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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 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: Thank/thanks
[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

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

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 made available pending 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

In preparation for Proper 16 – August 23, 2020

"You do you," says our society. Don't let anybody else tell you who you are.

This is not just about you yourself, either. A former U.S. Supreme Court Justice wrote in 1992 of "the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life."

Teachers used to tell students that although everyone may be entitled to their own opinion, no one is entitled to their own facts. You don't hear that a lot any more these days.

You have to be you, our society says, and you must "do you." The more unlikely or flamboyant you think yourself to be, the better. The Red Cross now asks blood donors what their gender identity is that day. It may change, which would be all right too. More than all right! You have to be you.

This philosophy may seem to break people out of various molds. Yet it demands that others not only tolerate but also recognize and accept even the most outlandish or unreal assertions. Everyone else must conform, our society stipulates, when you do you.

"Do not be conformed to this world," says the Bible in one of the readings for our church service this Sunday, "but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2). The key to who you are lies not within you but in the God Who created you, Who sent His Son to be THE sacrifice for all your sin.

Jesus Christ died, then rose from the dead as Lord. By God-given faith in Him people become not dead sacrifices like animals in the Old Testament, but living sacrifices, living in and for the One Who loved them and gave Himself for them.

Instead of "doing you," Christians are called to "do Jesus."

WORSHIP FOLDER TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 16

I Believe in the Holy Spirit August 22 & 23, 2020

As We Gather

God's people have gifts that are signs of His loving presence and demonstrations of His gracious power. In a sermon preached in 1538, Martin Luther observed, "Whoever comes to faith can only say that the Holy Spirit comes when and where and to whom He pleases at the time He pleases. He comes when and where He pleases and also gives a person as many gifts as He pleases" (WLS § 2057). As people in whom the Spirit dwells, we have the joy of discovering special gifts of God in one another and in ourselves as well. May that mutual discovering and celebrating be truly God pleasing in every way!

Order of Divine Service IV LSB 203

Opening Hymn "Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid" LSB500

- Creator Spirit, by whose aid
 The world's foundations first were laid,
 Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
 Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
 From sin and sorrow set us free;
 May we Your living temples be.
- O Source of uncreated light,
 The bearer of God's gracious might,
 Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,
 Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;
 Your sacred, healing message bring
 To sanctify us as we sing.
- Giver of grace, descend from high;

Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply; Help us eternal truths receive And practice all that we believe; Give us Yourself that we may see The glory of the Trinity.

4 Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend the almighty Father's name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

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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 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.

Where does God the Father gather His Children?

Introit Psalm 2:6–7; Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 115:18

P But we will bless the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

C As for Me, I have set My King

on Zion, My holy hill.

P I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to Me, "You are My Son; today I have begotten You,"

C Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

P For great is His steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!

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 But we will bless the Lord

from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

Why should all people praise the Lord?

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 seasonable 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

- 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 God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life in our lives?

¹"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

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

Psalm Psalm 138

- P I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;
- I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.
- P On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.
- C All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
- P For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar
 - Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.
- C The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.
 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 has God done that we give Him thanks?

Epistle Romans 11:33—12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober

judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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

What is available to us to use in giving thanks to God for His grace and mercy?

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 Matthew 16:13–20

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

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

Who do you say is Jesus?

Highlight all the phrases describe how we can give thanks to our God and Savior.

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.

Hymn of the Day"Built on the Rock" LSB 645

- Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
 Even when steeples are falling.
 Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
 Bells still are chiming and calling,
 Calling the young and old to rest,
 But above all the souls distressed,
 Longing for rest everlasting.
- 2 Surely in temples made with hands
 God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
 High above earth His temple stands,
 All earthly temples excelling.
 Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
 Chooses to live with us in love,
 Making our bodies His temple.
- We are God's house of living stones,
 Built for His own habitation.
 He through baptismal grace us owns
 Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
 Were we but two His name to tell,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 With all His grace and His favor.
- 4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
 Telling how God has received us.
 The_altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
 And what His Supper here gives us.

Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same, And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know My own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

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Sermon "Giving Thanks With the Body"

Romans 11:33—12:8

Introduction:

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ has saved our lives. We would have perished in this physical body, that is, if Christ had not come in flesh and blood to die in our place. His death and resurrection has won for us the forgiveness of sin and life everlasting. He has made it possible for us to someday see Him face to face, He being in flesh and blood and we being in flesh and blood.

What Christ has done for us is clearly described in the meaning of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.

"He has redeemed me a lost and condemned creature,

Purchased and won me from sin, death and the power of devil. Not with gold or silver but with His holy precious blood and His bitter suffering and death.

That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness."

And this is the point of today's message. Christ Jesus has made it possible for us to give Him thanks with the body.

I. A life of thanksgiving

This is a great blessing for us. We by the power of the Holy Spirit through the Word know the grace of God. We know the deep mystery of God's love for us. It was His will that He sacrifice His Son on our behalf. He led His Son to the cross to make the payment for our sin. He has raised Him from the dead so that we may have life everlasting. This is the gift He has given us.

He has opened out eyes and understanding to know that there is nothing required of us to earn our salvation. There is nothing that we could do with our bodies, our mouths and our minds that could save us from the punishment of our sin. He has prepared this gift of salvation for us.

Yet, our faith in Christ moves us to want to serve. We are frustrated by our sinful nature and the opposition that our flesh puts up against serving God. But, thank be to God that Christ has made it possible for us to now serve our God with our bodies.

The frustration remains because of the flesh's desire to comfort to the sin of the world. But the Holy Spirit works against the flesh and moves us in faith to offer to God our thanks by doing His will. And here again is a mystery that has been revealed to us. God accepts our works as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to Him.

The Old Testament Israelite brought grain and animals to the temple to offer as a thank you to God for the atonement of sin. They traveled to the temple to thank God for the forgiveness of sin and for saving them.

Now that Christ has made atonement for sin with His one and only death, we no longer have to travel to a temple or special location to offer up grain or animals in thanksgiving. Wherever we go, we can daily offer thanksgiving by serving God and others. The simple act of giving a glass of water to a child to the laying down our own lives for Christ is received by God as a grand gesture of thanksgiving. This makes our whole life a continuous "thank you" to God for what He has done for us.

II. A part of the Body of Christ

And this thanksgiving is seen also in the Church, the Body of Christ. Not only does this grace of God affect us individually but also corporately as a Church. The gifts and talents that God has bestowed upon us all can be used in the work of the Church to further the kingdom of God.

As Paul clearly states:

⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Each and every Christian is important in the Body of Christ. No one is greater. No one is insignificant. The grace God has poured on us all has made us equally important to the Church in the eyes of God.

Conclusion:

For some of us, there lies a danger in this matter. Because we have lived our whole lives in the grace of God we forget what it meant for God to make it possible for us to live for Him. Thank be to God that He gently reminds us of this great gift.

The greater danger is that we forget how precious a gift it is to serve God in righteousness, innocence and blessedness. We are constantly being tempted to see serving God as nothing that grand or important. We pray that God would protect our hearts and lives from such indifference to Him. We pray that He would forgive us for shallow thankfulness and move us to joyfully and daily offer Him ourselves as living sacrifices.

T AMEN T

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,
- P We pray for the Church, that God's people live confidently and share joyfully the message of salvation in word and deed. And we pray for this gathering of God's holy people, that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.
- C The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- P We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also 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 known and unknown to us. Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.
- C If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. . . . As we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- P Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven. 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.

Hymns

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" LSB 761

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in Thee;
 Let the water and the blood,
 From Thy riven side which flowed,
 Be of sin the double cure:
 Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2 Not the labors of my hands
 Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
 Could my zeal no respite know,
 Could my tears forever flow,
 All for sin could not atone;
 Thou must save, and Thou alone.
- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling. Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.
- While I draw this fleeting breath,
 When mine eyelids close in death,
 When I soar to worlds unknown,
 See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in Thee.

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"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628

- 1 Your table I approach;
 Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
 Let not an unrepentant heart
 Prove hurtful to me there.
- Lord, I confess my sins
 And mourn their wretched bands;
 A contrite heart is sure to find

Forgiveness at Your hands.

- 3 Your body and Your blood,
 Once slain and shed for me,
 Are taken at Your table, Lord,
 In blest reality.
- Search not how this takes place,
 This wondrous mystery;
 God can accomplish vastly more
 Than what we think could be.
- O grant, most blessèd Lord,
 That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

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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.

Closing Hymn "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwellingz" LSB 650

1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling

In the holiest realms of light;

Holy Spirit, ever brooding

O'er a world of gloom and night;

Holy Spirit, ever raising

Those of earth to thrones on high;

Living, life-imparting Spirit,

You we praise and magnify.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living

As the Church's very life;

Holy Spirit, ever striving

Through us in a ceaseless strife;

Holy Spirit, ever forming

In the Church the mind of Christ:

You we praise with endless worship

For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working

Through the Church's ministry;

Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,

Setting captive sinners free;

Holy Spirit, ever binding

Age to age and soul to soul

In communion never ending,

You we worship and extol.

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Coloring Page

Peter confesses Jesus is the Son of God

