

**A Prayer  
Upon  
Entering  
Church**

O Lord, the house of my soul is narrow; enlarge it that you may enter in. It is ruinous, O repair it! It displeases Your sight. I confess it, I know. But who shall cleanse it, To whom shall I cry but to you? Cleanse me from my secret faults, O Lord, and spare Your servant from strange sins.

~ Augustine of Hippo,  
d. 430 A.D.

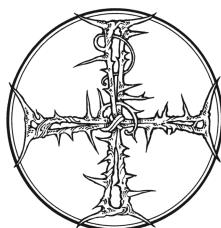


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**The Second Sunday in Lent**

March 13, 2022 + 9:00 A.M.

**Welcome to the Lord's Day.** "Behold, your house is forsaken." So said our Lord Jesus as He wept over Jerusalem, and what a thing to say! Jerusalem understood itself to be the dwelling place of God, and now the Lord says it is empty, abandoned, desolate! Sometimes, the Word of God offends its hearers, and yet whatever the Word of God does is good. Can God's offense be good? How?



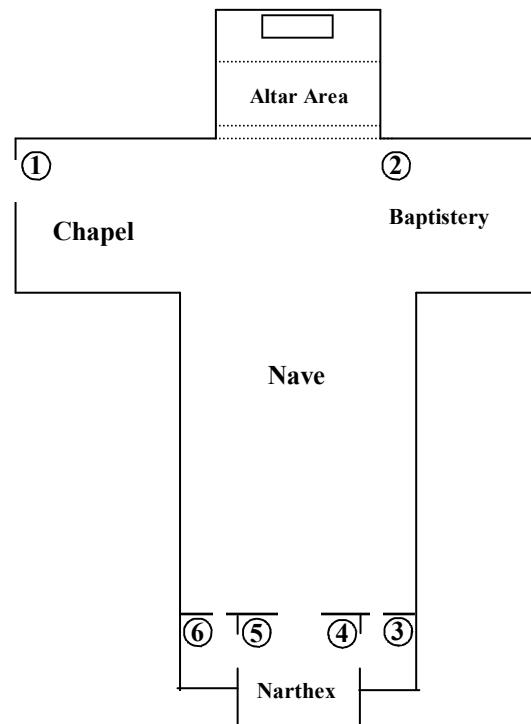
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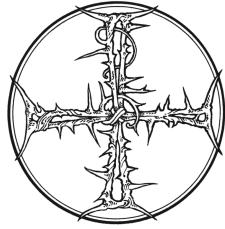
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### To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received 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.





## PRELUDE

"Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

... Paul Manz and John A. Behnke

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

*Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.*

## HYMN OF INVOCATION

"God Himself is Present"

... LSB #907

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the **☩** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

*Man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.  
~ Deuteronomy 8:3*

## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord,

C: **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Please kneel. Silence for reflection.*

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and**

*Because it actually entered history, the Word of God had to take on the form of the human word, similar to the way the eternal Son of God, who entered history, actually became a man. Because the Word of God is spoken to people and hear by people, it partakes of the fate of the word which is comprehended by people . . .*

justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you, of your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☧ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

*Please stand.*

## INTROIT

L: For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en  
on me.

C: O God, why do you cast us off for- | ever?\*  
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your  
| pasture?

L: Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your  
| heritage!\*  
Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.

C: Direct your steps to the perpetual | ruins;\*  
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctu- | ary!

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

L: For zeal for your house has con- | sumed me,\*  
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fall- | en  
on me.

## KYRIE

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

L: 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.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C A - men.

... it fades away, it is forgotten, it remains without effect if it is not passed on and preserved by those two means for the propagation and preservation of words: oral proclamation and the written record. Thus the Word of God spoken is history becomes a human word, and yet it does not cease to be God's Word. The "revealed" Word becomes the "proclaimed" and "written" Word ...

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*... The three forms of the Word of God are already present in the prophets of the Old Testament:*

*"The Word of the Lord came to me" [Jer. 1:4, Zech. 4:8] – this is the revealed Word.*

*"Go and tell this people" (Isaiah 6:9) – this is the proclaimed Word.*

*"Take a scroll and write on it all the words" (Jeremiah 36:2) – this is the written Word ...*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Jeremiah 26:8-15

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." <sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know

for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 4

L: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was | in distress.\*

Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!

C: **O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?\***  
**How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?**

L: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for himself;\*  
the LORD hears when I | call to him.

C: **Be angry, and | do not sin;\***  
**ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.**

L: Offer right sacri- | fices,\*  
and put your trust | in the LORD.

C: **There are many who say, "Who will show | us some good?\***  
**Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O LORD!"**

L: You have put more joy | in my heart\*  
than they have when their grain and | wine abound.

C: **In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;\***  
**for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.**

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen

... That these three forms of the Word of God are already clearly present in the salvation history of the old and new testaments must means this: "And the three are one." The power which the revealed Word possesses indwells the proclaimed Word . . . And the Son of God Himself availed Himself of the written Word, for example, as a weapon in the fight against the devil. The three forms of the Word of God are really one . . .

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... The Scriptures and the preaching office, the written and proclaimed Word, belong together. The content of the Scriptures must be preached, and not only read in private. And the preaching office should expound the Scriptures, as the content of its sermon is bound throughout to the Scriptures. Because every form of the Word of God is truly the Word of God, the church of necessity can never be deprived of one of these two forms . . .

### EPISTLE Philippians 3:17–4:1

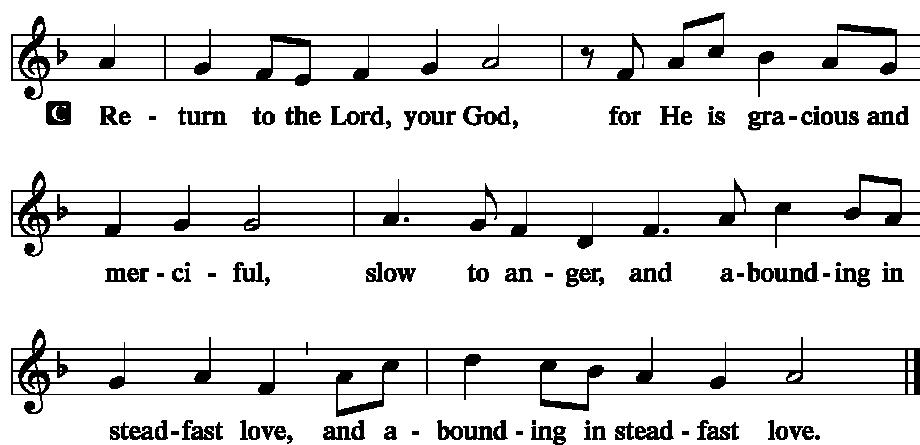
<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

### VERSE



A musical score for a three-part setting (Cantor, Treble, Bass) in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are:

C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### GOSPEL

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



A musical score for a three-part setting (Cantor, Treble, Bass) in common time, treble clef, and G major. The lyrics are:

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

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, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.*

... *The Word of God, written and proclaimed, creates and builds the Church. There is no other means to build the Church of Christ. For the Word of God alone creates faith. Certainly the Sacraments belong to the Word, and it is the experience of church history that wherever the significance of the Sacraments is misunderstood or neglected, the Word will also be despised or falsified . . .*

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*... Through the Word and the Sacra- ments the Holy Spirit is given, who works faith, "where and when it pleases God".  
... Thus the Church will exist every- where the Gospel is rightly preached, but only there . . . And it must be the continual prayer of the Church that it be and remain the true Church of Christ, as we pray in Luther's hymn: . . .*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

*The choir will sing Stanza 2*

... LSB #708

## SERMON

"The Living Word: A Good Offense"

*Please kneel.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all creation according to its needs.

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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 "Psalm 84"

Choir: How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!

... "Lord,  
keep us steadfast  
in Your Word.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
As they go through the Valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.  
They go from strength to strength;  
each one appears before God in Zion.

"Curb those  
who by deceit  
or sword

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!  
Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed!

"would wrest  
the kingdom  
from Your  
Son

For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.  
For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
the LORD bestows favor and honor.  
No good thing does he withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.  
O LORD of hosts,  
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

"and bring to  
naught all He  
has done.

Glory be 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

"Lord Jesus  
Christ, Your  
pow'r make  
known,

"for You are  
Lord of lords  
alone;

"defend Your  
holy Church  
that we

"may sing  
Your praise  
eternally."

~ Herman  
Sasse, "The  
Church and  
the Word of  
God,"  
1934 A.D.

*Please stand.*

Congregation:

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with a square symbol indicating where the congregation should sing. The lyrics are as follows:

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*How sweet  
are your  
words to my  
taste: sweeter  
than honey in  
my mouth!  
~ Psalm  
119:103*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, who by your tender love gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. May we who now receive his body and blood be filled with the strength to take up our cross and follow him.

C: Amen

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with a square symbol indicating where the congregation should sing. The lyrics are as follows:

C And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A musical score in G major, 2/4 time. It consists of two measures of eighth-note chords. The first measure is a C major chord. The second measure is a G major chord. The lyrics "C We lift them to the Lord." are written below the notes.

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

A musical score in G major, 2/4 time. It consists of four measures of eighth-note chords. The first three measures are in a C major chord, and the fourth measure is in a G major chord. The lyrics "C It is right to give Him thanks and praise." are written below the notes.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you and saying:

### SANCTUS ("Holy")

A musical score in G major, 2/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are as follows:  
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.

*Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.*  
~ Proverbs 16:24

## 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."

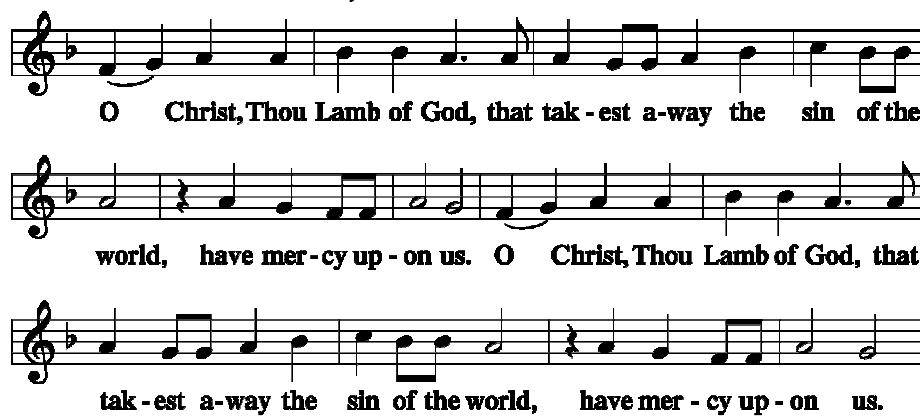
## LORD'S PRAYER

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: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

## AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



The musical notation consists of three staves of music in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes:

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

*And all the people went their way to eat and drink, and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.*

~ Nehemiah 8:12

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*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. Those who do not commune may cross their arms over their chest as they come forward to ask 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 ours 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.*

And the angel said to me,  
"Write this:  
Blessed are those  
who are invited  
to the marriage  
supper of the  
Lamb." And he  
said to me,  
"These are the  
true words of  
God."  
~ Revelation  
19:9

## COMMUNION HYMNS

"Jerusalem" (*sung by the choir*) ... Gerhard Cartford

"What is the World to Me?" (*sung by all*) ... LSB #730

*Please stand after all have received the sacrament.*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,

That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;

Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,

Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

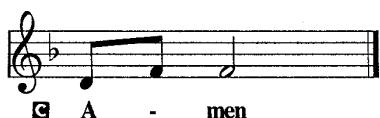
## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

L: Let us pray...We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

## BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.



## SILENT PRAYER

A Prayer  
As You Go  
Almighty  
God,  
by the  
prayer and  
discipline of  
Lent  
may we en-  
ter into the  
mystery of  
Christ's suf-  
ferings,  
and by fol-  
lowing in  
his Way  
come to  
share in his  
glory;  
through Je-  
sus Christ  
our Lord.  
Amen.

~ Common  
Worship:  
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and Prayers  
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Church of  
England

## **POSTLUDE**

"What Is The World to Me?"

... J.S. Bach

**+ Soli Deo Gloria +**  
*To God alone be glory*

## **Serving at Worship**

Presiding: The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

(*Pr. Johnson to Bethany at 10:30 am*)

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Trumpet: Chad Premeau

Choir: The Zion Kantorei

Radio Announcer: Ryan Fernstaedt

Lector: Grace Mueller

Acolyte: Madison Cornell

Elder: Keith Watson

Altar Guild: Vicky Radunz; Anna Mae Zeinemann

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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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