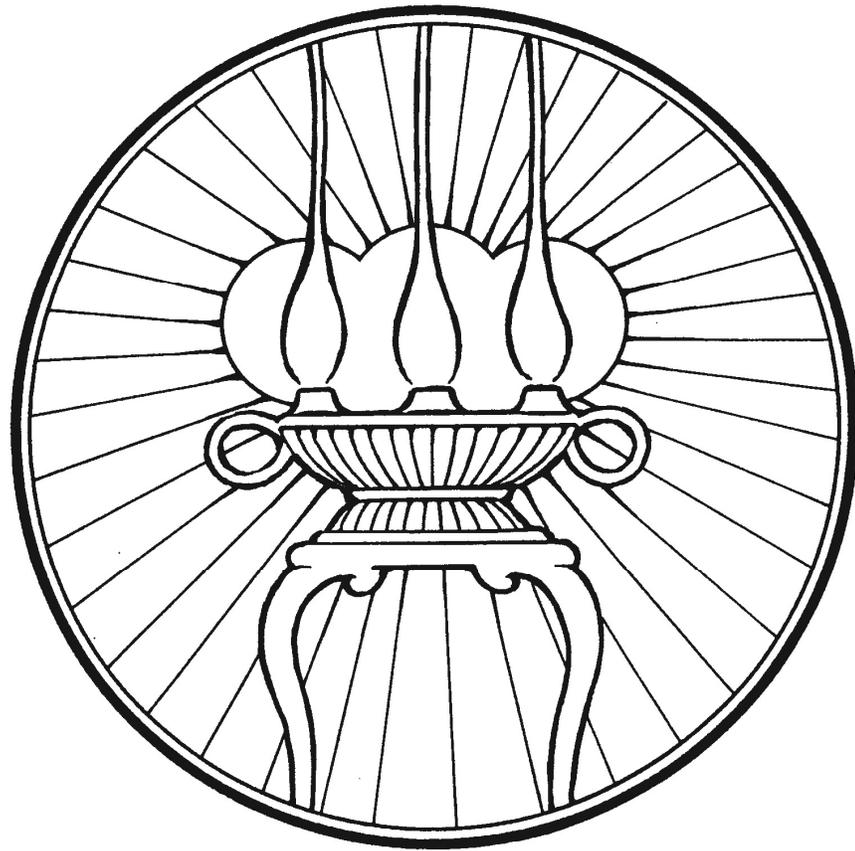
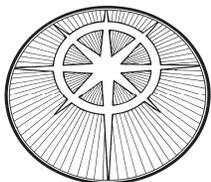


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

In faith and love we ask you, Father, to watch over your family gathered here. In your mercy and loving kindness no thought of ours is left unguarded, no tear unheeded, no joy unnoticed.

Through the prayer of Jesus may the blessings promised to the poor in spirit lead us to the treasures of your heavenly kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.



The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2017 + 9:00 and 11:00 A.M

Welcome to the Lord's Day. Our Lord Jesus delivered you from the power of sin, death, and the devil. Why did He do that? Because He is merciful. True. Because He loves you. True. But was there a goal, an end point to why He showed you love and mercy? Was and is there a divine purpose for which He suffered and died? He could have exercised His love and mercy and told you to go in peace; you're on your own again. Is there something more that He has in mind for you? The unsurprising answer is that, of course, there is. What might that be?

Sharing God's Blessings

- Sunday's radio broadcast is sponsored in memory of Ernest Roesler (February 2 birthday) from his family.
- The flowers at the altar are sponsored by Maureen and Rosalind Rouse in praise and thanksgiving for the faith, talent, and musical inspiration of Kantor Irene Beethe.
- The sponsor charts for 2017 for Radio Broadcasts and Flowers are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry. You may also call the church office to sign up for Bulletin Sponsor.

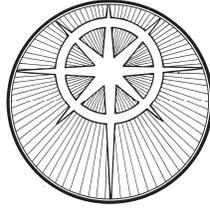
A Reflection on the Creed

Kyrios Jesus Christos, "Jesus Christ is Lord." This is the original confession of the church. With it the Christian faith once entered world history. To understand the sense of this confession ever more deeply is the great, yes, basically the only task of all Christian theology. To repeat this confession, to speak it in ever new forms, to translate it into the language of all times and peoples, to protect it against misunderstandings and reinterpretations, and to understand its meaning for all areas of life – that is the task of all confession building within Christendom. No later confession of the church can and wants to be anything else than a renewal of the original confession to Jesus as Christ and Lord. This is true of the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, the confessional writings of the Reformation, and any confession in which the Christendom of the future may want to speak its faith. As this confession stood at the beginning of the church's history, so it will stand at its end. Then will be fulfilled that great word of the apostle: "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:10f.).

~ Hermann Sasse, *Jesus Christ is Lord, the Church's Original Confession, 1931*

Announcements

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



PRELUDE

“From God the Father, Virgin-Born”

... Jacob B. Weber; Philip Gehring; Benjamin M. Culli

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.

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

“From God the Father, Virgin-Born” green hymnal #83

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.**

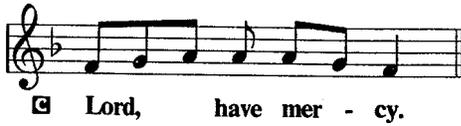
KYRIE

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



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.

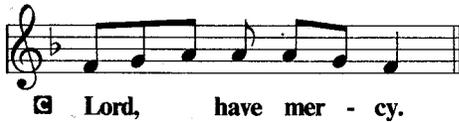
A: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



A: 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.



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

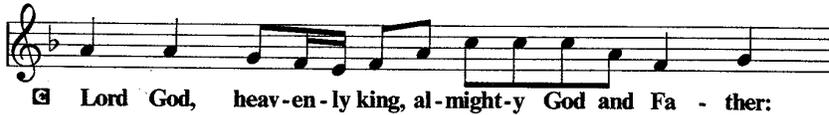


A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA

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



What is the standing of a justified man before God? Rom. 5:1-20: "Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we also have access by faith to this grace in which we stand and we rejoice in our hope of the coming glory, which God will give." ~Justus Falkner, 1708 A.D.

glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O Lord, keep your family the church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 58:3-9a

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Bearing
Christ's word
and awaiting
His new day is
like playing in
the last part of
a game that
has already
been won. The
old self can do
some damage
and score some
points. But it
is bound to
lose. For
Christ has de-
feated it and
will defeat it.
And Christ
has sent His
Spirit to us to
uphold, com-
fort, and
strengthen us,
making us
what we will
be.*

*~Gerhard
Forde and
James
Nestingen,
1993 A.D.*

PSALM 112:1-9

L: Hallelujah! | Happy are they who 'fear the LORD*
and have great delight in 'his commandments!

**C: Their descendants will be mighty 'in the land;*
the generation of the upright 'will be blessed.**

L: Wealth and riches will be 'in their house,*
and their righteousness will 'last forever.

**C: Light shines in the darkness 'for the upright;*
the righteous are merciful and full 'of compassion.**

L: It is good for them to be gener'ous in lending*
and to manage their af 'fairs with justice.

**C: For they will nev'er be shaken;*
the righteous will be kept in everlast'ing remembrance.**

L: They will not be afraid of any 'evil rumors;*
their heart is right; | they put their trust 'in the LORD.

**C: Their heart is established and 'will not shrink,*
until they see their desire up'on their enemies.**

L: They have given freely 'to the poor,*
and their righteousness stands fast forever; |
they will hold up their 'head with honor.

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

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

*Tonight a mother is singing her child a lullaby. A nurse in a clinic without electricity is holding the hand of a man dying from AIDS. A hungry boy is sharing a scrap of food with his sister. They are not kings — now. But the gospel turns our assumptions about what is lasting, what is significant, what is "elite" upside down.
~Andy
Crouch,
20th
Century
A.D.*

VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 a.m.)

During the singing of the hymn, children of preschool age through grade 4 may leave for Sunday School classes downstairs in the church hall. Please reclaim your children at 10:25 a.m. after their music time in the balcony.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Thy Strong Word" green hymnal #233

SERMON "The Second Article of the Apostles Creed"

P: What is the second article of the Creed?

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: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence,

(Our Lord Jesus) has delivered us poor, lost people from hell's jaws, has won us, has made us free, and has brought us again into the Father's favor and grace. He has taken us as His own property under His shelter and protection so that He may govern us by His righteousness, wisdom, power, life and blessedness.
 ~The
 Large
 Catechism

*Vocation involves keeping house, raising kids, banging out letters on a word processor, hauling garbage, teaching school, selling shoes, practicing law, covering city hall, and making loans. Vocation is the length and breadth of any life lived for God.
~Charles
Caput,
2001 A.D.*

and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

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: . . . 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

"Thy Strong Word"

... Robert A. Hobby

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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for the priceless 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

Eternal Father, with your generous gifts you have aroused this sacrifice of praise. Teach us to live and love more generously that every creature may be stirred to bless your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 -



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:

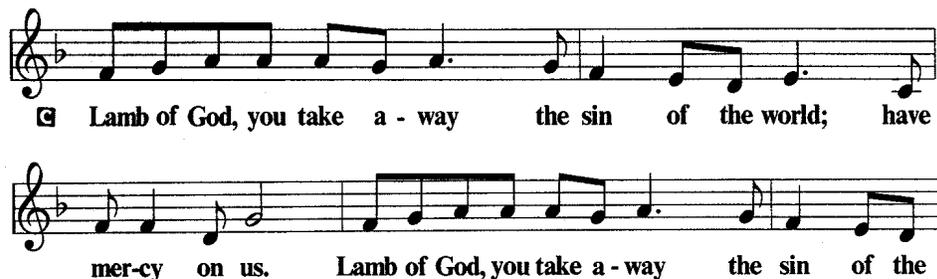
C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

ACCLAMATION

P: The Word was made flesh

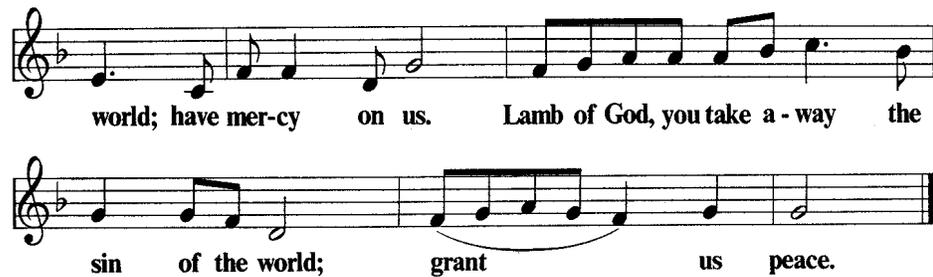
C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

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

'Whoever is joined with the Lord is one with Him' (I Cor. 6:17). Just as a man and woman joined in marriage are made one flesh from two, so also in the spiritual union of Christ and the soul they are made one spirit from two. Where there is truly one spirit, there is truly the same will. Where there is the same will, there also are the same actions.
~Johann Gerhard, 1606 A.D.



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 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“O Living Bread from Heaven” green hymnal #197

“May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill” green hymnal #353

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

Lord Jesus, by eating once again with you, we have obeyed your call to celebrate the greatest truth of all. May this teaching of eternal love and peace change our lives forevermore. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A: 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**
Look down
from
heaven, O
Lord, upon
the lambs of
thy flock.
Bless their
bodies and
their souls;
and grant
that they
who have
received thy
sign, O
Christ, on
their fore-
heads may
be thine
own in the
day of thine
appearing;
for thy
Name's
sake. 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

Fugue on "Ebenezer"

... John A. Behnke

+ Soli Deo Gloria +

To God alone be glory

Serving at Worship

Preaching: The Rev. Ted Gulhaugen

Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde

Assisting: Vicar Joseph Pinzl

Organist: Kantor Irene Beethe

Lector: (9:00) Samantha Pinzl

(11:00) Dave Gisselman

Radio Announcer: (9:00) Dick Ames

Acolyte: (9:00) Zack Madden

(11:00) Mitch Steinke

Elder: (9:00) Gordon Schalow

(11:00) Donna Nuernberg

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

Fred Fenhaus; Robb Halverson

(11:00) Al Lippert; Wayne Reuter; Herbert Zahrt

Communion Assistants:

(9:00) Grace Mueller; Joe Pinzl; Vicky Radunz

(11:00) Gary Gisselman; Joe Pinzl; Cheryl Plautz

Altar Guild: Lynn McGonagle; Peggy Lawonn

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

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