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Saturday: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;

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

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

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

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

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

If you know of anyone becoming shut in especially during the winter months that are not receiving this Email, contact the church office and we can place their names on the weekly mailing.

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: **Mercy***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adults/parents

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

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

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

Contact the church office if you have any questions.

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

WORSHIP FOLDER
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 25
Seeing Discipleship
October 23 & 24, 2021

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord.

+ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** +

OPENING HYMN LSB 915 *“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”*

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.
- 2 Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav’n.
- 3 Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav’nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father’s home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,



What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

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

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

C **Amen.**

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins

C **Amen.**

What does mercy mean and how does God show it to us?

+ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** +

INTROIT *Psalm 131; antiphon: Psalm 130:1–2*

C **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 O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;

I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.

O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

**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.**

**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!**

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When we cry for mercy, we want God to this?

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.

THIS IS THE FEAST *LSB 155*

**C This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of
God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

What can we do when God shows mercy to us?

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

⁷ Thus says the LORD:

“Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
‘O LORD, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.’

⁸ Behold, I will bring them from the north country
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹ With weeping they shall come,
and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,
I will make them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,
for I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

What will God do for those who cry for mercy?

PSALM *Psalm 126; antiphon: v. 5*

P When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**C Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

P then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

**C Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like streams in the Negeb!**

P Those who sow in tears
shall reap with shouts of joy!

**C He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.
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**

EPISTLE *Hebrews 7:23–28*

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

How long will God’s mercy last?

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *LSB 156*

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

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:46–52*

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have

mercy on me!”⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.”⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.”⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

How did Jesus show mercy?

Highlight (underline) words and phrases throughout this service that describe the mercy of God.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 750 *“If Thou But Trust In God To Guide Thee”*

- 1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee
And hope in Him through all thy ways,
He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee,
And bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.
- 2 What can these anxious cares avail thee,
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
What can it help if thou bewail thee
O'er each dark moment as it flies?
Our cross and trials do but press
The heavier for our bitterness.
- 3 Be patient and await His leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content
To take whate'er thy Father's pleasure
And His discerning love hath sent,
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.
- 4 God knows full well when times of gladness
Shall be the needful thing for thee.
When He has tried thy soul with sadness
And from all guile has found thee free,
He comes to thee all unaware
And makes thee own His loving care.

- 5 Nor think amid the fiery trial
 That God hath cast thee off unheard,
 That he whose hopes meet no denial
 Must surely be of God preferred.
 Time passes and much change doth bring
 And sets a bound to ev'rything.
- 6 All are alike before the Highest;
 'Tis easy for our God, we know,
 To raise thee up, though low thou liest,
 To make the rich man poor and low.
 True wonders still by Him are wrought
 Who setteth up and brings to naught.
- 7 Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,
 Perform thy duties faithfully,
 And trust His Word; though undeserving,
 Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
 God never yet forsook in need
 The soul that trusted Him indeed.

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PRAYER BEFORE HEARING THE WORD

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

SERMON *“Our God Given Faith in Christ” Mark 10:46–52*

Introduction:

Can you list the characteristics of God? Try to define characteristics to a young person. I usually answer it this way. “How would you describe a person not using words that describe how they look? Now do that for God.” How would you describe God?

The catechism lists twelve characteristics. He is all knowing, all powerful, everywhere present at all times, kind, loving, graciously, holy, just, forgiving, compassionate, long suffering and faithful.

How important is it to be able to quickly list these characteristics? Maybe not as important as to know the characteristics of God. This is to what our faith clings when we confess to believe in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I. Know Christ

Take for instance the account before us. Blind Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is near. He cries out, "Son of David, have mercy on me." What moved him to cry out? Definitely he wanted to see again. We could suspect that he had heard about this miracle worker, Jesus. But Jesus' own words tell us that it was his faith that moved him to cry out.

His cry, "Son of David, have mercy on me," reveals his faith in Jesus. He declares him to be the Messiah. The people knew that the Messiah would come from the house of David. Using this title, Bartimaeus expresses his faith in knowing that Jesus is the promised Messiah.

His words, "Have mercy on me," reveals that he knew the characteristics that this Messiah would possess. He knew that Jesus was compassionate. He had heard of the miracles Jesus had performed. He knew that Jesus had the power to heal. He had heard of the various miracles Jesus had performed. He knew that God shows mercy. He would have learned this through the sacrificial system of the temple. God forgives sins. He knew God has the power to heal because the prophets of old raised the dead and God had worked miracles through them.

His faith in God is revealed through his cry for help just as ours is revealed in the same fashion. We cry to God for help for we know and believe that He will forgive sins. This we know through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We know that He has compassion for us. This we know because the Word of God states that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. We know He has the power to deliver us for He created this world and everything in it. We know Him to be gracious because we come to Him as humbled sinners seeking His grace and He gives it to us freely.

It is a good exercise to begin your prayers to God listing the characteristics that you are calling upon that dwell within Him. Don't get bogged down on this. For in the time of extreme chaos or emergency we don't always know what to say or even ask. But the Holy Spirit speaks on behalf the prayers that need to ascend to the Father at that time.

II. Know that Christ will Answer

We see in this account that the people tried to hush Bartimaeus. He would have nothing to do with this. He cried out even louder. Such is the faith God gives. It moves us to be insistent even when the world tries to silent us. The world cries out there is no God. Our flesh tells us that we are on our own. Satan whispers, "God will not listen to such a sinner."

Yet, our faith moves us to cry out because we know that God will hear us and answer our prayers. Notice what Jesus says, "Call him." He hears and says to those around Him< "Tell him to come." Jesus hears our prayers and says, "Come. I will have an audience with you. Come into my presence and tell me what you want and need."

Bartimaeus throws off his cloak and goes. Faith compels us to do the same. The invitation is given by Christ. We respond in faith speaking our wants and needs to Him, our concerns and troubles, even our sins we place before Him. We know He can and will do for us what is best for us and will lead us to follow Him all our days.

Conclusion:

Jesus says, “Your faith has made you well. Go your way.” Immediately Bartimaeus receives his sight and he follows Jesus.

God does immediately answer our prayers. He does not put us on hold. He does not say, “I will consider this later.” He answers immediately, Yes, No or wait. Knowing and believing this we continue to go to Him, call upon Him in the day of trouble, prayer without ceasing. Not because we are well disciplined in the art of prayer but because the faith God has given us continues to move us to do so. We know our God and He knows us and therefore we cry out Him, “Son of David, have mercy on me, have mercy on us all.”

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PRAYER AFTER HEARING THE WORD

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

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 everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Gracious and merciful God, we give You thanks that You have restored our spiritual sight in the salvation You have given to the whole world through the blessed and glorious death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to fix our eyes continually upon Him as He comes to us here in the preaching of Your Holy Word and the faithful administration of Your Holy Sacraments. Enable us to follow Him in the way that leads to the eternal vision of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Guide and defend Your whole Church. Bless [name], our synodical president, and [name], our district president. Grant wisdom and grace to all pastors, and send the light of Your truth into all the earth that many may come to receive Your grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Today we thank You especially for Lutheran Braille Workers, who serve those with vision impairments with religious and spiritual materials. Bless the many volunteers in their service to blind and low-vision people worldwide. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Preserve our nation in justice and honor that we lead a peaceable life with integrity. Grant health and favor to all who bear the offices of government in our land. Help them to serve all people according to Your holy will. Guard and protect also all who serve in the armed forces of our country, [*especially . . .*]. Grant them faithfulness and success in their service, and grant that their homecomings be joyful. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P By Your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Be with those also who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near, [*especially . . .*]. Sustain and bless all who care for those that suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . .*]. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN LSB 785 “We Praise You, O God” sts. 1, 3

1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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LORD'S PRAYER

- C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

HYMN LSB 610 *"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"*

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin;
From worldly passions set me free
And make me pure within.
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be
And taste Your promised rest.
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery,
O be my health and life!
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out Your chosen way.

- 5 Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past,
I may the_ternal brightness see
And share Your joy at last.

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HYMN LSB 812 *“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”*

- 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.
- 2 “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
“To be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,
“For He was slain for us!”
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever Thine.
- 4 Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits upon the throne
And to adore the Lamb.

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HYMN LSB 841 *“O Son Of God, In Galilee”*

- 1 O Son of God, in Galilee
You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see;
O blessèd Lord, be near.
- 2 O listen to the silent prayer
Of Your afflicted ones.
O bid them cast on You their care;
Your grace to them make known.
- 3 The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear
You can restore, O Lord;
Your “Ephphatha,” O Savior dear,
Can instant help afford.
- 4 Meanwhile to them the list’ning ear
Of steadfast faith impart,

And let Your Word bring light and cheer
To ev'ry troubled heart.

- 5 Then in Your promised happy land
Each loss will prove a gain;
All myst'ries we shall understand,
For You will make them plain.

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THANK THE LORD *LSB 164*

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

BENEDICTION *LSB 166*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN LSB 814 *"O Bless The Lord, My Soul"*

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!
- 3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.
- 4 He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.
- 5 He fills the poor with good;
He gives the suff'ers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.

6 His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.

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PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

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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