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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. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch over and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

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: Labor/Laborers [Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: <u>www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org</u>

 $5^{\text{th}}$  graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows  $[\checkmark]$  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  $[\mid -\text{ standing in respect; } -\text{ kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; } -\text{ humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].}$ 

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.

## **Registering for afterschool Catechizing Classes**

With public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way still offering full day classes, the afterschool catechizing classes are going to take on a new look. Remote learning without video capabilities will be offered for those who register for remote learning. Small group sessions can be arranged pending the students' schedule. Once you know their schedules let me know.

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.

#### Pass It On

#### From the office of the Central Illinois District LCMS

#### *In preparation for Proper 20 – September 20, 2020*

One of the first "anti-hero" comic characters was the incredible Hulk. After being subjected to an overdose of gamma radiation, scientist Bruce Banner turns at times into a rampaging green monster, the Hulk. The change strikes Banner when he becomes angry. He tells people that they would not like him when he is angry.

The Hulk's creator called him a Jekell-and-Hyde character. Maybe the Hulk gives comic book readers a peek into the part of themselves that they don't like to think about. Banner lives in terror of the destruction he might unleash, and in guilt over what he has done.

Inside each of us there lies a green-eyed monster, characterized by jealousy, envy, and coveteousness. Don't cross us. You won't like us if you cross us. People can unleash destruction, on relationships, reputations, even lives – as we know all too well.

In a Scripture to be read in our church service on Sunday, Jesus told of laborers who were hired at various times throughout a long workday. At day's end, their employer paid them all the same thing, a day's wage. Those who had been at it all day turned furious. It's like you could see the green glint in their eyes as they demanded to know why those Johnny-come-latelys received just as much. Nobody would run a business this way. Yet this is how God saves people eternally.

The Bible says people are saved not on account of themselves, but because of Jesus and what He did. Salvation is by grace – that is, unmerited love – and it is received in faith. It is God's gift. It's not of works, lest anyone boast (Ephesians 2:8-9). Or get greedy!

The best remedy for the green-eyed monster is the grace-enlightened mind. Rich with forgiveness from God won by Jesus, who could want more?

## WORSHIP FOLDER

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 20

Do You Begrudge My Generosity? September 19 & 20, 2020

#### As We Gather

A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is scandalously generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving.



Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!

**Order of Divine Service** *I LSB 151* 

Opening Hymn LSB 869 "With the Lord Begin Your Task" LSB 869

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,
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	Save you from the tempter's might, With His presence cheer you.
3	<ul> <li>With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;</li> <li>In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.</li> <li>All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,</li> <li>Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended;</li> <li>May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.</li> <li>Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;</li> <li>Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.</li> </ul>

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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.

Because God is faithful and just we can assured that He will do what for us/

## 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.

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

#### **Opening Sentences** Psalm 27:9

- P Hide not Your face from me.
- C Turn not Your servant away in anger,
- P O You who have been my help.
- C Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

#### <u>Introit</u>

- P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.
- C What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?
- P I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
- C Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of his saints.
- P O LORD, I am your servant;I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.
- 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.
- P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

What can we offer to God for all His benefits to me?

#### 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.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

What are we asking God to help us to trust in rather than ourselves?

## Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:6–9

<sup>6</sup>"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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

What does God abundantly do for us?

## <u>Psalm</u>

- P <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- C <sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
- P <sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
- C <sup>4</sup>One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
- P <sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- <sup>6</sup>And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
   I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- P <sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- C <sup>8</sup>You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
- P <sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.
   Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Why don't we have to be afraid of anything?

## Epistle Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

 $^{12}$ I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear...<sup>19</sup> for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L This is the Word of the Lord. C

#### Thanks be to God.

Where does our salvation come from?

## Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel Matthew 20:1–16

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

How did the master show his generosity? How does God show His generosity?

Highlight any and all phrase that describes or mentions the generosity of God toward us.

Hymn of the Day "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling" LSB 827

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,

"Who will go and work today?

Fields are white and harvests waiting-

Who will bear the sheaves away?"

	Loud and long the Master calleth;
	Rich reward He offers thee.
	Who will answer, gladly saying,
	"Here am I, send me, send me"?
2	Some take up His task in morning,
	To their Lord responding soon;
	Some are called in heat of midday,
	Others late in afternoon;
	Even as the sun is setting,
	Some are sent into the fields,
	There to gather in the bounty
	That God's Word so richly yields.
3	For as rain and snow from heaven
	Water seeds in dusty soil,
	Causing them to bud and flower,
	Giving bread to those who toil;
	So the Lord sends forth His promise,
	Words of life and joy and peace—
	Never void to Him returning,
	Bearing fruit with great increase.
4	Hearken to the Lord whose coming
	Marks the time when grace shall end,
	When with His angelic reapers
	He in glory shall descend.
	Soon the night, the final harvest;
	Soon the time for work shall cease.
	Then the souls His grace has garnered
	Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

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**Sermon** *"See What God Can Do"* Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

Introduction:

Paul writes to the Christians in Rome that all things work to the good for those who loved God and keep His commandments. In the letter to the Christians in Philippi, Paul gives such an example.

## I. Advance the gospel

The Christians at Philippi heard of Paul's imprisonment. They become concerned about the work of the Church. One might say they became panicky. Without Paul, they thought the spreading of the gospel would come to an end.

Paul reassures them this is not true. In fact, he tells them that because of his imprisonment the gospel is being advanced. Guards are coming to faith in Christ. Others are stepping up to do the work. God is using his imprisonment as a means to advance the gospel. They should be encouraged and continue to spread the Word and do the work of the Church.

As the Church now struggles with the Pandemic, we have to remember that God can and will continue to advance the gospel. One such example is recorded in the *"Lutheran Witness"* where one out of four young people in Germany are clicking on to the videos being posted by the Lutheran Churches. The gospel is reaching a group of people which one out of ten may have attended a worship service during their lifetime.

The author of the article states that he surmises that because of the pandemic young people are considering their mortality. They are now becoming more opened to hearing what the Church has to say. Thus, the message of salvation through Christ is reaching more and more people.

The media and science have declared church gathers as dangerous. And yes, we must heed the warning of how this coronavirus is being spread. Large gatherings are being discouraged. Many of the activities that we have become a costumed to have been put on hold till a vaccine can be found.

Yet, the main work of the Church is still being done. The Word of God is being preached. It may be to smaller groups at a time. It may be over the air waves. It may be over the internet. It is still being preached and the advancement of the gospel is being accomplished.

We may never know to what extent God has used this pandemic to advance the gospel. But we can be assured He has and will continue to do so.

## II. Build confidence in the Lord

And as the Church struggles to continue to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, God calls others into service.

Paul mentions that others had become bolder in their witness of Christ's saving acts. They were becoming more confident is speaking about His life, death and resurrection. They were becoming braver to face death in service to their Lord.

This remains true even today. We will see people become more confident in their Lord's ability to forgive sin and grant eternal life. There will be those who will step up and continue

the work of the Church. There will be those who will face death for the sake of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Paul encouraged the Christians at Philippi to continue to live a life worthy of the gospel. And we can take heed to that same encouragement. As we face persecution, over exaggerations about the Church, we are to continue to live as one being forgiven by Christ for our sins and having the gift of eternal life prepared for us by Christ.

It doesn't make us foolish in ignoring good and healthy practices. It doesn't lead us to hide our heads in the sand. It doesn't lead us to cast caution to the wind.

What it does is to help us remember that nothing can stop the love of God from reaching us. And nothing can stop God from furthering and maintaining His kingdom. Every struggle on earth can be used by God to advance the gospel.

#### Conclusion:

So, when it comes to the work of the Church, that is, the preaching and teaching of the Word of God and the administration of the Sacraments, no pandemic can stop it. This is a promise of God. He will work all things to the good for those who love Him and keep His commandments.

## T AMEN T

#### **Apostles' Creed**

- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
  - And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

P Lord God, You have promised to hear the prayers of Your people, and so we come to You this day offering You petitions and supplications for all manner and needs of people.

You have invited us to seek Your face and to call upon You while You are near. Lord, grant to us such confidence in Your grace and favor that we seek Your wisdom, walk in Your ways, and delight in Your gift of salvation with thanksgiving in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P We delight in dwelling in Your house, O Lord. Bless Your Church and those who minister to us in Your name. Guide them to preach faithfully the whole counsel of Your Word so that we be steadfast in faith in the face of temptation, threat, and trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

- P You have placed in our ears Your Word and in our hearts Your Spirit, O Lord. Grant that we learn to follow Your Word and live holy, upright, and honorable lives that reflect Your goodness and show forth the fruit of the Spirit in all we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P You are our light and our salvation and in You we rest our fears. Lord, grant Your aid, comfort, and strength to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be especially with the sick for whom we pray this day, [*especially*...]. Heal them in accordance with Your will and sustain them through their afflictions until the perfect healing comes in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Your power is greater than all and Your mercy is without limit. Lord, look with compassion upon our world of violence and terror. Bless those who govern here and everywhere that they protect the weak, promote the cause of virtue, administer justice to the criminal, and act with mercy toward those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

- P You have given us a place at Your Son's Table and grace to receive His very body and blood. Lord, grant that we come with repentance and faith to receive all that Christ has accomplished for our salvation in this blessed communion with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P You have shown us generosity greater than we deserve, O Lord. Silence our complaints when we would question Your mercy, and teach us to be satisfied by Your grace in all that we need for this mortal life and find contentment in God's

promise of the life to come. Teach us to rejoice over every sinner who repents and for everyone who comes to You in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P All these and whatsoever other things we need, we ask You to grant us in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Into Your hands, O gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### Offertory LSB 159

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

#### 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.

## <u>Hymns</u>

"Take My Life and Let It Be" LSB 783

- 1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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#### "We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781

- We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
   All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!
- Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
   And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.
  - To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe, To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.
- 5 The captive to release, To God the lost to bring, To teach the way of life and peace,

It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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#### "Lord of All Hopefulness" LSB 738

1	Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
	Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
	Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2	Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
	Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
	Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
	Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
3	Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
	Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
	Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
	Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
4	Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
	Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
	Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,

Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the 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.

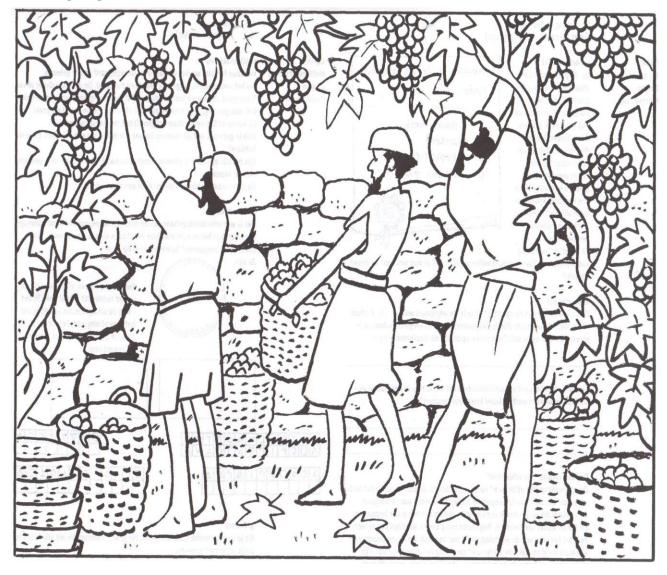
#### Benediction LSB 166

- 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.

<u>Closing Hymn</u> 1	"Where Charity and Love Prevail" <i>LSB 845</i> Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.
2	<ul><li>With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;</li><li>Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love Him in return.</li></ul>
3	Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess, And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.
4	Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease; Be God's the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.
5	Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son; As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.
6	For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name; His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

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