hermann Sasse, Jesus Christ is Lord, 1931 A.D.*

*John was sent by God -- that is, he did not come on his own, unauthorized. He was to rap at the doors, arouse the Jews, and testify of the Lord who had been promised them, saying: "Open your doors and gates. Your Savior, for whom you have waited so long, has arrived! Awake! Behold, the new Light is present, the Light which was with God from the beginning, which is the eternal God, and which has now become man! . .*

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.

**GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed

Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42a</sup>He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John.

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  $\times$  resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*... See to it that you do not let Him go unnoticed! This is Christ the Lord, for whom you have yearned and sighed. He is standing before your door. Yes, He is among you (John 1:26). Go out to meet Him! Receive your Lord, and accept Him! To forestall any excuse on your part that you would gladly have received Him if only you had been informed, ample announcement and testimony has been given you."*  
 ~ Martin Luther, Sermons on the Gospel of St. John, 1537-40 A.D.

*On the one hand there are some who think, "We have already done penance," and on the other hand there are others who suppose, "We need no repentance." But John says: "Repent, both of you . . ."*

*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**

*"The Only Son from Heaven" green hymnal #86*

## **SERMON** *Sermon Series: The Good Confession*

*"Original Sin: What's So Good About Sin?"*

*Please kneel.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** Trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ, the everlasting God and Son of Mary, let us pray.

**P:** . . . O King of Kings,

**C:** **receive 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.*

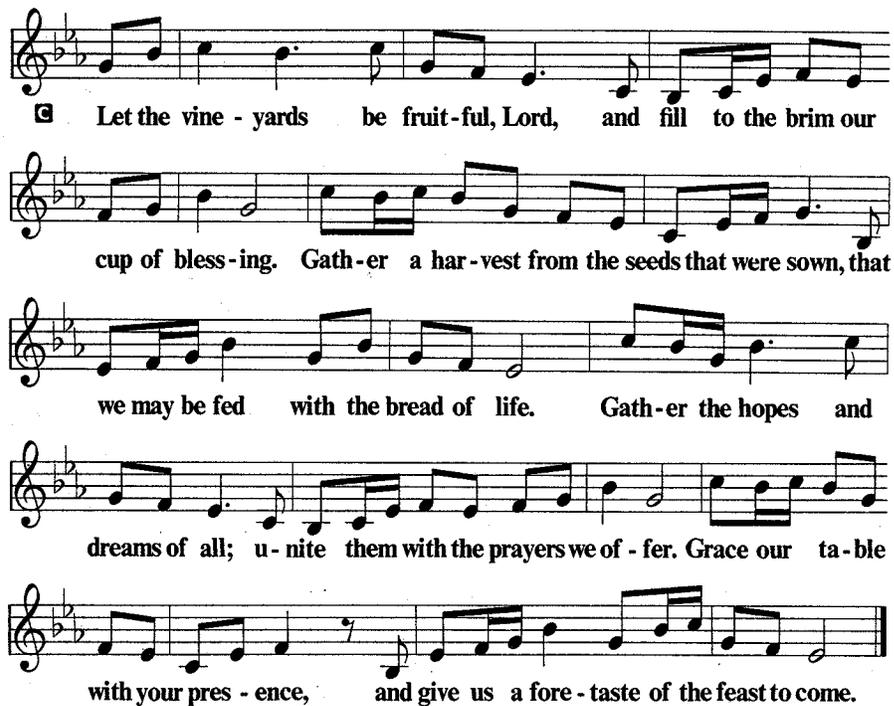
## VOLUNTARY

"The Only Son from Heaven"

... Mark Knickelbein

*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  
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. 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 . . . Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless gift of your Son, sent into our flesh to redeem the creation. Grant that we may now so eat of his flesh and drink of his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us.

**C:** Amen

*. . . Those of you in the former group are false penitents, and those of you in the latter are false saints. Both of you need the forgiveness of sins, for neither of you knows what sin really is, to say nothing of repenting and shunning sin. None of you is good. All of you are full of unbelief, blindness, and ignorance of God and God's will. For He is here present, and from His fullness have we all received, grace upon grace."*  
~ Smalcald Articles, Part III, Article III, 1537 A.D.

## 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.

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, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name



## 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:

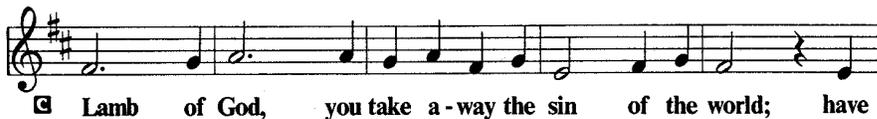
C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## ACCLAMATION

P: The Word was made flesh

C: **and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

## AGNUS DEI (*"Lamb of God"*)



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, 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 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

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” green hymnal #265

“O Bread of Life from Heaven” green hymnal #222

“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness” green hymnal 302

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*Simeon's Song*)



Lord, now you let your ser-vant go in peace; your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal you to the na - tions and the glo-ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
as it was in the be-gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men

**A Prayer  
as You Go**  
O Father,  
grant us also  
that we may  
be your  
heavenly  
children.  
Teach us to  
be mindful  
only of our  
souls and  
our heav-  
enly heri-  
tage, so that  
our earthly  
country and  
inheritance  
may not de-  
ceive, nor  
limit, nor  
hinder us.  
Neither  
make us  
mere chil-  
dren of this  
world, so  
we may in  
reality call  
you our  
heavenly  
Father and  
may truly be  
your heav-  
enly chil-  
dren. Amen  
~ *Martin  
Luther*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . O God of wonder, we have tasted your good-  
ness, and beheld your presence in the Word made flesh. Shine  
forth his light in all we say and do, and fill the earth with your  
glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in G Major”

... Jon Roberts

**+ 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

Lector: (9:00) Jewell Holdorf

(11:00) Paul Henning

Radio Announcer: (9:00)

Acolyte: (9:00) Ethan Hochberger

(11:00) Taylor Halverson

Elder: (9:00) Lynn Budnik

(11:00) Karla Westcott

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

Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Marge Gausewitz; Donna Nuernberg

Altar Guild: Janet Dettmering; Donna Nuernberg

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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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