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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.

We are approaching the altar for communion by tables of 10 or less. Elders and Pastor will distribute the elements as in the past.

The offering plate will not be passed through the congregation. Instead the offerings will still be collected in the narthex via the offering box. The offerings will then be presented to the Lord during the service.

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

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: **Welcome***

[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:
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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 exercise 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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 9

Called to Tell the Truth

July 3 & 4, 2021

As We Gather

When Israel was in exile, God called Ezekiel to speak for Him to tell the truth to Israel. The Lord made no promises about results, but at least the people would recognize that a prophet had been among them. After His hometown did not believe His Messiahship, Jesus still sent out the Twelve to the surrounding towns. Not only did He instruct them about what to do or say, He also prepared them for rejection and how to respond to it. Now it is our turn, as we are called to tell others the truth about sin and grace. But we might think we are not up to the task. Here, Paul is our model, for he was well aware of his limitations, including his thorn in the flesh. Rather than keep silent, he spoke and wrote, confident that God’s power was made perfect in weakness. Our worship today is a reminder that above all else, the truth reveals God’s great love for us in Christ.



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.

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn LSB 849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert’s burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.

- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

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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 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.**

How does Jesus welcome us into His presence?

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 132:13–16; antiphon: Psalm 34:8*

P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

C **For the LORD has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling place:**

P “This is my resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

C **I will abundantly bless her provisions;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.**

P Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
and her saints will shout for joy.”

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 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

How do we know that God welcomes us into His presence?

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.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- A For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- 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.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**
- 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.

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy.

C **Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures;**

P through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

How does God show that He welcomes us into His presence?

Old Testament Reading *Ezekiel 2:1-5*

¹ He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

How will some people react to God’s Word and the one who brings it?

Psalm 123; antiphon: v. 1

P ¹To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

C ²**Behold, as the eyes of servants**

look to the hand of their master,

as the eyes of a maidservant

to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the LORD our God,

till he has mercy upon us.

P ³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,

for we have had more than enough of contempt.

C ⁴**Our soul has had more than enough**

of the scorn of those who are at ease,

of the contempt of the proud.

Who looks to God for help?

Epistle 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

*The one who carries the message, the Word of God,
will do so even suffering what?*

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 6:1–13

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

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

What does Jesus do to see that His message of forgiveness is told to others?

Highlight (underline) words and phrase that speak about Jesus getting His Word of forgiveness out to all people?

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 of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day LSB 839 “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.

- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error’s maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

- 3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev’ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav’nly rest.

- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand’ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,

- 5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond’ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv’n
By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.

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Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sermon Mark 6:1–13 “Welcome the Messenger”

Introduction:

We look forward to welcoming Christ when He returns. We know that He is the Savior of the world. His death paid for our sins. His resurrection brought us life and salvation. He comes with grace, mercy and forgiveness. We look forward to welcoming Him as our Lord and Savior.

But imagine not knowing this and having grown up with Jesus in His home town.

I. Jesus was rejected by His home town

The people in His home town of Nazareth had seen Jesus grow up with His parents, brothers and sisters. Nothing is recorded for us in Scriptures that would indicate Jesus was any different than any other boy in the community. Yet, they would have known about the time His parents left Him in Jerusalem when He was 12. Finding Him in the temple should have given them some clue about how special this boy was in their midst. The story of His birth, the announcement of His birth by angels, the shepherds proclaiming His birth in Bethlehem, His presentation in the temple with Anna telling everyone that He was there, the wise men coming to worship Him, the flight to Egypt, all these events one would think the towns people would have known.

So, when Jesus returns to His home town, people would have taken notice of Him. His popularity would have reached their ears. And they were eager to see and hear Him.

Yet, when He taught in the synagogue, they were amazed at His teaching. But they would not believe Him. He was amazed at their unbelief. He states that a prophet has honor everywhere except in His own home town. And because of their unbelief very few came to Him for healing.

It is hard to imagine rejecting Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Savior of the world. As I mentioned before, we know Him to be the Savior. We know Him after He completed the task of redeeming the world. Yet, we may still be tempted to reject Him and it is done in the way we receive those who bring the message of salvation to us.

II. His disciples were received into the homes of the people

Christ calls sinful men into the office of ministry to proclaim the Gospel. He also sends out His Church, the Body of believers, to go and spread the good news of salvation. Yet, His body is filled with sinners. The sinful nature of the world and the sinful nature of the believers collide.

The world will reject the message based on the person. They will see the messenger as a hypocrite or as a self-righteous “better-than-thou” person. They will stumble over the sinful nature of the messenger not hearing the message of salvation for the sinner.

Even, we as believers in Christ will be tempted to reject the message of salvation when we find our sinful nature in conflict with the sinful nature of a pastor or teacher or even a fellow member

of the church. We may be tempted to turn away from the hearing of God's Word, the receiving of the body and blood of Christ and the fellowship of believers because we have been offended or in conflict with another person's sinful nature.

When we treat the church, fellow believers, teachers and even pastors in this way we are in danger of rejecting Christ. Our faith may be strong enough to endure for a while, but without hearing the Word, receiving the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood and avoiding the fellowship of believers, we are in danger of losing that faith. The message of forgiveness and salvation is always greater than messenger who brings it, expect for Christ Himself is our salvation.

Conclusion:

The disciples went out two by two. They were welcomed. They proclaimed the message of repentance and salvation. People came to them. They drove out demons and healed the sick. They returned to Jesus ecstatic. Jesus reminded them that their names being written in heaven was still greater than any exorcism or healing they performed. And we are to remember always that the truth of God's Word is greater than the messenger, unless Christ Himself brought the message.

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Prayer

Most merciful God, You desire everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant that by the preaching of Your Gospel we may be given the wisdom that leads to salvation. By the working of Your Holy Spirit keep us attentive to all the teachings of Your Word. Enlighten our minds, control our wills, and purify our affections. Let Your Word be a light for our path that neither the pleasures nor the honors nor the pains of this life may turn away our thoughts from the fullness of life that is found only in You. Enable us in sincerity of heart to follow You, the only true God. By Your holy Word enlighten all who are in error, doubt, or temptation with the sure and certain knowledge of Your truth that all who live in sin may be led to repentance. Show mercy and grace to all those suffering any distress, to those who are sick or hospitalized, and to those facing death. Let them know the sure comfort of Your holy Word. We commit ourselves and all for whom we pray to Your fatherly care and benediction. Be gracious to us and defend us by Your power. Direct us by Your Spirit that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Savior until we shall stand before You in the joy of everlasting glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayer of the Church

- P Let us pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves and our nation, and for all people in their various circumstances.
For peace and harmony between nations,
- C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P For human rights, freedom, and justice in our nation and for people everywhere,

- C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 P For bountiful harvests and an end to malnutrition and hunger,
 C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 P For human dignity and ample clothing and shelter,
 C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 P For wise leaders, alert armed forces, and compassionate first responders,
 C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 P For the bold proclamation of the Gospel and compassionate care for the poor,
 C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 P For new insights into the workings of God's good creation,
 C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 P For answers to the prayers of [*names, and*] all who call to God for healing, comfort,
 or any other need,
 C **Lord, hear our prayer.**
 P For these and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, that You
 would grant them for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 C **Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

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

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 842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
 Source of life and truth and grace,
 Word made flesh, whose birth among us
 Hallows all our human race,
 You our Head, who, throned in glory,
 For Your own will ever plead:
 Fill us with Your love and pity,
 Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
 So may we for others live.
 Freely have Your gifts been granted;

Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.

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Hymn LSB 830 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.

2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save.

3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.

4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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Hymn LSB 643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

- 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Prayer

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

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.**

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 of Departure LSB 965 "God Bless Our Native Land"

1 God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

2 So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

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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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