

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA & Valley Bible Academy

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12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2015

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 42 (front of the hymnal p. 133)

The Hymns: 396, 750, 304, 48

Personal Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, We beseech You, graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Your ever-present help; in Jesus' name, Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 396

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation sings:

A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

PASTOR: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ; I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



C A - men. (congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered:

C: Let those also who hate Him flee before Him.

P: God is in His holy habitation:

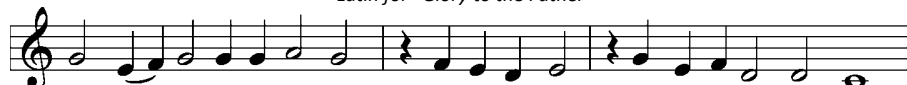
C: He is God who gives the desolate a home to live in.

P: The God of Israel is He who gives strength:

C: And power to His people.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



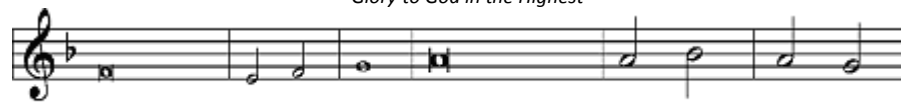
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



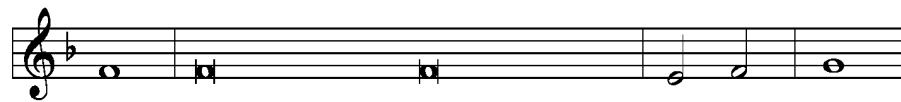
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Glory to God in the Highest"



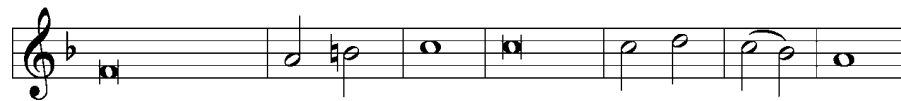
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



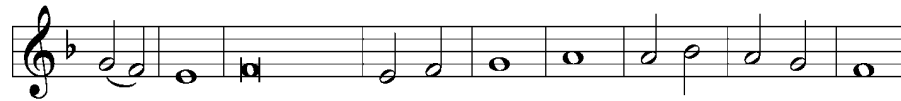
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

- P: My heart trusts in God, and I am helped:
C: Therefore my heart truly rejoices, and with my song will I praise Him.
 P: Unto You will I cry, O Lord, my Rock:
C: Be not silent to me; hear the voice of my supplications.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
 P: Lord, You have been our Dwelling Place:
C: In all generations. Hallelujah!

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

☐ And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.

☐ A - men.

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 15:1-6 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." 2 But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

PASTOR The Gospel Reading comes from Luke chapter 12 beginning there in the 32nd verse.

☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 "Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37 "Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. 38 "And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. 39 "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 40 "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

PASTOR: Here ends the Gospel Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

BAPTISM AT ST. JOHN'S Taylor Rae Wilson, daughter of Ben and Suzie Wilson, today receives the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are graciously given in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation!

THE SERMON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude; innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore. 13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

Theme: "GOD'S GIFT OF FAITH"

- I. Definition of faith (1)
- II. Examples of faith (2-3)
- III. Results of faith (8-16)

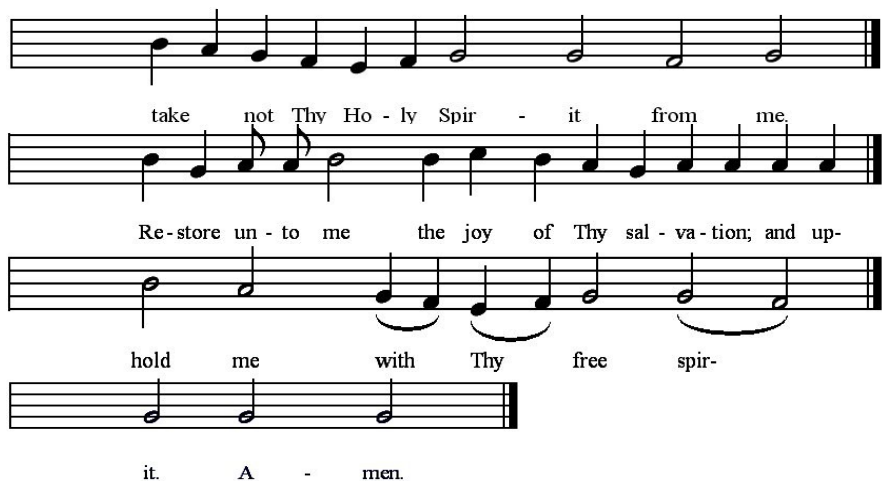
THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

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 pre - sence, 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.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 441:1-2:

***We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
 All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
 And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!***

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

Congregation sings Hymn 304

The Communion Liturgy

THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. Please stand.



P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!"



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASTOR: 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;



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

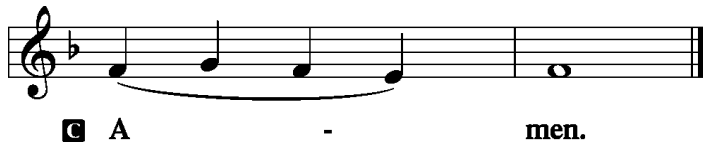
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time)

PASTOR: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and 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. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

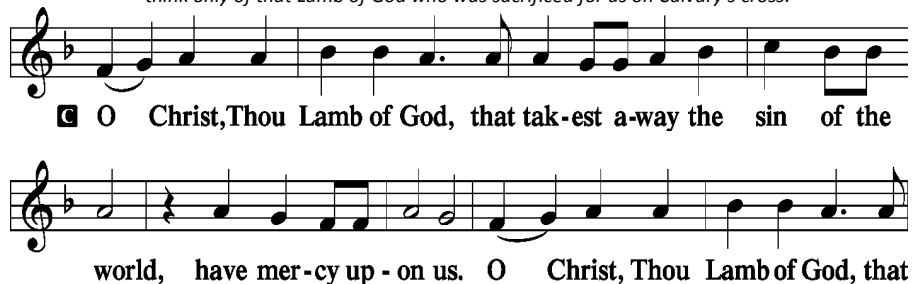
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.



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

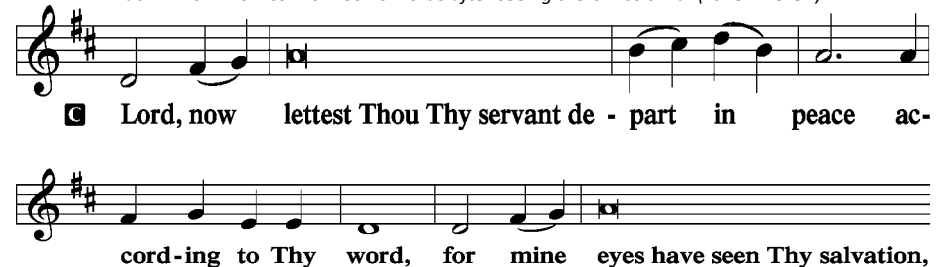
COMMUNION TODAY IS FOR MEMBERS ONLY PLEASE

Why doesn't our church just pass the Sacrament out in the pews, as some churches do? Because we understand Communion very differently than others. From God's Word, we understand the Lord's Supper can be spiritually harmful as well as beneficial. (I Corinthians 11:17-29). Out of love for God's Word, (and for you, our visitors!) we do not give it out unless we know that it will work for your good and therefore for the good of the Church. In fact, we do not even commune our own children until they have been properly instructed! For this reason, we trust that those of our visitors who wish to commune with us will prepare with the pastor first. Pastor Naumann would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

The Distribution of the Sacrament *(congregation is seated)*

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

PASTOR: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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

A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

PASTOR:

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 48

**** Silent Prayer ****



Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

Welcome to all! If you are a visitor, we appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like to hear more about our church, please contact the pastor with the information listed on the front of this bulletin.

WELCOME! To Vicar Ben Libby, who arrived last evening and will be serving our congregations for the next four weeks. Today the Vicar is conducting the liturgy, as well as the baptism of Taylor Wilson. In the weeks to come he will be getting hands-on training in pastoral duties. He is staying at the pastor's house. The Vicar is open to invitations for meals and/or home devotions. May the LORD bless his stay and work among us!

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD'S BLESSINGS to Taylor Wilson who by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism this morning receives the gift saving faith and the forgiveness of sins from our loving Triune God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **Titus 3:5-7 According to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.**

IN OUR PRAYERS We continue to pray for all those who have been and are being affected by the wild fires in our area. We are thankful to the LORD for delivering Mark and Andy Busse and their home. By faith we cling to the certainty that God will work these devastating events for the good of His children. **Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."** Martin Luther: "Faith does not insist on knowing the reason for God's actions, but it still regards God as the greatest goodness and mercy. Faith holds to that against and beyond all reason, sense, and experience, when everything appears to be wrath and injustice" (AE 43:52)

Those who by faith leave everything in God's hand
will by faith see God's hand in everything

VALLEY BIBLE ACADEMY Tomorrow evening from 6-8pm is our Back-to-School registration night. The first day of school is Tuesday, August 25th.

Everyone is invited to the opening service at 8:30 am. Volunteers are needed at our school. In your mailboxes at St. John's is a form to fill out and return to Mrs. Naumann if you are able to help.

ST. JOHN'S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10am. Please join us!

VICAR FUND This fund was established at our quarterly meetings to assist our Vicar Ben Libby. We'd like to cover his travel expenses, and also help soften the loss of his regular employment while he is interning with us. Ben has a wife, Krissy, and they live in an apartment in Eau Claire, WI. Ben will graduate from Seminary next May.

Christian Women's Seminar - September 25-27, 2015 in Savannah, Georgia. Cost: \$150 - \$350. Contacts: Amy Osborne - 651-329-3662 - newyorker13@hotmail.com or Pastor Mayhew ndmayhew@juno.com

From CLC Mission Board Chairman Todd Ohlmann: The Board of Missions will meet by conference call on Thursday evening, August 27 to issue a divine call for a full-time resident missionary to India. Since the primary role of our foreign missionaries is to assist in the training of pastors, qualified individuals should be seminary trained. The Board of Missions is asking the members of the CLC for nominations. You may send the name(s) along with any pertinent information to Pastor Ohlmann at: tohlmann@swbell.net or 1183 Big Bend Rd, Manchester, MO 63021. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday, August 25.

CLC NEWS <> Trinity Lutheran, Millston, WI has called the Rev. Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, and Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, to be Pastor/Coordinator for scheduling pastors, professors and seminary students to conduct Sunday services and himself being responsible to fulfill other congregation needs. <> Leah Ude has the call to Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY, to serve as pre-school teacher.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

**"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen."**

Hebrews 11:1

The Old Testament Reading for this 12th Sunday after Pentecost comes from the 15th chapter of Genesis, verses 1-6;

Here in these verses we read of how Abram, by faith, trusted in God's promises. Impossible though they seemed, yet they came true. By faith, we too trust in God's promises. God accounts it to each of us for righteousness – He declares each of us sinless through the merits of His Son Jesus Christ! We read...

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The Gospel Reading comes from Luke chapter 12, beginning there in the 32nd verse: (singing)

In these verses Jesus teaches us by faith to look forward to God's promises and always be ready for the eternal reward He has prepared for us. That means turning away from the love of worldly things, and always being prepared for Jesus return. We read...

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Please rise for the Apostle's Creed...