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Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (*Located in the church basement*)

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (*12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch*)

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

At church, worship folders will still be available for those who need them. Worship notes will be available for those wishing to use the hymnals.

Masking is encouraged when entering and exiting the church building. Social distancing is still recommended. Feel free to remain masked during the service if so desired.

These Emails, videos and other posts on Facebook will continue.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

*Word Search: **Man/Woman***

[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

5th graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [↗] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service | - standing in respect; ☐ - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; ☐ - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put *LSC* in the margin and the section [*Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper*] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [*ex: LSC-Baptism*]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring.

For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use "Text Box" that is a good way to do it. You may also go to "References" and use "Foot Note" to record your thoughts or insight.

Contact the church office if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

WORSHIP FOLDER
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 22

Blessing the Day—Morning
October 2 & 3, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Throughout Scripture and in the hymnody of the Church, we are reminded that all time is God’s time and that we spend every day in His care and with His blessing. Through the centuries, Christian writers have crafted prayers and hymn texts that are specific to certain times of the day. In monastery life, there are customary readings and services fashioned for about every three hours around the clock. All our times are God’s times—may we reflect the shining mercy of God throughout our days!



PRAYER

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 27:7, 11a, 13–14; 51:15; 70:1*

P O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

C **Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!**

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

C **Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path.**

P I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

C **Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING HYMN LSB 869 *“With the Lord Begin Your Task”*

1 With the Lord begin your task;
Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes;
Be to Him commended.

2 Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might,
With His presence cheer you.

3 With your Savior at your side,
Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide,
And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.

4 If your task be thus begun
With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere
While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share
In the mansions yonder.

5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task
Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun
Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done
To Your praise forever.

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(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **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.**
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C **Amen.**

How does God show His love to us through Jesus Christ?

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 127:3–5; antiphon: v. 1a*

- P Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
- C **Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.**
- P Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.
- C **Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.**

**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 Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.

How important are children?

KYRIE *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 154*

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

C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Our Father has a never ending what for us?

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 2:18–25*

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

*God created marriage to be between a _____
And a _____.*

PSALM *Psalm 128*

C **Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways!**

P You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

C **Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.**

P The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

May you see your children’s children! Peace be upon Israel!

C **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.**

*What are some of the blessings God gives to those
who believe in Him?*

EPISTLE *Hebrews 2:1–13*

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?

⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

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

Who will put their trust in Jesus?

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *LSB 156*

C **Alleluia.**

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:2–16*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

Whom does God join together in marriage?

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 863 *“Our Father, By Whose Name”*

- 1 Our Father, by whose name
All fatherhood is known,
Who dost in love proclaim
Each family Thine own,
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,
With constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which Thy people dwell.

- 2 O Christ, Thyself a child
Within an earthly home,
With heart still undefiled,
Thou didst to manhood come;
Our children bless in ev’ry place
That they may all behold Thy face,
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.

- 3 O Spirit, who dost bind
Our hearts in unity,
Who teachest us to find
The love from self set free,
In all our hearts such love increase
That ev’ry home by this release
May be the dwelling place of peace.

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PRAYER

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SERMON *“Homefront” Mark 10:2–16*

Introduction:

While the disciples may have been slowed to understand what Jesus was teaching, there were others who opposed Him. A case in point is the dialogue Jesus had with the Pharisees over marriage.

They attempted to trap Jesus with their question. They knew that causing a divorce was wrong. Yet, Moses had provided a certificate of divorce for the people of Israel. If Jesus agreed with the command against divorce then He was in opposition with Moses. If He agreed with Moses on issuing the certificate of divorce, He was going against the Law God gave Moses.

Christ holds back no punches here. He bluntly states that it was the hardheartedness of the Israelite people that Moses gave this decree. Their refusal to follow the law of God led Moses to do as God gave him permission to do, give them a certificate of divorce. Without it the woman and even her children were left abandoned. With the certificate she was free to marry again. Jesus then concludes the discussion with the description of marriage as God designed it from creation.

I. Battling the assaults on marriage/family.

The goal of the Pharisee was to undermine Jesus. Make Him look like a fool and an inexperienced teacher. It was to make Jesus look bad so that the people would reject Him.

This is the goal of Satan, the sinful world and our own sinful flesh. These three enemies of our faith in Christ seek to make Jesus look bad so that we would reject Him. This is their thinking when these three enemies attack marriage as God instituted it. The goal is to make Jesus look bad. It is to make the one who designed marriage and the family to look like a fool and an inexperienced teacher. For it would take a fool to think that there can be a perfect marriage on earth. And only a fool would command a perfect love from imperfect people in marriage and even in the family.

When Satan attacks, when the world joins in and our own sinful seeks to satisfy its own desire, they are not seeking just to make our lives miserable. They are not just trying to give to us temporary joy and happiness. They are attempting to lead us away from Christ and the salvation which Christ has won for us.

If they can get us to reject one or more of Christ's teaching, they can lead us to believe that Christ solution to sin is faulty and cannot be trusted. If marriages and families can be broken up or redefined, then maybe the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is not enough to save us. Maybe we need to look for other solutions.

When Christ reaffirms the definition of marriage, He is protecting us. When He reaffirms what constitutes a family, He is protecting us. When He reaffirms the purpose for which He created man and woman, He silences the world, our sinful flesh and Satan. He protects our faith in Him. He leads us to see where and when sin has entered our relationship and guides us to call on Him for forgiveness and strength. We may not be able to save the marriage or keep a family on speaking terms, but our salvation in Him has been secured. And we can look forward to the eternal joy and peace of being the family of God where there will be no separation and where perfect love for God and each other will exist.

II. Including Children in His kingdom

To illustrate again how Christ battles against anyone from interfering with someone else coming to Him, the account of the mothers bringing children to Jesus is an excellent reminder. He truly wants all to come to Him and be saved.

The disciples begin to prevent the children to come into the presence of Jesus. Jesus was indignant. He had just instructed the disciples about serving children. If they received one of these little ones, they were receiving Him and the Father.

Had they forgotten? Maybe they were just trying to protect Jesus' time and energy. Yet, Christ rebukes them.

These little ones are a part of the family of God. They belong to Him and He welcomes them.

This is the beauty of baptizing children, and especially infants. They are brought to Christ and He welcomes them into the family of God. He makes them children of the heavenly Father. He washes them clean of their sins and gives them true faith in Him.

Yes, anyone who would interfere with a child to be received into the kingdom of God would be rebuked by Christ. Yet, this is so that Satan, the world and our sinful flesh doesn't win out in attempting to lead us away from Christ. The world offers all kinds of reasons not to have a child baptized. They are too young. The family is too busy. It is better for the child to make such a decision. We may be tempted to believe this or let it influence when we will get our children baptized.

Christ is patient. He continues to call out, "Bring them here that I might touch them and bless them." The Holy Spirit continues to remind us that the kingdom of God belongs to such little ones. And what joy and relief there is in the family and the family of God when they are received into the kingdom of God through Baptism.

Conclusion:

Marriage, family and little ones are precious in His sight. And when He moves us to believe this also, He protects our faith in Him and keeps us in the one true faith till life everlasting.

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PRAYER

O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore You to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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**C 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

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

We pray for the Church, that God's people live confidently and never neglect the salvation won by Jesus Christ, but joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel message have free course in every land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we never take them for granted, but help us to encourage the labors in which we work together to the glory of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who work in the early hours of the day for our benefit—the bread bakers, the newspaper delivery people, the school personnel, and all others whose vocations enrich our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are not known to us, [*and especially . . .*]. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we bring our prayers to You, Lord, we remember the faithful Christians whose earthly lives have been completed and who now are in Your eternal keeping. Help us to follow their examples of faith and faithfulness. And at the last, reunite us with them in the joy of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P These things and all else that we should have asked, grant to us with Your blessing for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN LSB 785 *“We Praise You, O God”*

1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.

With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.

To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HYMN LSB 862 *"Oh Blest The House"*

- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His—
How sad and poor and dark it is!
- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found
And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still
And do in all His holy will!
- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!
- 4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown
How richly God can bless His own.
- 5 Then here will I and mine today
A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

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HYMN LSB 864 *“Shepherd Of Tender Youth”*

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways;
Christ, our triumphant king,
We come Your name to sing
And here our children bring
To join Your praise.

- 2 You are the holy Lord,
O all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife.
Yourself You did abase
That from sin’s deep disgrace
You so might save our race
And give us life.

- 3 You are the great High Priest;
You have prepared the feast
Of holy love;
And in our mortal pain
None calls on You in vain;
Our plea do not disdain;
Help from above.

- 4 O ever be our guide,
Our shepherd, and our pride,
Our staff and song.
Jesus, O Christ of God,
By Your enduring Word
Lead us where You have trod;
Make our faith strong.

- 5 So now, and till we die,
Sound we Your praises high
And joyful sing:
Infants and all the throng,
Who to the Church belong,
Unite to swell the song
To Christ, our king!

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HYMN LSB 873 *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies”*

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise;
Triumph o’er the shades of night.

Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return
Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

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THANK THE LORD *LSB 164*

**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

BENEDICTION *LSB 166*

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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN OF DEPARTURE LSB 722 *"Lord, Take My Hand And Lead Me"*

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,

For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.

- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessèd Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

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PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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Jesus loved little children. When parents brought their children to Him, He took them in His arms and blessed them.