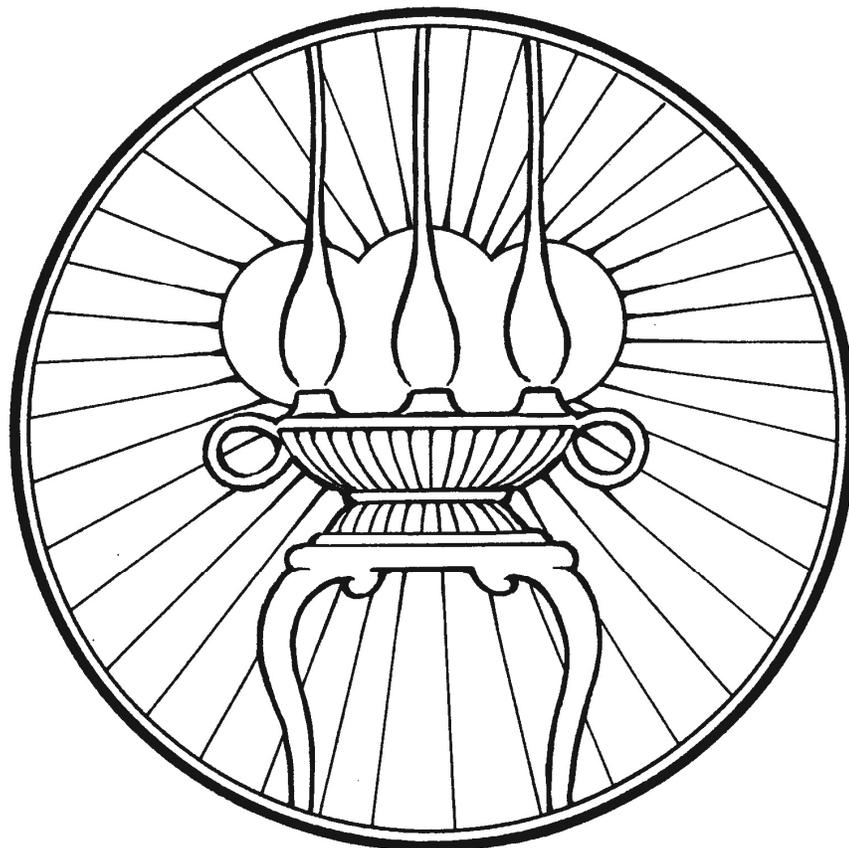


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Holy Father,
let Your
Word so
shine in our
hearts by
Your Holy
Spirit. Make
it so bright
and warm
that we al-
ways find
our comfort
and joy in it.
Amen

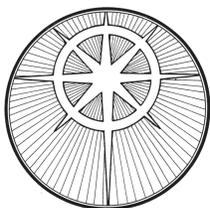
~ *Martin
Luther*



The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M

Welcome to the Lord's Day. Our Lord promises to be with us even to the end of the age. It is the only promise we can really trust, lean on, and have faith in, because it comes with a body attached: the Church and its ministry. Through the preaching of His Word and the giving of His Sacraments, Jesus Christ is where He promises to be. He is with you, doing what He promises to do: forgive, save and bring life anew.



Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's radio broadcast is sponsored by Gary and Barb Langbecker in memory of their twin grandsons, Chase and Landon Langbecker.
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Sermon Series: "The Good Confession" – Article Five: The Ministry

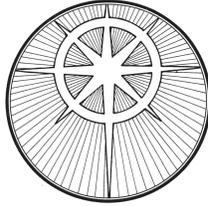
The Augsburg Confession (1530 A.D) states what the Lutheran Church confesses. Each week for our sermon series, you will find an article of the Augsburg Confession printed here. Some of the language will be unfamiliar. You might think of it as a journey to the land from which your ancestors came: full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

So that we obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. Through the Word and Sacraments as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given. He works faith, when and where it please God, in those who hear the good news that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake. This happens not through our own merits, but for Christ's sake.

Our churches condemn the Anabaptists and others who think that through their own preparations and works the Holy Spirit comes to them without the external Word.

Announcements

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



PRELUDE

Prelude on "In Babilone" (Son of God, Eternal Savior)

... 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.

*Hearing a
preacher is
God's choice,
not yours.
Specifically it
is the work of
the Holy
Spirit who
bestows
Christ's bene-
fits only
when and
where He will
--not where
hearers will.
~ Stephen
Paulson,
2008 A.D.*

Ministry is first and foremost the ministry of proclamation, the concrete speaking of the Word of God, doing the sacramental deed, in the living present. The primary paradigm for ministry is the absolution [declaration of forgiveness] – concrete, present tense, I-to-you declaration in Word and sacrament authorized by the triune God... Ministry is the actual doing of the deed.
~ Gerhard Forde, 1990 A.D.

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

“Son of God, Eternal Savior” green hymnal #364

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.

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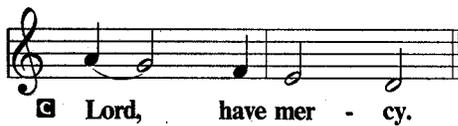
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



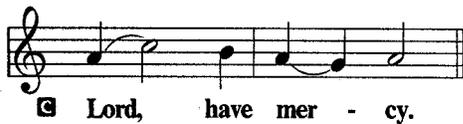
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



Humans are hearing creatures whose heart always clings to some word or another...Words from a preacher are easily drowned out by other voices, especially imaginary voices of what one sees or feels internally. Faith alone is that which justifies us, but faith is never a virtue or attitude of a person, or some instrument or power which a person possesses ...

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 . . . O Lord, keep your family the church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by your mighty power; 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 58:3-9a

³‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’ Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’ ”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

. . . Faith goes outside itself, since faith requires something to believe in, and that something is god's word as a promise...Faith is certain because it takes leave of itself--its subjectivity--and clings to a promise from the only one who can keep a promise beyond the law and beyond death.

~Stephen Paulson, 2008 A.D.

*Of this gospel, I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given to me by the working of His power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the Church the manifold wisdom of God might be made known.
~ Ephesians 3:7-10*

PSALM 112:1-9

- L: Hallelujah! | Happy are they who 'fear the LORD*
and have great delight in 'his commandments!
- C: Their descendants will be mighty 'in the land;*
the generation of the upright 'will be blessed.**
- L: Wealth and riches will be 'in their house,*
and their righteousness will 'last forever.
- C: Light shines in the darkness 'for the upright;*
the righteous are merciful and full 'of compassion.**
- L: It is good for them to be gener'ous in lending*
and to manage their af 'fairs with justice.
- C: For they will nev'er be shaken;*
the righteous will be kept in everlast'ing remembrance.**
- L: They will not be afraid of any 'evil rumors;*
their heart is right; | they put their trust 'in the LORD.
- C: Their heart is established and 'will not shrink,*
until they see their desire up'on their enemies.**
- L: They have given freely 'to the poor,*
and their righteousness stands fast forever; |
they will hold up their 'head with honor.
- 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 2:1-12

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" — ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

*[Jesus said,]
"Let us go on
to the next
towns, that I
may preach
their also, for
that is why I
came out."
~ Mark 1:38*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE

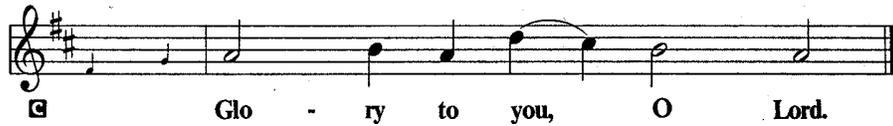


“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then can they call on him of whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel . . .



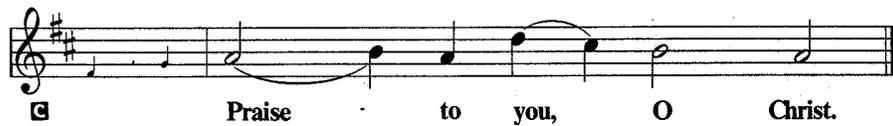
GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



¹³[Jesus said,] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 ✠ 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

"Thy Strong Word" green hymnal #233

SERMON *Sermon Series: The Good Confession*

"The Ministry: How Does the Fix Reach You?"

Please kneel.

*. . . For Isaiah says, "Lord who have believed what they have heard from us?" So faith comes through hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
~ Romans 10:13-17*

Faith is a matter of being set free from the God of the past tense...a matter of being set free by the proclamation itself, by an actual word from God. Faith comes by hearing and being grasped by the proclamation. God speaks to you. Faith is the Spirit-fired free flight from the hidden to the revealed God.
~Gerhard Forde, 1990 A.D.

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

Meditation on "Thy Strong Word"

... Benjamin M. Culli

Please stand.

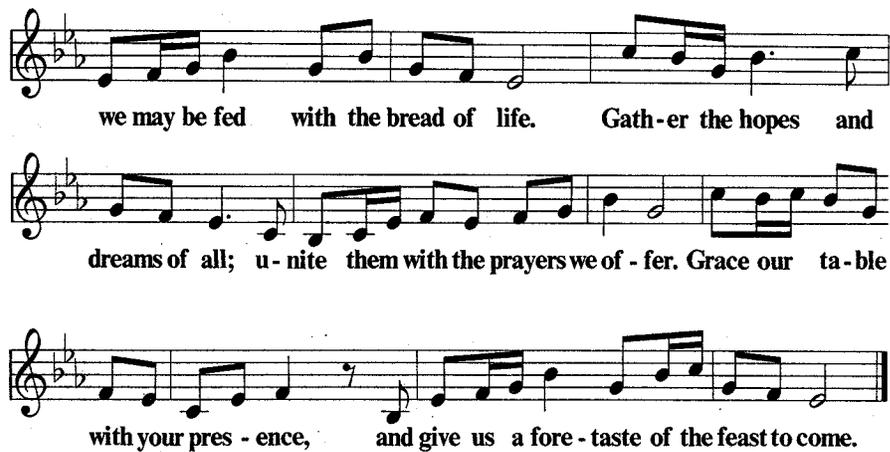
OFFERTORY



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 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.

To be saved is to be drawn out into the glorious light of the day of grace, begun and continued in God's act of making new beings. Baptism embedded in the proclamation will do this. It is simply the gospel.
~ Gerhard Forde, 1990 A.D.

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
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:

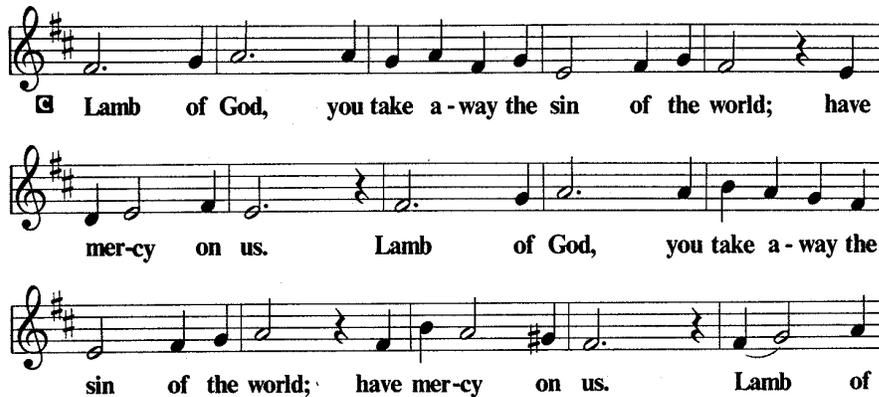
C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine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

ACCLAMATION

P: 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



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

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” blue hymnal #649

“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness” green hymnal #302

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” green hymnal #479

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

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

C 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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . O God of wonder, we have tasted your goodness, 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

**A Prayer
as You Go**
Eternal Father, bless us with the abundance of Your gifts, that by Your Holy Spirit we may receive them all in faith and so live according to Your good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Fantasia on "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

... John A. Behnke

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Joseph Pinzl

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: (9:00) The Rev. Christopher Johnson (*at Bethany, 10:30*)

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Landis Holdorf

(11:00) Gary Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Scott Schubring

Acolyte: (11:00) Ella Johnson

Elder: (9:00) Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

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

Landis and Jewell Holdorf;

Gary and Sue Wolslegel

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Grace Mueller

(11:00) Gary Gisselman; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Bonnie Glasel; Anna Mae Zeinemann

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

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