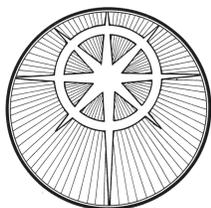


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Almighty
God, grant to
Your Church
Your Holy
Spirit and the
wisdom which
comes down
from heaven,
that Your
Word may
have free
course and be
preached to
the joy and
edifying of
Christ's holy
people, that
steadfast in
faith we may
serve You and
in the confes-
sion of Your
name may
abide to the
end; through
Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.



The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M

Welcome to the Lord's Day.

The Son of God, Jesus Christ, is the cornerstone of the Faith (Eph. 2:20). He is true God and true man. This man (with a nose!) who is also fully God calls others to come along side of Him to learn what it means to be truly human too; Peter and Andrew, John and James. For to be a Christian is nothing more than to be truly human. Jesus calls and summons us to be truly human, to be Christian, by learning from Him who is gentle and humble in heart.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- The sponsor charts for 2020 for Radio Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry. You may also call the church office to sign up for Bulletin Sponsor.

Sermon Series: "The Good Confession" – Article Three: The Son of 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.

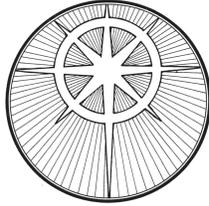
Our Churches teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God [John 1:1-14], assumed the human nature in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. So there are two natures – the divine and the human – inseparably joined in one person. There is one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried. He did this to reconcile the Father to us and to be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of mankind [John 1:29].

He also descended into hell, and truly rose again on the third day. Afterward, He ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. There He forever reigns and has dominion over all creatures. He sanctifies those who believe in Him, by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and make them alive. He defends them against the devil and the power of sin. The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead, and so forth, according to the Apostles' Creed.

~ Augsburg Confession, Article III, 1530 A.D.

Announcements

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



PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major” (BWV 557) ... J. S. Bach

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.

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

*~ Saint Paul,
1 Timothy
2:5-6,
A.D 60's*

The first and chief article is this: Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification. He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all...

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

“O God of Light” green hymnal #237

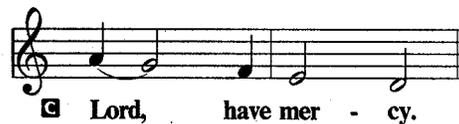
GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

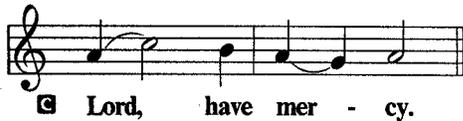
C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

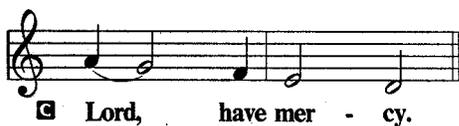
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



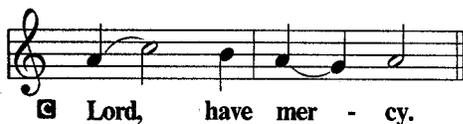
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

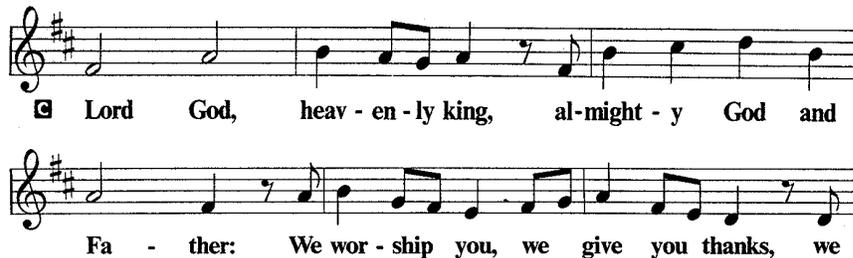


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



GLORIA

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



...All have sinned and are justified freely, without their own works or merits, by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood.

~ Martin Luther, Smalcald Articles: Article I, A.D. 1538

The Bible describes this God "seeking" people, not as a shepherd who goes out searching, but as a searcher in the moment when he finds the sheep caught in the brambles and reaches out his hand to save. It is a moment of destiny-filled seriousness... When God seeks us, we should seriously begin to seek him...

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, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 27:1-13

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; |
whom then 'shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life; |
of whom then shall I 'be afraid?

C: **When evildoers came upon me to eat 'up my flesh,*
it was they my foes and my adversaries who stum'bled and fell.**

...Our sincerity will be evidenced by the way we begin to listen to God's Word and truly seek to know what God wishes to say to us.

*~ Bo Giertz,
Preaching from the Whole Bible,
A.D. 1957*

- L: Though an army should en'camp against me,*
yet my heart shall not 'be afraid;
- C: and though war should rise 'up against me,*
yet will I put my 'trust in him.**
- L: One thing have I asked of the LORD; | one 'thing I seek;*
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days 'of my
life;
- C: to behold the fair beauty 'of the LORD*
and to seek him 'in his temple.**
- L: For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe 'in his
shelter;*
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me
high up'on a rock.
- C: Even now he lifts 'up my head*
above my enemies 'round about me.**
- L: Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with
sounds 'of great gladness;*
I will sing and make music 'to the LORD.
- C: Harken to my voice O LORD 'when I call;*
have mercy on me and 'answer me.**
- L: You speak in my heart and say " 'Seek my face."*
Your face LORD 'will I seek.
- C: Hide not your 'face from me,*
nor turn away your servant 'in displeasure.**
- L: You have been my helper; | cast me 'not away;*
do not forsake me O God of 'my salvation.

**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 1:10-18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

VERSE



It can be easily shown how people who abandon religious authority, ostensibly because they find that the creeds and dogmas of the church rob them of their freedom, are soon willing to worship at another altar and to offer "faithful" allegiance to new creeds and ideologies. These new authorities are even more unrelenting in their demand for unconditional submission...

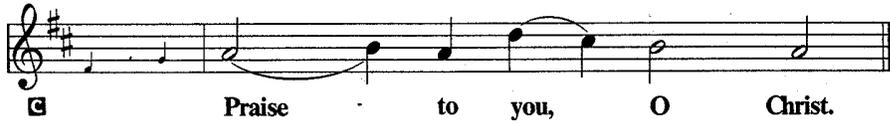
GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.



¹²Now when [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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

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

"O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True" green hymnal #380

...which they justify on the grounds that their demands are perfectly reasonable and are no more than could be expected of any person.

*~ Oswald Bayer,
Theology
the Lutheran
Way,
A.D. 2007*

Preaching is not interested in the history of Christ for its own sake, nor is it interested in the internal history of the Triune being; it is interested in applying the power of Christ to the people who need it, for only the sick need a physician.

~ Steven D. Paulson, Lutheran Theology, A.D. 2011

SERMON *Sermon Series: The Good Confession*

"The Son of God: Why Does God Have a Nose?"

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

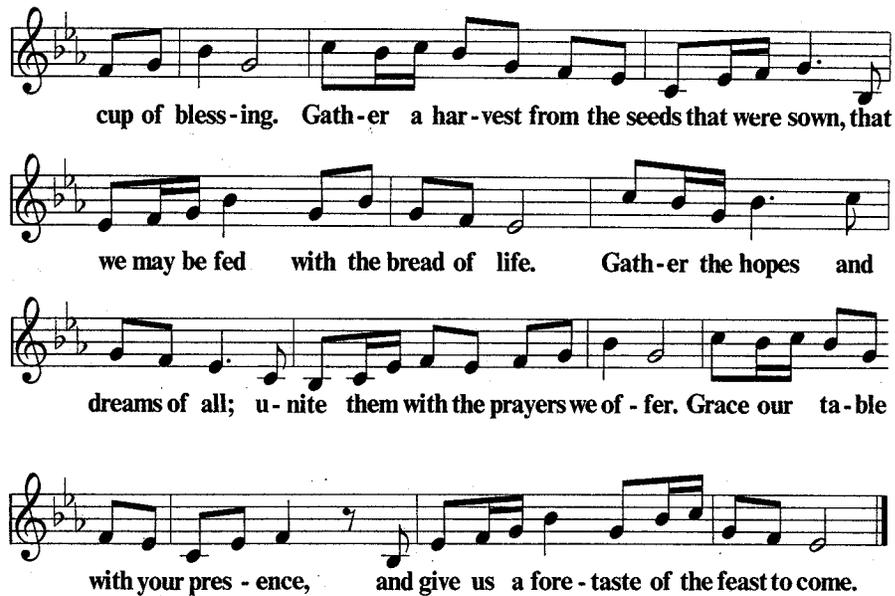
"O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True"

... Benjamin M. Culli and Joseph Herl

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.

*When Christ calls a man,
he bids him come and die.
It may be a death like that
of the first disciples who
had to leave home and
work to follow him, or it may
be a death like Luther's, who
had to leave the monastery
and go out into the
world. But it is the same
death every time – death
in Jesus Christ, the
death of the old man at his
call.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the price-
less 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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

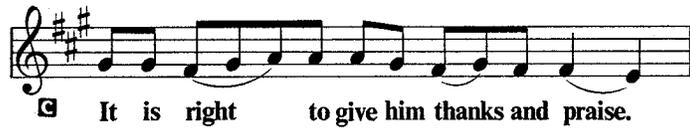


We lift them to the Lord.

~ Dietrich
Bonheoffer,
*The Cost of
Disciple-
ship,*
A.D. 1937

In the person of Jesus Christ God gives himself to us without hesitation and without restrictions, wholly and completely, with everything that he is and does, with what he has and is able to do... He opens himself up in such a way that he allows us to partake of the fullness of his being and takes us up into fellowship with him in that he sacrifices himself for us...

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**

ACCLAMATION

P: The Word was made flesh

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

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

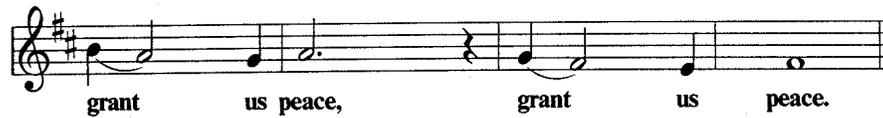


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

...The nature of God as the nature of Jesus Christ is a valid promise and gift that is guaranteed in testamentary fashion.

*~ Oswald Bayer,
Martin Luther's Theology,
A.D. 2008*

The question about whether God became flesh to show his reaction to human sin follows a thought pattern that overemphasizes a linear, chronological schema. Instead, the incarnation, by which God is most deeply engaged in human sin, is at the same time an answer that was given beforehand, hearing the complaint before it was uttered...



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

"O Chief of Cities, Bethlehem"



1. O chief of cit - ies, Beth - le - hem, Of Da - vid's
 2. Be - yond the sun in splen - dor bright, A - bove you
 3. The Wise Men, see - ing him so fair, Bow low be -
 4. The gold - en trib - ute owns him king, But frank - in -
 5. O Je - sus, whom the Gen - tiles see, With Fa - ther,



crown the fair - est gem, But more to us than
 stands a won - drous light Pro - claim - ing from the
 fore him, and with prayer Their trea - sured east - ern
 cense to God they bring, And last, pro - phet - ic
 Spir - it, One in Three: To you, O God, be

Da - vid's name, In you, as man, the Sav - ior came.
 con - scious skies That here, in flesh, the God - head lies.
 gifts un - fold Of in - cense, myrrh, and roy - al gold.
 sign, with myrrh they shad - ow forth his sep - ul - cher.
 glo - ry giv'n By saints on earth and saints in heav'n.

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing" green hymnal #221

"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways" green hymnal #480

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

...Such a statement is impossible for common logic. It implies the expressed interlacing of time and eternity as well as that of the past, present, and future.

~ Oswald Bayer, Martin Luther's Theology, A.D. 2008

**A Prayer
as You Go**
Gracious
Father, as
You have
led me to
receive this
new day of
grace, help
me to be
ever mind-
ful of those
for whom
Jesus is a
stranger
and not the
Savior. May
Your Spirit
give me the
words to
say and an
occasion to
speak so
that others
may follow
You, just
like those
first disci-
ples did. In
Jesus' holy
name I
pray.
Amen.

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

"Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

... Carl R. Ziebell

+ 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

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Grace Mueller

(11:00) Robert Steffen

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Paul Fandrey

Acolyte: (9:00) Asa Rich

(11:00) Mara Stahl

Elder: (9:00) Scott Schubring

(11:00) Karla Westcott

Ushers: (9:00) Sally Christoffersen; Steve and Marlene Kroening;

Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Steve Zeinemann

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Janet Dettmering; Marge Gausewitz

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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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