

**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

Haste, Lord,
and act;

stir us up,
and call us
back;

in flame us,
and draw us
to Thee;

stir us up,
and grow
sweet unto
us;

let us now
love Thee, let
us run after
Thee.

~ Augustine,
Confes-
sions,
400 A.D.



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. "I love to tell the story; T will be my theme in glory; to tell the old, old story; Of Jesus and His love." Hymns like this add lyrics that are just about as catchy as the story itself! But is that all that we are here for? In the end what do stories really do? Today we listen to an old familiar story that Jesus tells in the form of a parable. Yet while He speaks the words are working, doing the will of God by planting the seed of His Son firmly within you. As Jesus gets into your flesh through speaking, washing, and feeding, He bears fruit one hundred fold from good soil like you.

Sharing God's Blessings Today

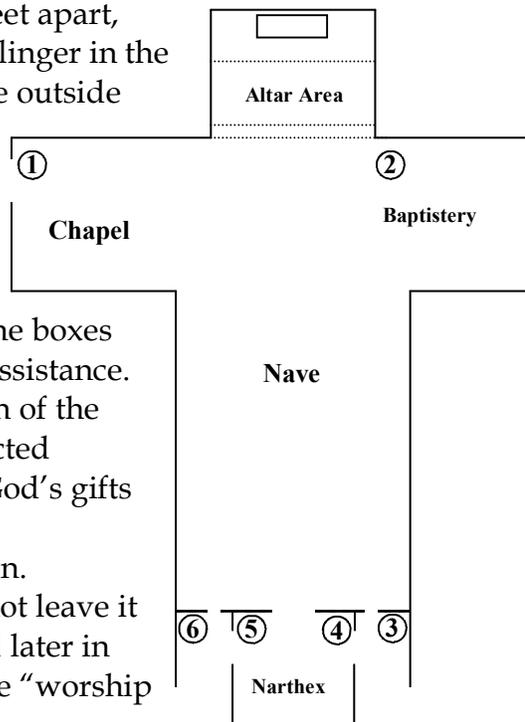
- Sunday's Radio Broadcast is sponsored anonymously by a grateful listener of Zion's broadcasts.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored to the glory of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; by Maureen and Rosalind Rouse, with joy and thankfulness for Maureen's successful heart surgery.
- Today's bulletins are sponsored by Gerald and Shirley Kieckhaefer, in loving memory of Connie Kieckhaefer Meurett (b. 7/15/1962; d. 3/6/2012) and her husband, Dean Meurett (b. 6/12/1960; d. 6/21/2013).

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

Chorale Preludes on “Lobe den Herren” -
Homage to Johann Sebastian Bach

... Larry Visser

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.

Guilt, resulting from the sin in our lives, is devastating to our relationships with one another as well as with God. The liturgy of the Divine Service begins by providing the healing we need with God and man in the General Confession before we begin worship.

*~ Richard C. Eyer,
They Will See His Face: Worship and Healing, 2002
A.D*

“Already you are clean because of the Word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 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 nothing.”

~ John 15: 3-5

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 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends - you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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 . . . Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

He consoles us that although our word is persecuted and resisted, it will nevertheless achieve results, because it is the Word of the mouth of God. Therefore we must pray that the Spirit who speaks may accomplish this in us. Thus you see here how He speaks against the offense that causes us to fear that the Word of God will be without Fruit.

~ Martin Luther, 1527-1530

Now these things Jesus said, showing that he preached to all without grudging. For the sower makes no distinction in the land submitted to him but simply and indifferently casts his seed. So he himself makes not distinction of rich and poor, of wise and unwise, of slothful or diligent, of brave or cowardly. He plants his seed among all, fulfilling his part. His concern is with sowing the seed...He speaks this parable as if to anoint his disciples and to teach them that they are not despondent even though those lost...

PSALM 65:9-14

P: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

C: **You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.**

P: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

C: **You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.**

P: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

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 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

VERSE *(sung by vocalists)*

L: Alleluia, Alleluia., Alleluia, Alleluia.

The grass withers, the 'flower fades,*
but the word of our God will stand for'ever.

Alleluia, Alleluia., Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he

told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground,

where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

...may be more than those who receive the Word. It was with this same ease that the Lord himself continued to sow, even he who fully foreknew the outcomes.

~ John Chrysostom, 349-407 A.D.

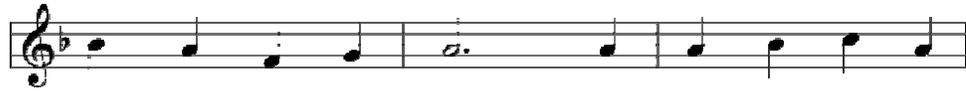
Baptism...
 now saves
 you, not as a
 removal of
 dirt from the
 body but as
 an appeal to
 God for good
 conscience,
 through the
 Resurrection
 of Jesus
 Christ...

~ 1 Peter
 3:21

HYMN OF THE DAY "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.

4 So when the precious seed is sown, Your quick'ning grace bestow,
 That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r know.

SERMON

"My Empire of Dirt"

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

P: In Holy Baptism, our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As the holy apostles of the Lord declare, "Baptism now saves you," and "As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Living with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

How are you named?

Sponsors: Reegan Ann.

P: Reegan Ann, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ head and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the services of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith that, living in the promise of Holy Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Is it your intention to serve Reegan Ann as sponsors of this Christian faith?

Sponsors: Yes, with the help of God.

P: God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

Reegan Ann is taken to the font.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood, you condemned the unbelieving and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage

*For in Christ
Jesus you are
all sons of
God through
faith. For as
many of you
as were bap-
tized into
Christ have
put on
Christ.*

*~ Galatians
3:27*

*[Baptism] is
God's yes,
and so He
will go on
saying it un-
til finally we
die of it and
begin to whis-
per "Amen,
so be it Lord."
And then we
shall be
saved. Just so
does baptism
regenerate,
put the old to
death to raise
up the new.
And just so it
is to be pro-
claimed. And
just so we
must hear it
unto salva-
tion. It must
be heard and
renewed
daily, It will
likely take a
lifetime, but
it will save.*

*~ Gerhard O.
Forde, 1990*

to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He hallowed water, making it a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that she who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away her sin, and bring her forth an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please stand.

P: Reegan Ann, do you renounce the devil?

Sponsors: Yes, I renounce him.

P: Do you renounce all his works?

Sponsors: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

Sponsors: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

P: Reegan Ann, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

Reegan Ann is carried to the altar steps. Please be seated.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you**

P: Let us pray . . . God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Reegan Ann: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the Spirit of joy in your presence.

C: **Amen**

P: Reegan Ann, child of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Elder: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness and strengthen them in your Holy Spirit, that they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Elder: Through Baptism God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We have nothing but the name of Christ. By this outward sign we apprehend Christ. The name of Christ means to have righteousness, forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation through Him. Here is the name, the sign of this Christ.

~ Martin Luther, 1527-1530

*For we are
the aroma of
Christ to God
among those
who are being
saved and
among those
who are per-
ishing, to one
a fragrance of
death to
death, to the
other a fra-
grance of life
to life.*

~ 2 Corin-
thians 2:15-
16

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

P: Peace be with you.

Reegan Ann is carried to her place in the congregation.

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.

OFFERINGS

Your offerings may be placed in the wall boxes at the entrances after the service.

OFFERTORY *As the pastors prepare the table for the supper, the vocalists will sing the hymn. The text is printed for prayerful meditation. When the Offertory ends, please stand.*

HYMN "Come Let Us Eat" *(sung by the vocalists)*

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together,

Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In his presence now we meet and rest,
In his presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

Please stand.

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.**

He gives that we may give. He has his joy in giving gifts and enables us to share this joy. Given to and giving is the way of life of Christ's people. We bring bread and wine for his use as he has bidden us, and this may be called a sacrifice. The giving of ourselves to his worship and the service of our neighbor, that his body and blood enliven us for, may be called a sacrifice

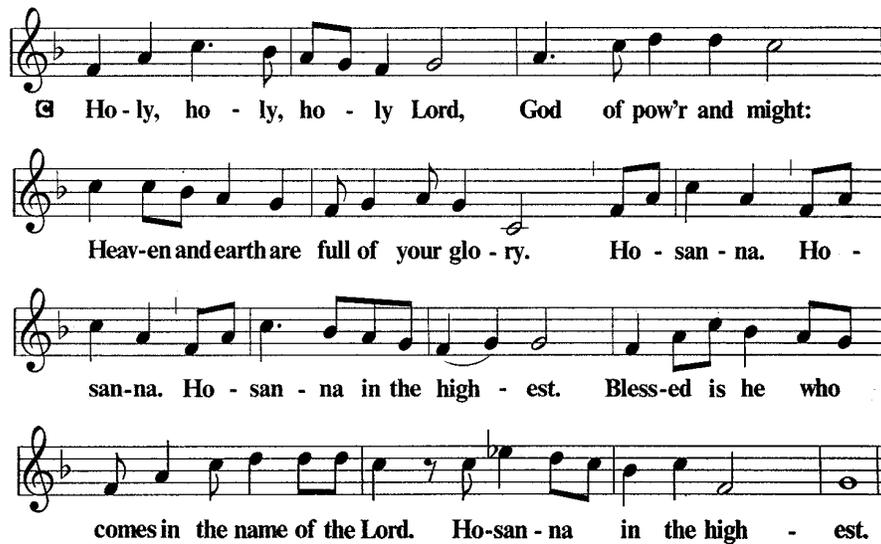
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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 -
 san-na. 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: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,

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

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.

... His giving us his body and blood to eat and drink is no sacrifice, but only gift from him to us, and enablement to living sacrifice.

*~ Pr. Norman Nagel,
Gospel is what
Lutherans
Care About*

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.

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

The vocalists will sing the hymns.

The texts are printed for prayerful meditation.

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.

All the godly regard all things as happy in inner peace and happiness and rejoicing in the Spirit. Here you see that all Christians are joyful because peace is a fruit of the Spirit and so is joy. When joy is missing, we conclude that faith is lacking, while in the presence of joy we see the power of faith...Let the Christian know that though all else has been taken away, Christ has not been removed from him, and let him spurn everything outside of Christ.

~ Martin Luther, 1527-1530

**Prayer as
You Go**

My Lord
and Savior,
I know it's
only be-
cause of
you that I'm
a Christian,
that I dare
believe I
can become
a child of
God, that I
can pray
and receive
commun-
ion. If you
hadn't died
for me, I
would have
no right to
any of this.
If You took
Your hand
away from
me, I would
once again
be alone in
darkness
with every-
thing that
separates
me from...

Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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.



SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" ... Mark Sedio

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Joseph Pinzl

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

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Vocalists: (9:00 a.m.) Vicky Radunz; Carol Rich

Horn: (9:00 a.m.) Meagan Cihlar

Lector: Scott Ray

Radio Announcer: Dick Ames

Acolyte: Ashtyn Fernstaedt

Elder: Scott Schubring

Ushers: Marty and Janet Dettmering;

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...God. It is unbelievable that You care for me and count on me. Yet You say it Yourself and Your Word is the truth. How could I possibly throw all of this away? How could I do anything but thank You, serve You, and follow You?

~ Bo Giertz,
“To Live with Christ,”
1905-1998

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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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