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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: vineyard/harvest

[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.

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 22 – October 4, 2020

You are only as good as your last performance. So we are taught to think by a world whose motto often seems to be, “What have you done for me LATELY?”

Our society presents itself as extremely laid-back, accepting of virtually anything. In many ways, it is. Still, it tends to take a dim view when others do not do all they can to express themselves . . . in ways that society finds acceptable, that is. Society goes so far as to tell people to engage in such self-expression not to please anyone else, but strictly for themselves.

This can become a crushing burden. You must fashion an identity for yourself. Make sure it is genuine, not something you are merely copying from someone. Then at all times live it, and live up to it.

In the end, this kind of project takes people nowhere. Really, no one can rest with saying, “I don’t care what anyone else thinks.” For you really do care.

What we all need is an approving word from outside ourselves, from someone who loves us. We need an approving word from One Whose judgment upon us matters supremely, regardless of any failings of ours or any feelings of others.

In a Bible passage to be read at our church this Sunday, St. Paul wrote that “whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of

the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” Paul wanted to be “found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith” (Philippians 3:7-9).

A book title said it all: not “self-esteem” but “Christ-esteem”!

WORSHIP FOLDER
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 22
In the Vineyard of the Lord
October 3 & 4, 2020

As We Gather

The vineyard is frequently used in Scripture to denote a special place in God’s creation. To have a vineyard and enjoy its fruit is a blessing. When the prophet Isaiah speaks of the goodness of the Lord, he says that God’s favored people “shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit” (Isaiah 65:21). Vineyards were planted with a fruitful harvest in mind. We are the Lord’s planting, and we eagerly await our harvest home.



Order of Divine Service *LSB 151*

Opening Hymn “*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*” **LSB 892**

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
 Raise the song of harvest home.
 All be safely gathered in
 Ere the winter storms begin;
 God, our maker, doth provide
 For our wants to be supplied.
 Come to God’s own temple, come;
 Raise the song of harvest home.

- 2 All the world is God’s own field,
 Fruit unto His praise to yield;
 Wheat and tares together sown,
 Unto joy or sorrow grown.
 First the blade and then the ear,
 Then the full corn shall appear.
 Lord of harvest, grant that we
 Wholesome grain and pure may be.

- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come

And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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Opening Sentences Psalm 80:1, 14–15, 7

- P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!
C **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**
P Turn again, O God of hosts!
C **Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted.**
P Restore us, O God of hosts;
C **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

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 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 +

Introit

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

C **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**

P This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

C **This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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 give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

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.
Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him.
Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your
salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting;
and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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

Psalm

- P ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- C ⁸**You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**
- P ⁹You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
- C ¹⁰**The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.**
- P ¹¹It sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.
- C ¹²**Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

P ¹³The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.

C ¹⁴**Turn again, O God of hosts!**
Look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,

P ¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

C ¹⁶**They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;**
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

P ¹⁷But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

C ¹⁸**Then we shall not turn back from you;**
give us life, and we will call upon your name!

P ¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Epistle Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

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 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to

get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?” ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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

Hymn of the Day “O Love, How Deep” *LSB 544*

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals’ sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here

To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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Sermon *"Any Means to Attain the Resurrection from the Dead" Philippians 3:4b-14*

Introduction:

We say that there is nothing more certain in life than death and taxes. Well there is. The resurrection of all the dead will most certainly take place. Everyone who has died from Adam and Eve till now, except for Enoch and Elijah who did not die but were taken straight up to heaven physically, will most certainly be raised from the dead. And if Christ doesn't return in our lifetime, we, too, we will die and rise again. This is most certainly true.

So, what makes us, Christians, so eager for this day?

I. Is it by confidence in the flesh?

Is it that we have been such good Christians? We are in church. We are hearing the Word of God? Those not able to be here with us are listening to the video we put out on Facebook or other Christian broadcasts. They may even be studying the message we post on Facebook.

We have been baptized. Many of us attended Sunday School, parochial school, midweek or Saturday School, have been confirmed, have routinely received Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. We have been good people. We have been good to others. And when we haven't, we have repented and asked for God's forgiveness.

Many have served the church by being on boards and committees, participated in Bible studies and service groups. We have shared our talents, our time and our treasures. We have been humble in doing all these things.

Yet, we do not put our trust in these things when we ponder standing before our heavenly Father on the day of the resurrection of all flesh. We do not mention them. We treat all this as nothing. In fact, we treat them as rubbish, something to be thrown away because they are of no use to us when it comes to standing before the Judge on the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

II. Or is it Christ Who has made us His own.

Our confidence and joy in looking forward to resurrection of all flesh lies in Christ and what He has done. It is His resurrection from the dead that makes it possible for us to rise from the dead.

It is because He has made us His own that give us the assurance that we will rise to life everlasting. He has made us children of God by giving us the Holy Spirit, creating faith in our hearts, forgiving us our sins and cleansing us of all unrighteousness.

This gift becomes so precious to us that we would do anything to attain to the resurrection of the dead. If it were up to us we would sacrifice all that we have, serve everyone in sight, worship our Lord daily and obey every command that He gave. We would work diligently to make this gift our own.

Paul says that he would strive for perfection for that is what is required of all who stand before the Father on the last day. He is confident that he will stand before the Father perfect and holy. But he points out that this confidence does mean he is already perfect and holy. It is something he strives for and has not attained. But, he is confident that he will be perfect and holy on the day he rises from the dead. Not because of what he accomplished, but what Christ has done for him and for us all.

It is why you and I can be confident about the day of the resurrection of all flesh. It is a glorious day for us and for all fellow believers in Christ. It is a day we need not worry about as we keep our eyes on Christ who is our resurrection and our life.

Conclusion:

Yes, taxes and death are for certain. So more certain is the day of the resurrection of all flesh. God grant us a continued confidence in His Son's resurrection that we may always find peace and hope in the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting.

T AMEN T

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

For the whole Christian community around the world that, as people united in faith, we are emboldened to witness to the good news that is ours in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all nations of the earth, that there be times of peace; for our own nation that it would seek to bring that which is good and God-pleasing; and for our own communities and neighborhoods, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For faithfulness to carry out our callings with faithfulness, living each day with hope and confidence as we await the time of the great and glorious final harvest, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the needs that are specially known to us at this time, including health and family concerns, situations of disability or bereavement, and the changes that are part of human life, [*especially . . .*]. With assurance that our petitions are heard, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P With thanks to You for all those who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and who serve to inspire us in our times, we bless You, abiding Lord. Confident that

our prayers and petitions are heard and that all which is best for us is done according to His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

Hymns

‘Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise’ *LSB 680*

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes
Thine the table we the guest

Thine the mercy all from Thee
Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing
Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night
No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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“My Song Is Love Unknown” **LSB 430**

1 My song is love unknown,
My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

2 He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day

Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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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.**

Closing Sentences Psalm 31:1, 3, 14–15a, 23a–24

- P In You, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!
- C **For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me;**
- P But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand.
- C **Love the Lord, all you His saints! The Lord preserves the faithful. Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!**

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.**

Closing Hymn "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate" *LSB 540*

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,
Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father,
Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,
Light and life You bring to all;
Light our path with Your own presence,
Grant us grace to heed Your call.
- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant
From the stump of Jesse's tree;
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches
To bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into You, O Savior;
Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard

Till eternal life we gain.

- 4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,
Watching all Your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,
Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;
Let us hear Your voice alone.
- 5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.
- 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

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