Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 1, 2024 – 10:30 a.m. *Lutheran Service Book,* Divine Service, Setting Four

Prayer before Worship

As we come into your presence, O God, bless this time of worship. Unite our prayers and praises with your whole Church on earth and in heaven. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Pre-Service Music

"Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" (J. S. Bach)

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *Psalm 130:3-4*
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. [Luke 18:13] Please kneel or be seated for a time of silent prayer and confession, as able
- P Almighty God,
- **C** have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.



Psalm 124:8

Matthew 28:19b [18:20]

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.
[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

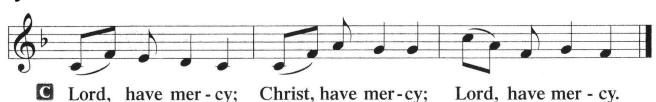
Opening Hymn "O Sing to the Lord" (LSB 808)
1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the 2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the 3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum - pets. So dance for our 4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is
Lord, O Lord! And God And God, Who Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -
sing God a new song. O God has done won-ders. O blow all the trum - pets. And gave us the Spir - it. O men! Al - le - lu - ia! O Sing to our God, O sing to our God, O sing to our God, And sing to our God, Sing to our God. sing to our God.

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.

Mark 10:47



Gloria in Excelsis

Kyrie

Luke 2:14, John 1:29

C 1 To the God on high be glo - ry And peace to all earth; You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, 2 To we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly Lord. are the heav - en Pro- claimed at Good-will from God in Je-sus' birth! Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. 0 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored; bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we We praise and sing---Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt Have mer - cy on us, crv, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High, Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. seat-ed At God's right hand on high-Where You in pow'r are God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re - ply. In

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading

¹"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you....

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm (read responsively)

Psalm 119:129-136

- L Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
- The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
- L I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.
- Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.
- L Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

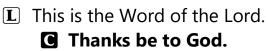
- Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.
- L Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.
- My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

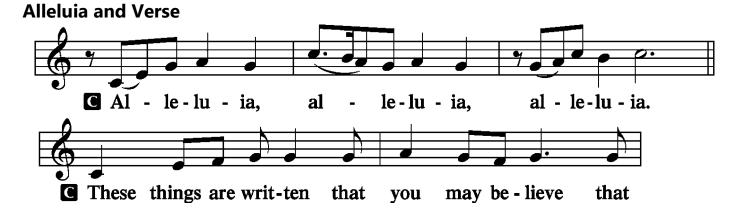
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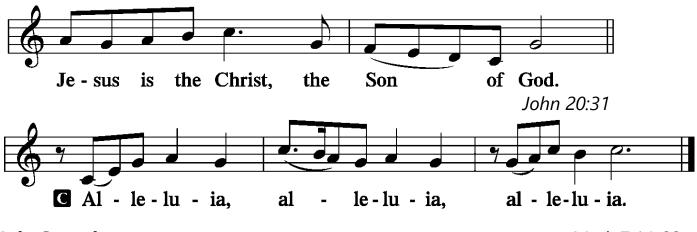
Ephesians 6:10-20

Please join in reading aloud the **highlighted portion** of Scripture and consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.







Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

"Rules vs. Relationship"

Hymn of the Day

"Be Strong in the Lord" (LSB 665)

1 Be strong in the Lord	In ar - mor of light,
2 In - teg - ri - ty gird	You round to im - part
3 With ea - ger - ness shod	Stand firm in your place,
4 Though Sa - tan pre - sume	To test you and try,
5 So wield well your blade,	Re - joice in its pow'rs,
	The Joice in its powrs,
With hel - met and sword,	With shield for the fight;
The truth of His Word	As truth in your heart;
Or go forth for God	With news of His grace;
In hel - met and plume	Your head shall be high;
Fight on un - dis - mayed	For Je - sus is ours!
0 H	
On prayer be de - pen - dent,	Be belt - ed and shod,
His righ-teous-ness wear - ing	As breast-plate of mail,
No foe shall dis - arm you	Nor force you to yield,
Be - set by temp - ta - tion	Be true to your Lord,
Then in Him vic - to - rious	Your ar - mor lay down,
	Tour ur mor uy down,
In breast - plate re - splen - dent	
His vic - to - ry shar - ing,	
No ar - row can harm you	J
Your hel - met sal - va - tion	1 2
To praise, ev - er glo - rious	s, His cross and His crown.
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Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Seeking the renewal of the Holy Spirit in our communities and in our world, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer. During the season after Pentecost each petition ends with the phrase: "Lord, in your

mercy." Please respond by saying "Hear our prayer."

The prayers end with the words:

Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

Following the prayers, the people may stand and greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the

bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Building for Eternity Capital Campaign

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

- L Merciful God,
- We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

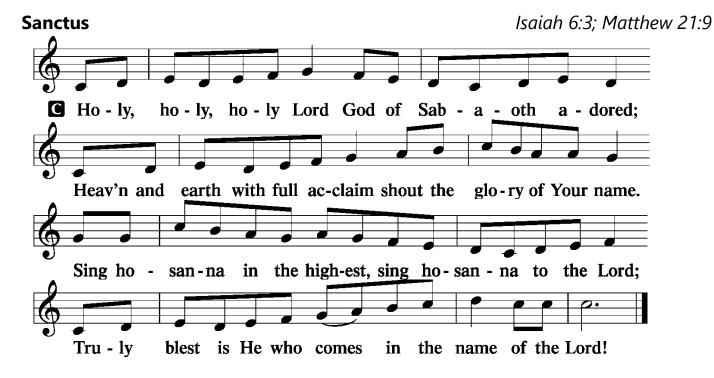
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

G We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



[Colossians 3:1]

[Psalm 136]

2 Timothy 4:22

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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

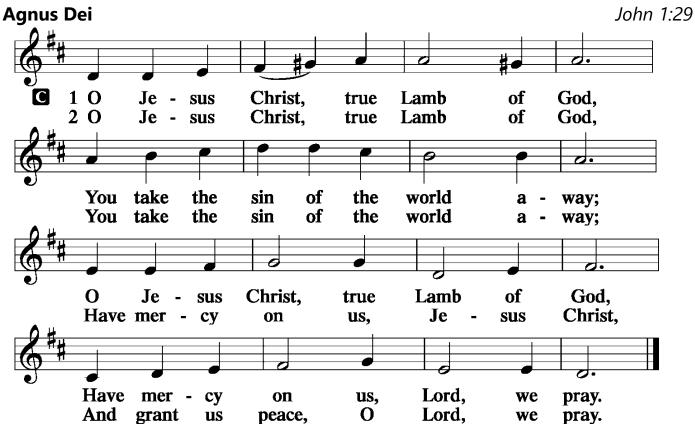
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

- 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.





Distribution

Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. Please remain standing until all are in place and the pastor motions you to kneel. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor when he approaches you at the distribution. The cup will be offered first by individual glass or by the common cup second. If you select the individual glass, please hold the glass in your hand after you have consumed the contents until the celebrant passes you with the common cup to indicate you have already received. The inner (light-colored) ring of the tray of individual glasses contains non-alcoholic grape juice, for those who for medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastors and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

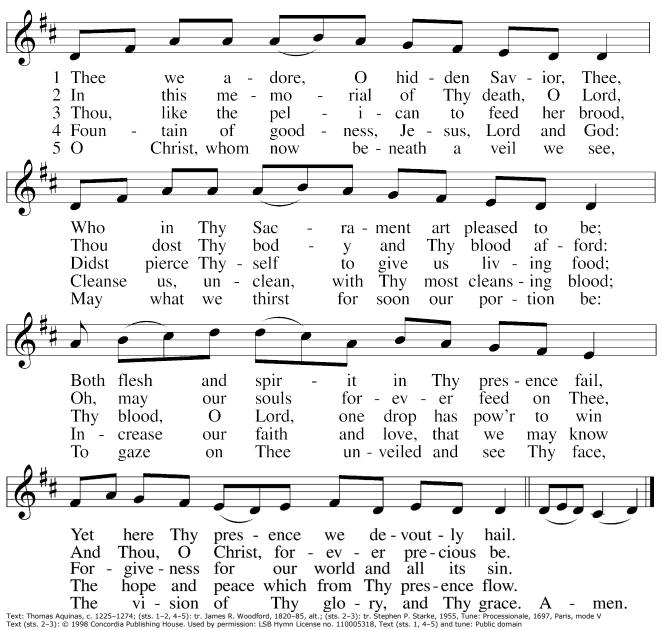
For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.

Please be seated

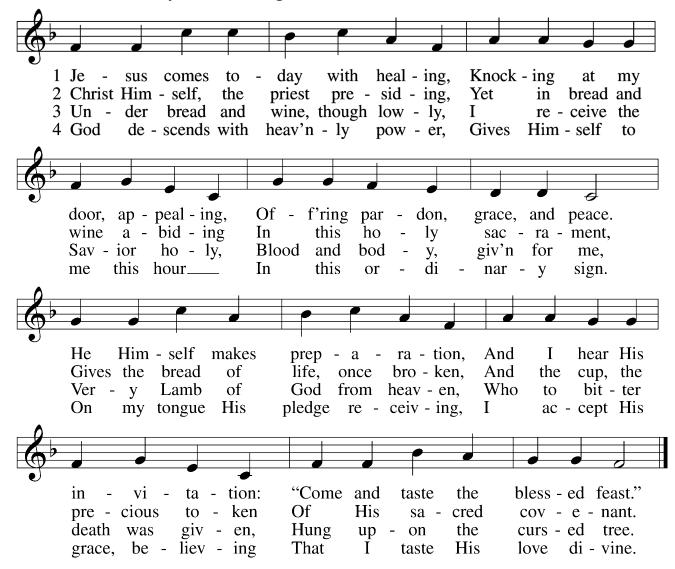
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Music at Distribution

"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior"



"Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



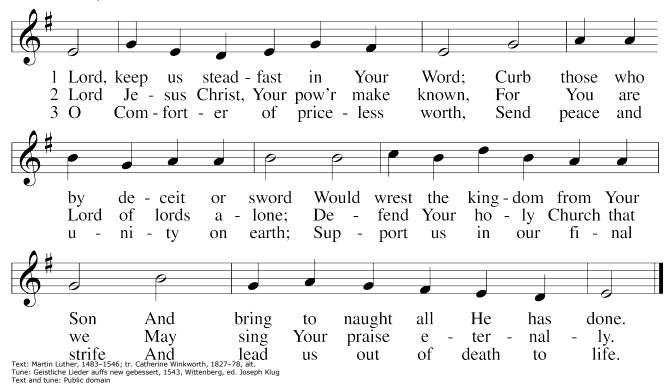
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor, Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
 - Comfort in my tribulation,

Balm to heal the troubled soul.

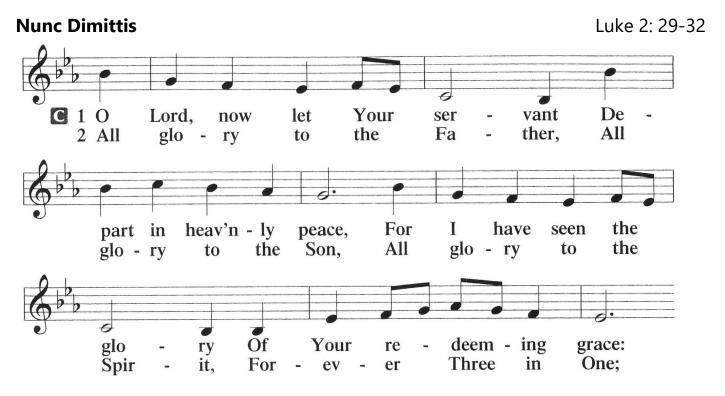
- God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
- Cleanses me from sin and error,

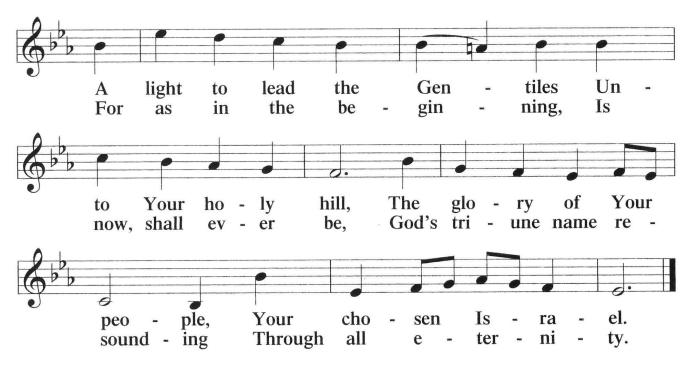
Makes my wounded spirit whole. Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808-58; tr. David W. Rogner, 1960

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Dismissal





Post-Communion Collect

L Let us pray:

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.
- **P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

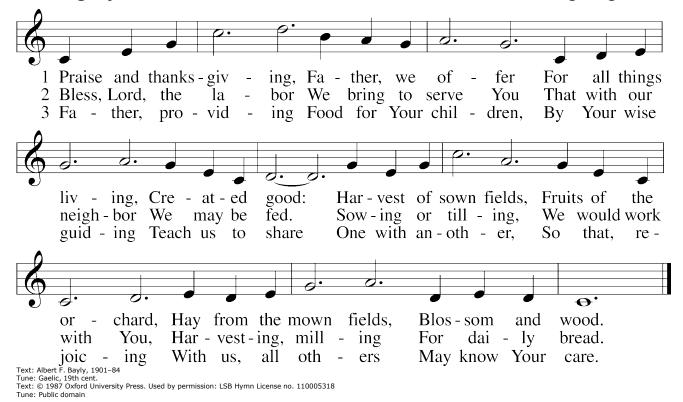
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

[Psalm 103:1]

Sending Hymn



Postlude

"Toccata-Sortie" (Auguste Larriu)

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