WORSHIP FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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As Lutheran Christians, we believe that the Word and Sacraments that God gives to His people as means of grace carry the power and promise of forgiveness and eternal life. We receive these gifts in brokenness for the restoration of body and soul as individuals and as the Body of Christ. As such, we do not so lightly or without regard, so we are called to first examine ourselves and consider our unworthiness to receive such gifts, and then come to His table to made be made whole in Christ.

Examine Yourselves

[1 Corinthians 11:27-29; 2 Corinthians 13:5]

1. Can you admit that you are a sinner?

[Jeremiah 17:9; 1 John 1:8-9]

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

2. Are you sorry for your sins?

[2 Corinthians 7:9-10; Psalm 32:3,5]

"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out."

(Romans 7:18)

3. Do you believe that Jesus died and rose again for your sins? [1 Corinthians 11:26; Mark 10:45; Romans 4:25]

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

4. Do you intend, with God's help, to change your sinful life?

[John 15:5;

"Bear fruit in keeping with repentance." (Matthew 3:8)

Romans 6:11-14]

5. Do you believe as Jesus says, that his true body and blood are present in a real and mysterious way with the bread and the wine in the Lord's Supper?

[Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:17-23; John 13:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; cf. 11: 23–29]

"Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread...said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' Then he took a cup, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood...'"

(Matthew 26:17-30)

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Kids In Worship

We believe that the Kingdom of God calls us to family-oriented, intergenerational ministry, and we embrace every ounce of the chaos that this brings. Our role as a church is to partner with parents and families in raising their children in the faith of Christ. As such, your kids are always welcome in worship, even if you think they are having a rough day. We have provided activities and coloring pages/crayons in the back of the room, as well as Nursery that still provides audio of our worship. We also include a time of Family Reflection and Catechesis* during our worship to be intentional of their inclusion within the life and worship of Christ's church. Children are not the

to be intentional of their inclusion within the life and worship of Christ's church. Children are not the future of the church, they are the present church, and belong beside us in worship as such.

(*The term "Catechesis" comes from the Greek "Kata-" meaning "concerning, conveyance across, etc" and "-Echo" meaning "sound repeated by reflection." Catechesis means "teaching or instruction by word of mouth")

The Third Sunday of Easter

The Divine Service - Setting II (LSB 167)

EASTER GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

[Collect For The Morning]

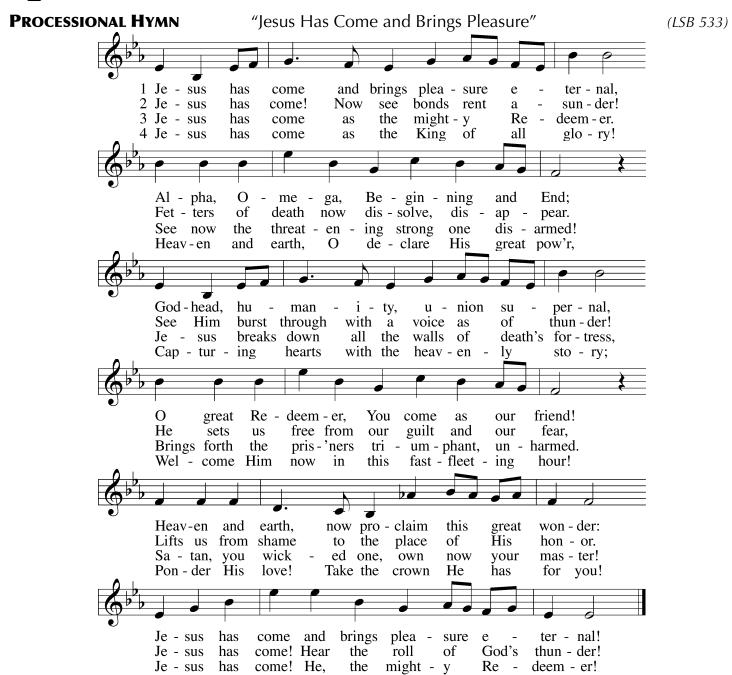
P Let us pray.

Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep safe our going out and our coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness, and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION [Matthew 28:19b; 18:20]

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

[The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.]

EXHORTATIONLSB 167 [1 John 1:8–9]

- 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.

[Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.]

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 167

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

ABSOLUTION *LSB* 167 [[John 20:19–23]]

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (Spoken Responsively)

- **P** In your presence there is fullness of joy...
- **C** ...at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up...
- ...and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- P O LORD my God,

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I cried to you for help...

- ...and you have healed me.
- P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol...
- ...you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

- P Sing praises to the LORD,
 O you his saints...
- ...and give thanks to his holy name.
- P For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
- Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,

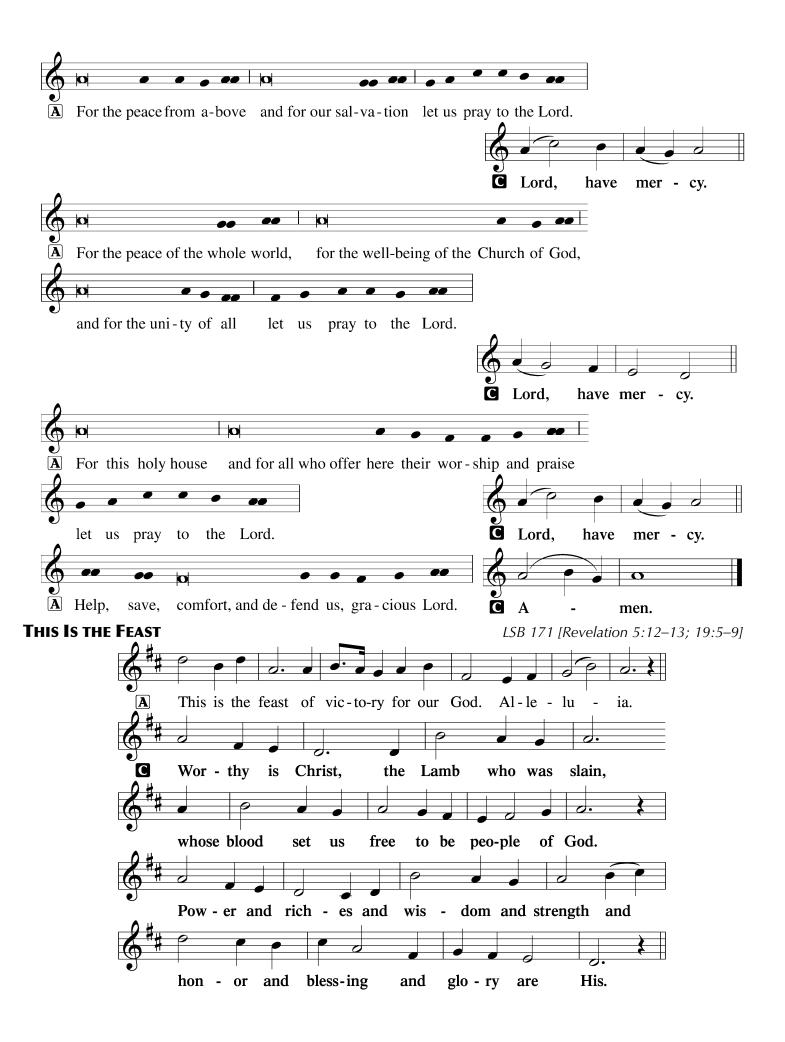
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- **P** In your presence there is fullness of joy...
- ...at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

LSB 168 [Mark 10:47]



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this

man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (Spoken Responsively)

P Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1–7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 173 [John 6:68]



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:36-49

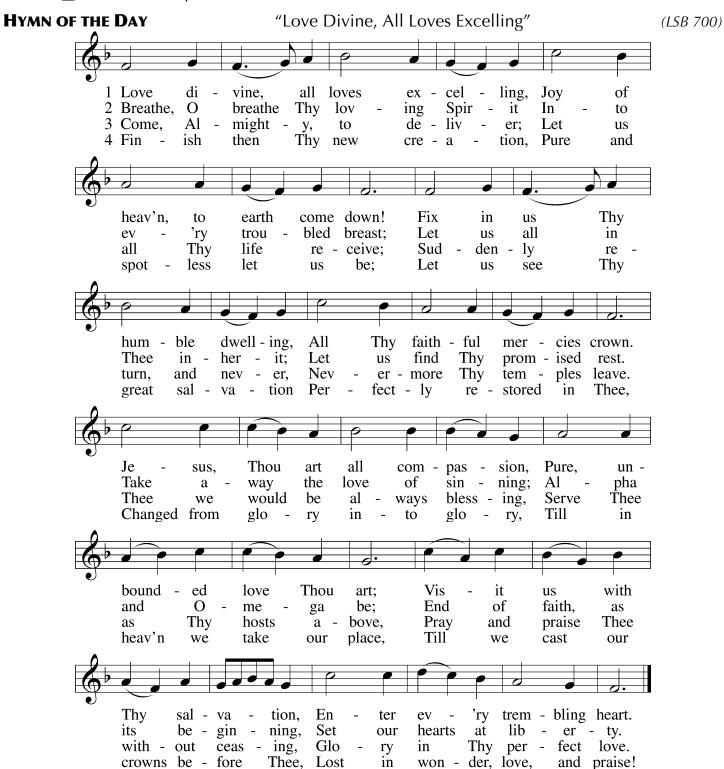
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



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CONFESSION OF FAITH Nicene Creed

- With saints past and present, we confess together our Christian faith through the words of the Nicene Creed:
- 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy...
- ...hear our prayer.
- A Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** ...hear our prayer.
- A Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husband and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Bless this congregation and all her members, especially the *Bain, Bates, and Boehmler* families. Give joy and celebration to *Delaney (04/16)* and those celebrating birthdays. Bless the community of *Franklin*, that they may know you as their source and provider. Give comfort and faithfulness to the married, especially *Gyula & Debbie (04/14)* and those celebrating another year of marriage. Lord, in Your mercy...
- **C** ...hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, preserve our nation and its leaders, especially Joseph, our president, Maura (MA) and Daniel (RI), our governors. Preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands and restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless, that we may practice righteousness while awaiting the eternal peace promised in Christ's wounds alone. Lord, in Your mercy...
- **C** ...hear our prayer.
- A God of all comfort, You have compassion on those who are afflicted. Remember and have mercy on [especially for those who suffer from illness and PTSD and give hope to those bound by the chains of addiction, provide for the needs of: Walt, Rhys, Claudette, Mason, Amy, Pat, Leslie,

Audrey, Naomi, Joe, James, Jennifer, Madison, Pastor Mather, John, Kathy, Elizabeth, Pratt Family, Jeri, Karen, Gloria, Kay, Jack, Debbie's Family, Matthew, Delila, Thomas, Kenny, and Kirk], as well as all those in need of Your healing and deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy...

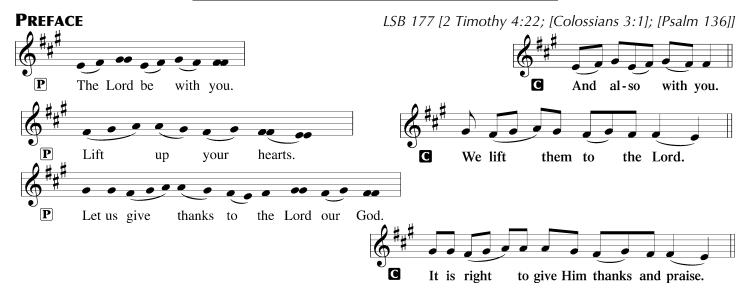
- **C** ...hear our prayer.
- A Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Son's crucifixion all sins have been blotted out. Send us now the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar, and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy...
- ...hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 178 [Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



LORD'S PRAYER

[Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:1-9]

LSB 180 [John 20:19]

- **P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 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,

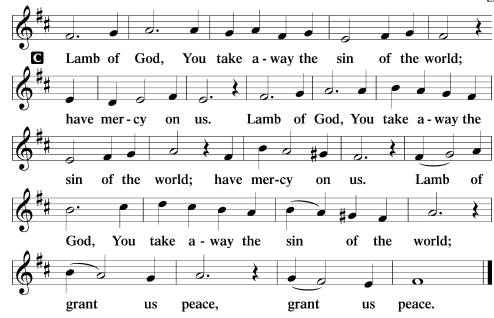
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 180 [John 1:29]





(LSB 531)

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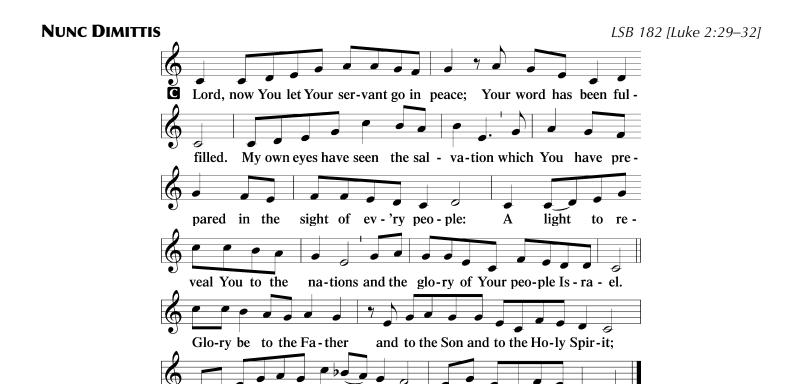
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A 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

LSB 183 [Numbers 6:24-26]

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and 🕂 give you peace. יִשָּׂא יְהוָהוּ פָּנִיוֹ אֵלֶיךּ וְיָעֵׂם לְדָּ שָׁלְוֹם

CLOSING HYMN "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" (LSB 680)



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