

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Gracious Lord, You have called me today to be in Your presence with Your people that we may receive Your gifts. Open my heart and hand to receive joyfully all You have to give, that all You have and all You are would fill me this day and week with gratitude and contentment.

This I ask in Jesus' holy name. Amen.



The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day.

Children love to play hide-and-seek. They can hide in safety knowing someone—a parent or a friend—will find them. Adults also play hide-and-seek, but in a different way. Parents can hide things from their children, perhaps about themselves or something about their family's past. They may do this to protect the conscience of their children or to preserve their own standing in their children's eyes. What about God? Jesus speaks this week of the Father hiding "these things" from people; what are "these things" which were hidden to some but not others?

Sharing God’s Blessings Today

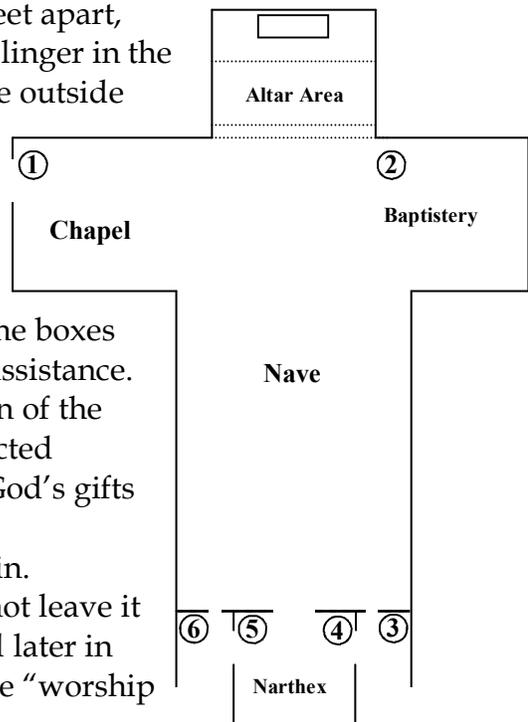
- Sunday’s Radio Broadcast is sponsored to the glory of God by Maureen and Rosalind Rouse, in loving memory of their mom, Laurel K. Rouse, and their aunt and godmother, Lillian Geraldine Rouse. Lillian entered eternal peace on June 21. “We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.” (1 Cor. 15:51-58)
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Lois and Jerry Jarosz, for the beauty of God’s house and in honor of Mildred Wurster’s birthday on July 9.
- The sponsor charts for 2020 for Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

A Few Notes As We Gather in This New Season

“Open to me the gates of righteousness, and I will enter there” (Psalm 118:19). We give thanks to God for the blessing and gift of gathering in His presence this day. We do so remembering the recommendations of our public health department. For the health and good conscience of your neighbor, please maintain the principles of “social distancing” (keeping 6 feet apart, refraining from hugs or handshakes) and do not linger in the entryways before and after worship, but socialize outside as the weather permits.

Also, please note that we will not receive an offering as we have in the past. Offerings will be received at the doors in **Zion’s wooden offering boxes** built into the walls of the church. Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by **number (1-6)** or ask an usher for assistance. This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God’s gifts and offerings to us.

All worship texts are printed in the bulletin. Please take the bulletin home with you, and do not leave it here. Directions for Holy Communion are found later in this bulletin, and ushers will also assist you as we “worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (Psalm 96:9).





PRELUDE

Variations on "God Bless Our Native Land"

... Charles Wesley edited by Wayne Leupold

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.

Faith does not mean believing what you know is not true, nor does it mean trusting in that which is irrational or illogical. It means, rather, believing in what you cannot see with your physical eyes and trusting in promises that issue from an authority in whom you have confidence.

~ Louis
Markos, On the Shoulders of Hobbits, 2012
A.D.

All of us run the risk of perishing. It is bound up with the fact that we are all sinners who have fallen away from God. But that misfortune can be cured. It is for this reason that the Gospel is preached to us. But if we do not wish to accept the help that God sends to us, then even God cannot help us.

*~ Bo Giertz,
Preaching
from the
Whole Bible, 1967
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.

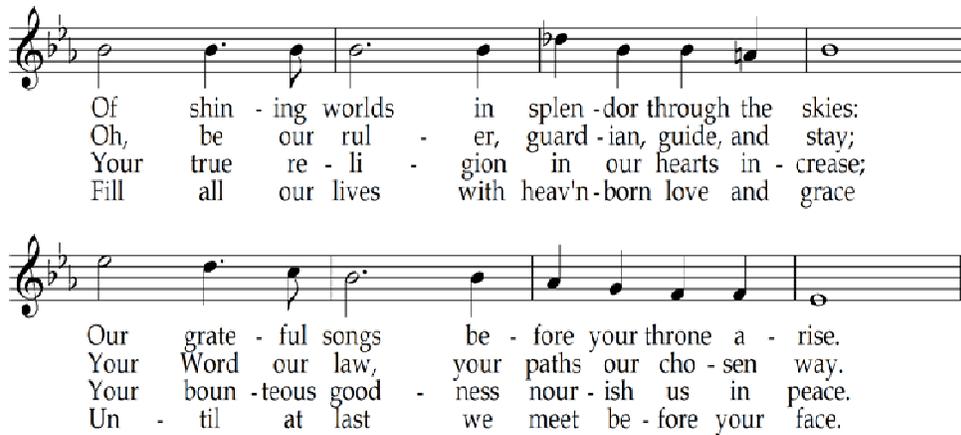
ENTRANCE HYMN "God of Our Fathers"



1. God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
2. Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by you our lot is cast;
Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 Fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace

Our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

Truly, you are a God who hides himself, O God of Israel, the Savior. All of them are put to shame and confounded; the makers of idols go in confusion together. But Israel is saved by the LORD with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity.

*~ Isaiah
 45:15-17,
 600's B.C.*

APOSTOLIC GREETING and COLLECT

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.**

P: Let us pray . . . Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your salvation; 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 Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your

[God's fore-knowledge] extends over the godly and the wicked alike. But it is not the cause of evil or of sin. In other words, it is not what causes people to do wrong (which originally arises from the devil and mankind's wicked, perverse will). Nor does it cause their ruin, for which they themselves are responsible...

prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:1-14

L: I will exalt you, O God my king, and bless your name forever and ever.

C: Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

L: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness.

C: One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

L: I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

C: They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.

L: They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

C: The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

L: The LORD is loving to everyone and his compassion is over all his works.

C: All your works praise you, O LORD, and your faithful servants bless you.

L: They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power;

C: **that the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

C: **The LORD is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.**

**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 Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

...But fore-knowledge only regulates this and fixes a limit on their ruin, how far it should progress and how long it should last. All this happens to serve His elect for their salvation, even though such ruin is evil in itself.

~ From the Epitome in the Lutheran Confessions, Article XI, 1576 A.D.

The Lord Jesus positively determined to put forth such a sufficiency of grace, that it will effectually perform this promise, and use all the means necessary to accomplish this purpose. The Father's end will not be frustrated (John 6:39). By coming, we understand it to be coming of the mind to Him, and the moving of the heart towards Him. It is coming with the absolute desire to be justified and saved...

Please stand.

VERSE

(9:00 sung by vocalists)

L: Alleluia, Alleluia., Alleluia, Alleluia.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy 'laden,*
and I will 'give you rest.

Alleluia, Alleluia., Alleluia, Alleluia.

(11:00 spoken)

C: Alleluia.

**Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.**

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Let Me Be Yours Forever"
(printed on the next page)

...They come of necessity, being forced into it by the sense they have of their being utterly and everlasting undone, if they do not find safety in Him...This coming to Christ is a running to Him, a flying to Him from the wrath to come. He who truly comes, must forsake all, cast all behind his back and cling to Christ alone.

~ John Bunyan, 1628-1688 A.D.

Theology is the happy science concerned with the task of pointing to Him whose yoke is easy, whose burden is light. Theology is not in the business of absolutizing itself, but rather of pointing beyond itself to the One who gives hope, the One in whom we can find rest. Theology is perhaps the only science which is ultimately and seriously interested in working itself out of a job, for it points in hope to that time when Christ will come and all theology will cease....

1. Let me be yours for-ev - er, My gra - cious God and Lord;
 2. Lord Je - sus, boun - teous giv - er Of light and life di - vine,
 3. O Ho - ly Spir - it, pour - ing Sweet peace in - to my heart,
 May I for - sake you nev - er Nor wan - der from your Word.
 You did my soul de - liv - er; To you I all re - sign.
 And all my soul re - stor - ing, Let me in grace de - part.
 Pre - serve me from the maz - es Of er - ror and dis - trust,
 You have in mer - cy bought me With blood and bit - ter pain;
 And while his name con - fess - ing Whom I by faith have known,
 And I shall sing your prais - es For - ev - er with the just.
 Let me, since you have sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.
 Grant me your con - stant bless - ing And take me as your own.

SERMON

“Hidden in Plain Sight”

Please kneel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
 P: . . . Lord in your mercy,
 C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY *As the pastors prepare the altar for the Holy Supper,
vocal or instrumental music provides a time for worshipers to prepare for
the Holy Supper, offering thanks to God and asking for the blessing of His
Holy Spirit. When the Offertory ends, please stand.*

(9:00 a.m.) "Father Welcomes" (sung by the vocalists)

Refrain: Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. Refrain

In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. Refrain

Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. Refrain

(11:00 a.m.) "Father Welcomes"

... Amanda Husberg

Please stand.

*...Theology is
only an in-
terim science.
It exists only
because He to
whom it
points is not
yet here. Its
only ask is the
happy one of
helping to
keep hope
alive until He
comes.*

*~ Gerhard
Forde, "The
Easy Yoke,"
in The Capti-
vation of the
Will, 2005
A.D.*

*No one can
come to Me
unless the
Father who
sent Me
draws him.
And I will
raise him up
on the last
day.*

~ John 6:44

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Merciful Lord,

C: **we do not come to your table trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. Grant us so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood that we may ever dwell in him, and he in us. Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



☐ 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, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



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: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

*I am the
vine; you are
the branches.
Whoever
abides in Me
and I in him,
he it is that
bears much
fruit, for apart
from Me you
can do noth-
ing.*

~ John 15:5

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")

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

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. The pastor will hand you the holy Body. Please take a cup of the holy Blood as directed.

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.

The pastor will declare the words of Communion – "The body of Christ given for you, the blood of Christ shed for you" – once from the altar to limit close conversation during the Supper.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The vocalists will sing the hymns at 9:00 a.m.

The texts are printed for prayerful meditation during both services.

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the one whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him,
Eagerly and gladly greet him.
There he stands already knocking;
Quickly, now, your gate unlocking,
Open wide the fast-closed portal,
Saying to the Lord immortal:
“Come, and leave your loved one never;
Dwell within my heart forever.”

Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless;
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation.

Because we are moving more steadily in this manner of communing as a continuous line, the choir will sing during Communion or the kantor will play hymns. We will return to more singing during Holy Communion in time.

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before you,
Love incarnate, I adore you;
Worthily let me receive you,
And, so favored, never leave you.

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on thee to day;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with thy grace divine.

The chastened peace of sin forgiv'n,
The filial joy of heirs of heav'n,
Grant as we share this wondrous food,
Thy body broken and thy blood.

Our trembling hearts cleave to thy Word.
All thou hast said thou dost afford;
All that thou art we here receive,
And all we are to thee we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we,
United by our life in thee,
Thy love proclaim till thou shalt come
To bring thy scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
Oh, keep us steadfast to that day,
That each may be thy welcomed guest
When thou shalt spread thy heav'nly feast.

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: Amen

CLOSING HYMN "God Bless Our Native Land"



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

SILENT PRAYER

A Prayer As You Go

Lord of all,
You have found me in
Christ, the
Good Shep-
herd who has
claimed me as
Your own. You
have given me
Your own
peace, Your
Holy Spirit,
that I may al-
ways be at rest
in You no mat-
ter what betide
me. May Your
peace indeed
continue to
crush the work
of Satan in this
world and in
my life that I
would always
and ever be
true to You. In
Jesus' name I
pray. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Festive Fanfare and Postlude on "God of Our Fathers"

... J. Wayne Kerr

+ 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. Christopher Johnson

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Vocalists: (9:00) Tim Pagel; Steve Zeinemann

Clarinet: (9:00) Dan Maguire

Lector: (9:00) Mark Gehrke

(11:00) Craig Bergendorf

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Michael Cornell

(11:00) Nathan Contreras

Elder: (9:00) Ken Rodemeier

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

Ushers: (9:00) Adele Blair; Donald Budnik;

Fred Fenhaus; Robb Halverson

(11:00) Al Lippert; Wayne Reuter

Altar Guild: Bonnie Glasel; Vicky Radunz

Acknowledgements

The liturgy is reprinted from the Lutheran Book of Worship, © 1978.

Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress license #SB129062. Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

“God of Our Fathers”: Text and Tune: Public Domain.

Verse: Content from Lutheran Service Book: Altar Book copyright © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV Bible® (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. All rights reserved.

“Let Me Be Yours Forever”: Text and Tune: Public Domain.

“Father Welcomes”: Text: © 1986 Kevin Mayhew Ltd. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 130002490.

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”: Text: © OneLicense.net, license #A-703762. Reproduced with permission.

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”: Text: Public Domain.

“God Bless Our Native Land”: Text and tune: Public Domain.

Zion Lutheran Church

Sixth and Grant Streets, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403

Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

Church Telephone: 715-848-7286

Senior Pastor Steven K. Gjerde
Associate Pastor Christopher S. Johnson
Associate Pastor Joseph C. Pinzl
Kantor Irene Beethe
Office Manager Pam Gabriel
Secretary Anna Mae Zeinemann
Custodian Michael Renken

To contact us by email:
zion@zionlutheranwausau.com

To visit our webpage:
www.zionlutheranwausau.com

Host of the Wausau Lutheran Hour
Sundays, 9:00 am, WSAU Radio 550AM (or
click "Listen Live" at www.wsau.com)

Member Congregation of Lutheran Core
www.lutherancore.org