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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.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Now that more and more are vaccinated and masks restriction are being eased. Each individual or family will need to determine who and when they will need to mask. Social distancing is suggested but not required for those vaccinated.

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: Satan/Devil

[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 [7] 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 to register or 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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 5 Whoever Does the Will of God June 5 & 6, 2021

As We Gather

"Whoever does the will of God, He is My brother and sister and mother," said Jesus. What is the will of the God? That all people would come to the knowledge of the truth in Christ and be saved by His mercy. Faith is the will of God and family is the fruit of this faith—a people united in Christ's death and resurrection by Baptism. A house divided cannot stand. We know this to be true in an earthly sense, but it is an eternal truth. We belong to the Lord, not just in part but in whole. God was even willing to own our sins to restore us from Satan and his dominion. What keeps us



from this wonderful identity and this future is only this: our refusal of God's mercy and our rejection of His work to save us. The goal of God in all that He is doing is faith, for by this faith we are made one with Him and are united together as His family, the Church.

Order of Divine Service IV LSB 184

Opening Hymn LSB 656 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

- With might of ours can naught be done,
 Soon were our loss effected;
 But for us fights the valiant One,
 Whom God Himself elected.
 Ask ye, Who is this?
 Jesus Christ it is,
 Of Sabaoth Lord,
 And there's none other God;
 He holds the field forever.
- Though devils all the world should fill,
 All eager to devour us,
 We tremble not, we fear no ill;
 They shall not overpow'r us.
 This world's prince may still
 Scowl fierce as he will,
 He can harm us none.
 He's judged; the deed is done;
 One little word can fell him.
- The Word they still shall let remain
 Nor any thanks have for it;
 He's by our side upon the plain
 With His good gifts and Spirit.
 And take they our life,
 Goods, fame, child, and wife,
 Though these all be gone,
 Our vict'ry has been won;
 The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P 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.
- C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

P Blessèd be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

C The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

- P The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
 - Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

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 Blessèd be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

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Kyrie LSB 204

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

- A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.
- A For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.
- A For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- A For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.
- A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- A For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

- C 1 To God on high be glory
 And peace to all the earth;
 Goodwill from God in heaven
 Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
 We praise and bless You, Father;
 Your holy name, we sing—
 Our thanks for Your great glory,
 Lord God, our heav'nly King.
 - 2 To You, O sole-begotten,
 The Father's Son, we pray;
 O Lamb of God, our Savior,
 You take our sins away.
 Have mercy on us, Jesus;
 Receive our heartfelt cry,
 Where You in pow'r are seated
 At God's right hand on high—
 - 3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory.

"Amen!" our glad reply.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We ask God to do this for us?

Old Testament Reading Genesis 3:8–15

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

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

How did sin enter this world?

Psalm Psalm 130; antiphon: v. 7

- P O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.
- Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!
 O LORD, hear my voice!
 Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- P If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.
- C I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

- P O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.
- C And He will redeem Israel from all His iniquities. 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 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

God does not remember our sins because with and through Him there is .

Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

What do we know about the troubles of this world?

Alleluia and Verse

- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
- C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Mark 3:20–35

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat.

²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

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

| To show His love for | r us, | Jesus | said | we | are His |
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Highlight (underline) the words and phrases that tell us Jesus is stronger than the Devil.

Nicene Creed

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 T of the world to come. Amen.

569 In Adam We Have All Been One

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- In Adam we have all been one,
 One huge rebellious man;
 We all have fled that evening voice
 That sought us as we ran.
- We fled Thee, and in losing Thee
 We lost our brother too;
 Each singly sought and claimed his own;
 Each man his brother slew.
- 3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still
 And sent Thine only Son
 That we might hear His Shepherd's voice
 And, hearing Him, be one.
- O Thou who, when we loved Thee not,
 Didst love and save us all,
 Thou great Good Shepherd of mankind,
 O hear us when we call.
- 5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth; Thou Son, O set us free From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,

To make us one in Thee.

Then shall our song united rise
 To Thine eternal throne,
 Where with the Father evermore
 And Spirit Thou art one.

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Sermon "Rough Going for Jesus" Mark 3:20–35

Introduction:

Jesus' time on earth was pretty rough. The week of His death was no picnic. He was betrayed, denied, whipped, jeered, humiliated, thorns thrust upon His head, starved, forced to carry a cross, nailed to that cross, crucified, jeered as He is suffering, forsaken by His heavenly Father and finally dying as He gave up His spirit. It was a rough twenty-four hours.

The three years prior to His death and resurrection were not easy either. He faced opposition to His work and teaching. And this was nothing new.

I. Satan

The opposition to Jesus' work begins with the fall of Satan. Soon after the first Sabbath Day rest of God, Satan rebelled against God. Christ saw Him fall from heaven like a lightning bolt. It was not a huge battle. It was not a ferocious fight. It was quick and swift. Satan is a created creature which could not and cannot stand against God for any length of time.

This is why Satan attacks God's creation. He attempts to destroy what God had created. He still does. He still seeks those whom he can devour. Satan is well and alive. He will oppose God in any form and way that he can. And he will continue to do so until he is finally sealed in the prison prepared for him by Christ.

Christ has faced this opposition since then. It was no surprise to Him to face opposition when He was visibly on earth. This makes what the scribes said so ridiculous. To think that Satan would undermine his own attempts to undo what they accused Christ of doing was ludicrous. Satan would not relinquish any soul that he had in his power. It is his goal to destroy the souls of those whom God so loved.

The casting out of demons on the part of Christ was to show that this strong man/devil of hell was bound. He cannot stand up to Christ even as Christ was in the state of humiliation. Christ may have limited His power for man to abuse Him but He did not limit His power against the assaults of Satan. He showed that Satan still must bow to His power and authority. Casting out demons was the way in which He demonstrated this.

II. Blasphemers

To accuse Christ of being an agent or even being Satan, himself, is blasphemy. Christ warns them that they are flirting very closely with a sin that can never be forgiven.

He said that the sin of blasphemy against Him is forgivable. He cried out on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they do know not what they do." One would think that the ones who inflicted such pain and suffering on the Son of God would have done the most unforgivable sin.

Yet, it was not. The unforgivable sin is the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Christ does not go into detail as to what this sin looks like. Some consider it to be the unbelief of those who died rejecting Christ. It will never be forgiven throughout all eternity. Yet, while one is still on earth this sin is forgiven when one comes to faith.

It is a horrendous sin, this blasphemy of the Holy Spirit, is one that a believer in Christ may never fear of committing. For if we fear this sin, we have not committed it.

The sins we commit are forgivable. Christ has died as payment for them. Any and all sins revealed through the mirror of the Law as summarized in the Ten Commandments are forgivable. We may not want to acknowledge all the sins as sin punishable by death. We may oppose Christ on many of them. We may even make up more sin than God has revealed. Our own sinful nature opposes the will of God. Yet, God will forgive us all our sin and cleanse from all unrighteousness.

Conclusion:

When His family came to retrieve Him from the crowd, Christ was informed that His family, His brothers and mother were waiting for Him. To further refute the claim He was Beelzebul, He look to the crowd and said, "Whoever does the will of My Father is My brother, My sister and My mother." He has given us His forgiveness so that we may live according to the Father's will thus making us Children of God. In doing so, He plunder the house of Satan. He has saved us and will defend and continue to deliver us from the evil one.

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Prayer of the Church

P Having heard the call of God's grace, let us come near to His throne of grace with prayers on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.

Silence for prayer.

Make Your Church one family, a people born again of Your promise in baptismal water, who believe in You and who delight in Your mercies, and sustain them in faith until that day when we shall dwell in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Give courage and strength to all pastors and church workers who serve Your people in Your name, grant success to the proclamation of the Gospel, and guide Your Church through the Holy Spirit to be faithful amid persecution and steadfast against temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws, that they lead with wisdom and serve with integrity on behalf of all people, and particularly for the unborn. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Bless the fruits of the earth and those who tend the fields on our behalf, bless all honest labor and industry, and give inspiration and grace to those who serve us with the arts and music. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Give to all families grace to love one another, that husbands and wives live in fidelity toward each other and show compassionate care to their children. Bless all women in childbirth and sustain the aged in strength of body and mind. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Rally the nations to peace that all peoples enjoy the protection of law, the gift of liberty, and the freedom to live fruitful, upright, and godly lives; bring an end to all oppression, acts of terror, and violence. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Deliver the sick from the burdens of the flesh and grant them healing according to Your will, give peace to those troubled in mind, deliver the dying into Your everlasting arms, and comfort the grieving with hope, [especially...and those we name in our hearts...]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Make us a generous people that we willingly share the resources You have given with those in need and for the support of Your Church and the good work of Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P All these things we would ask of You, O Lord, trusting in Your mercy to grant us only what is best for us. Give us faith, trusting in Your mercy, that we may abide in Your presence in peace, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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 526 "You Are the Way; through You Alone"

- You are the way; through You alone Can we the Father find; In You, O Christ, has God revealed His heart and will and mind.
- You are the truth; Your Word alone
 True wisdom can impart;
 You only can inform the mind
 And purify the heart.
- You are the life; the empty tomb
 Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm,
 And those who put their trust in You
 Not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
 Grant us that way to know,
 That truth to keep, that life to win
 Whose joys eternal flow.

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Hymn LSB 424"O Christ, You Walked the Road"

- O Christ, You walked the road
 Our wand'ring feet must go.
 You faced with us temptation's pow'r
 And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone

Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.

- No blinding sign we ask,
 No wonder from above.
 Lord, help us place our trust alone
 In Your unswerving love.
- When lures of easy gain
 With promise brightly shine,
 Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
 Our wills with Yours align.
- O Christ, You walked the road
 Our wand'ring feet must go.
 Stay with us through temptation's hour
 To fight our ancient foe.

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Hymn LSB 528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

- Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
 My great Redeemer's praise,
 The glories of my God and King,
 The triumphs of His grace!
- My gracious Master and my God,
 Assist me to proclaim,
 To spread through all the earth abroad,
 The honors of Thy name.
- Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
 That bids our sorrows cease;
 'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
 'Tis life and health and peace.
- He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
 He sets the pris'ner free.
 His blood can make the foulest clean;
 His blood avails for me.
- Look unto Him, ye nations; ownYour God, ye fallen race.Look and be saved through faith alone,Be justified by grace.

- See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off'ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.
- To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Nunc Dimittis LSB 211

- C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
 Depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory
 Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles
 Unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people,
 Your chosen Israel.
 - 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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 LSB 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

1 God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r; Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

- Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
 Bend our pride to Your control;
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.

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