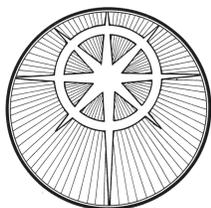


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Gracious Lord,
I come to you
this day with
the assurance
that I will re-
ceive Your
gifts once
again. Con-
tinue Your
holy work in
my mind,
heart, and life
that I would
seek to glorify
You in all I do.
Let the favor
of the Lord my
God be upon
me, establish-
ing the work
of my hands
(Psalm 90:17).
In Jesus' holy
name do I
pray. Amen.



The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M

Welcome to the Lord's Day.

The Sermon on the Mount shows the full force of the God's Law – it condemns more than we realize. However, that doesn't mean we ignore the Law. The Law reflects the holiness of God and as His light-reflectors we do as much good as possible. Why is this so? We do good because we have been declared good (justified!) through the goodness of Jesus Christ as proclaimed through the ministry of the church. We do good, not for God but because of God, for all those in need. God doesn't need our good works, but our neighbors do!

Sharing God's Blessings Today

- Sunday's radio broadcast is sponsored by Ivan and Irene Beethe in loving memory of their parents: Walter and Hilda Grueber, and Lawrence and Alice Beethe.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Steve and Anna Mae Zeinemann in celebration of their grandchildren.
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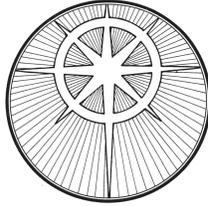
Sermon Series: "The Good Confession" – Article Six: New Obedience

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 this faith is bound to bring forth good fruit [Galatians 5:22-23]. It is necessary to do good works commanded by God [Ephesians 2:10], because of God's will. We should not rely on those works to merit justification before God. The forgiveness of sins and justification is received through faith. The voice of Christ, testifies, "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty'" (Luke 17:10). The Fathers teach the same thing. Ambrose says, "It is ordained of God that he who believes in Christ is saved, freely receiving forgiveness of sins, without works, through faith alone."

Announcements

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



PRELUDE

Variations on "Song 13" (Holy Spirit, Truth Divine)

... David A. deSilva and Michael Burkhardt

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.

...our old Adam seldom is convinced that it can be profitable to be a Christian. He wants first to have better evidence that God really lives. And if anyone should become a Christian for the sake of rewards and not for the sake of Christ, then he is no Christian. One becomes a Christian through love to God. The reward is to possess God, to see God, and to serve God. But self-interest does not care for this kind of reward.

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

...the faith of which we speak exists in repentance. I mean that faith which is conceived in the terrors of conscience, which feels Gods' wrath against our sins and seeks forgiveness of sins, seeks to be freed from sin. In such terrors and other troubles, this faith ought to grow and be strengthened. Therefore, it cannot exist in people who live by the flesh, who are delighted by their own lusts and obey them.

~ Philipp Melancthon, Apology to the Augsburg Confession, A.D. 1531

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

"Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" green hymnal #257

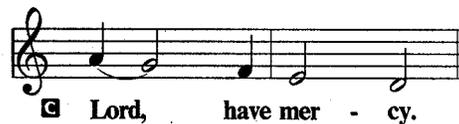
GREETING

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

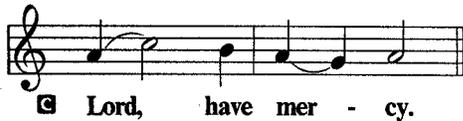
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

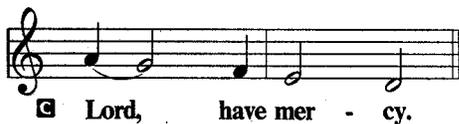
P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



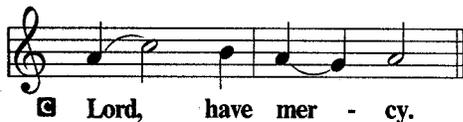
P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

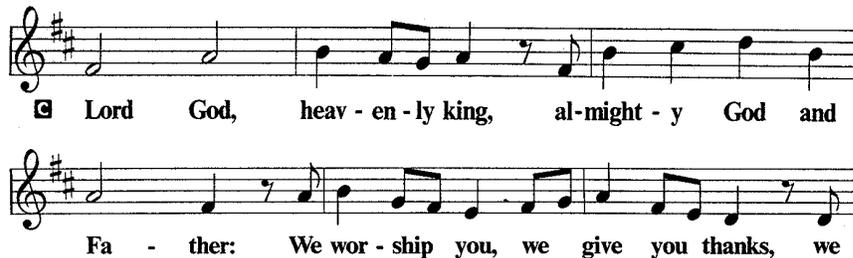


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



GLORIA

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



*God now
"commands
all people eve-
rywhere to
repent" (Acts
17:30). "All
people," He
says. No one
is an excep-
tion who is a
human being.
This repen-
tance teaches
us to discern
sin: We are
completely
lost; there is
nothing good
in us from
head to foot;
and we must
become abso-
lutely new
and different
people.*

*~ Martin
Luther,
Smalcald
Articles,
A.D. 1538*

If you wish to become better acquainted with the value and nature of this true Christian love, read the thirteenth chapter of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, where Saint Paul has remarkably explained and presented this matter. Let me just point out that the love we're talking about is not nice words or charming conduct, for even the hypocrites can imitate these and are quite the experts at it. We, on the contrary, are talking about the love that is in spirit, deed, and truth...

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, graciously hear the prayers of your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by your goodness to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

..It does not pursue outward splendor nor seek praise from people and does not conform to the attitudes of flesh and blood, but rather to the Spirit. This true and sincere love coming straight from the heart is not found in our natural abilities, nor is it the hypocritical pretense of the work righteous. Rather, it is the fruit of a living faith, produced through having the forgiveness of sins in Christ's blood.

~Fredrik Hedberg, The Doctrine of Faith unto Salvation, A.D. 1842

PSALM 119:1-8

L: Happy are they whose 'way is blameless,*
who walk in the law 'of the LORD!

**C: Happy are they who observe 'his decrees*
and seek him with 'all their hearts!**

L: Who never do 'any wrong,*
but always walk 'in his ways.

**C: You laid down 'your commandments,*
that we should 'fully keep them.**

L: Oh that my ways were made 'so direct*
that I might 'keep your statutes!

**C: Then I should not be 'put to shame,*
when I regard all 'your commandments.**

L: I will thank you with an 'unfeigned heart,*
when I have learned your 'righteous judgments.

**C: I will 'keep your statutes;*
do not utter'ly forsake me.**

**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 3:1-9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not

yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

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. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

²¹And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of

Confident in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

~ Saint Paul's letter to, Philemon (v. 21), A.D. 60

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life...

David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.”²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.”²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”²⁶ And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.²⁹ Jesus went on from there and walked beside the Sea of Galilee. And he went up on the mountain and sat down there.³⁰ And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them,³¹ so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.³² Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”³³ And the disciples said to him, “Where are we to get enough bread in such a desolate place to feed so great a crowd?”³⁴ And Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven, and a few small fish.”³⁵ And directing the crowd to sit down on the ground,³⁶ he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.³⁷ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

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

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" green hymnal #90

SERMON *Sermon Series: The Good Confession*

"The New Obedience: What's so good about good works?"

Please kneel.

...The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

~ Saint Paul's letter to Titus (3:4-8), A.D. 60's

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God... this word is the good news that was preached to you."

~ Saint Peter's First Letter (1:22-25), A.D 65

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

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

... David Cherwien

Please stand.

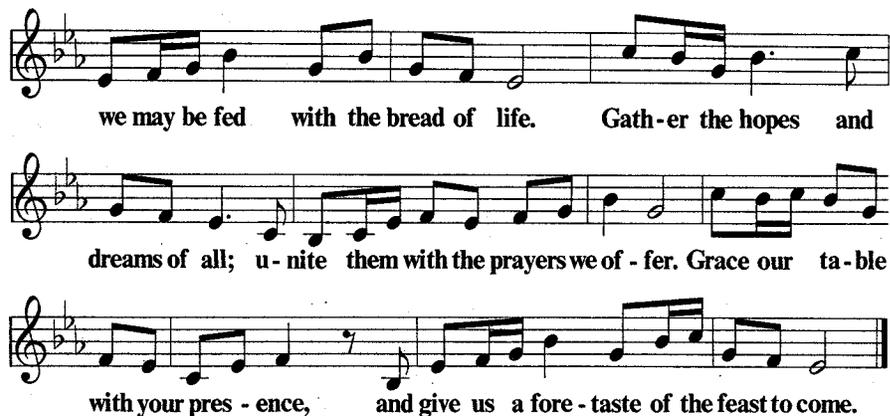
OFFERTORY



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.

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey un-righteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

~ Saint Paul's letter to the Romans (2:6-8), A.D 50's

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

~ Saint John's Revelation (20:12-13), A.D. 90's

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.**

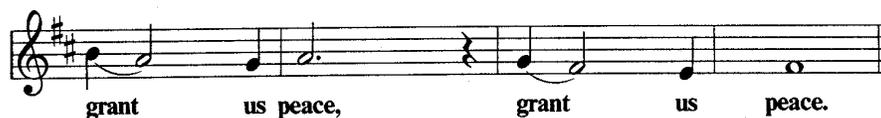
AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

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
 God, you take a-way the sin of the world;

Therefore my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

~ Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians (2:12-13), A.D. 60

We believe, teach, and confess that the preaching of the Law is to be encouraged diligently. This applies not only for the unbelieving and impenitent, but also for true believers, who are truly converted, regenerate, and justified through faith. Although believers are regenerate and renewed in the spirit of their mind, in the present life this regeneration and renewal is not complete...



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

“Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

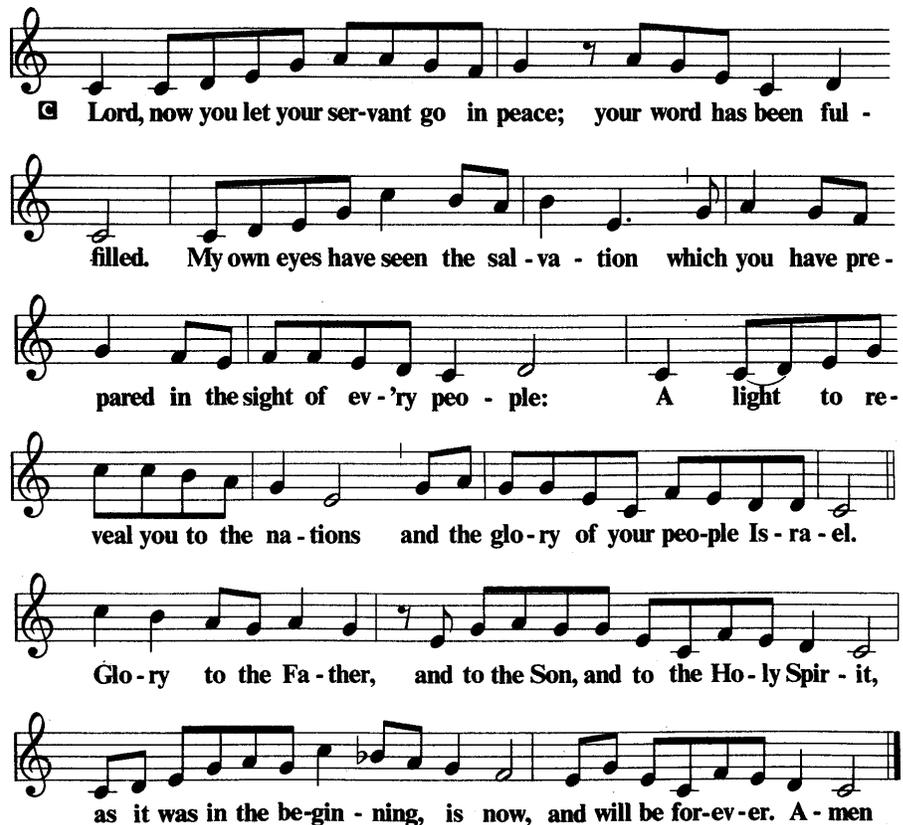
green hymnal #480

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” green hymnal #511

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling” green hymnal #523

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

...It is only begun. Be-lievers are, by the spirit of their mind, in a constant struggle against the flesh.

*~ Formula of Concord:
Epitome,
A.D 1580*

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**
How re-
freshing it
is to know
my good
works are
used for
Your glory!
Though
You have
no need of
what I can
do, never-
theless You
have cho-
sen me to
do what is
good and
just, to love
kindness,
and walk
humbly
with You
(Micah 6:8).
May Your
Spirit sea-
son and
sanctify all I
do and say
for the
glory of
Your holy
name.
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

"Fanfare"

... Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

+ 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: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Lynn Budnik

(11:00) Carl Boettcher

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Landis Holdorf

Acolyte: (9:00) Emma Pagel

(11:00) Nathan Contreras

Elder: (9:00) Robb Halverson

(11:00) Karla Westcott

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

Frank and Tammie Rodemeier

(11:00) Al Lippert

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Bill Metter

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Vicky Radunz; Julie Sweeney

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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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