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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 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: Love*

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

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: [www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org](http://www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org)

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**

Starting after Labor Day, TLC will be offering afterschool catechizing classes as we have done so in the past. This year the class hour will be cut down to 45 minutes, 3:30 -4:15. Masks, hand washing or sanitizing, and safe distancing practices will be in place. For those who would rather do remote learning, arrangements can be made. The following schedule is being offered:

Monday: 3:30-4:15 High School Bible Study

Tuesday: 3:30-4:15 Jesus Company – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders

Wednesday: 3:30-4:15 Confirmation Class -7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Thursday: 3:30-4:15 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Catechizing class

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**

*In preparation for Proper 12 – July 26, 2020*

Grace couldn't stand going to school anymore. Her best friend had deserted her, and now Grace could only feel anger toward her. Grace could not help feeling that the rift between them would never be bridged.

An even more menacing rift used to stand between us and God. We created this chasm by walking contrary to God's ways, failing to fear and love and trust Him. Never could we mend or cross it.

The Bible's primary teaching is about how Jesus came into the world to die for all the sins that created this chasm, so that He might seal the rift between God and human beings forever. Because of the work and the love of God made manifest in Jesus, there is now no condemnation for His children.

Those who call on Jesus' name by the power of the Holy Spirit have been brought back into the fold. The Bible promises that nothing can separate them from His love, now that the rift has been sealed (Romans 8:38-39).

As forgiven and redeemed children of God, Christians are called to proclaim God's forgiveness. The Lord also empowers His people to forgive those who have wronged them and to be reconciled to them, just as He has forgiven all of their sins and reconciled them to Himself.

The Bible boldly states: “If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31). In Christ, all enemies have been defeated. Reconciliation has been won. And God gives the church the privilege of spreading this reconciliation with all people.

If God sealed up the insurmountable rift between Himself and mankind, surely with His help we can seal up the rifts in our lives with those around us!

You can hear more about this reconciling God this Sunday in our church service.

## WORSHIP FOLDER

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 12

Hidden Treasure

July 25 & 26, 2020

### As We Gather

Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God’s own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.



### **Order Of Divine Service IV LSB 203**

+ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION +

### Opening Hymn “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” LSB 743

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure,  
Fount of purest pleasure,  
Truest friend to me,  
Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish,  
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
Thou art mine,  
O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;  
Naught I ask beside Thee.
  
- 2 In Thine arms I rest me;

Foes who would molest me  
Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,  
Ev'ry heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash  
And thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.

3 Satan, I defy thee;  
Death, I now decry thee;  
Fear, I bid thee cease.  
World, thou shalt not harm me  
Nor thy threats alarm me  
While I sing of peace.  
God's great pow'r  
Guards ev'ry hour;  
Earth and all its depths adore Him,  
Silent bow before Him.

4 Hence, all earthly treasure!  
Jesus is my pleasure,  
Jesus is my choice.  
Hence, all empty glory!  
Naught to me thy story  
Told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss,  
Or shame or cross,  
Shall not from my Savior move me  
Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
Thou canst not deceive me,  
Thine appeal is vain.  
Sin that once did blind me,  
Get thee far behind me,  
Come not forth again.  
Past thy hour,  
O pride and pow'r;  
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
For the Lord of gladness,

Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father,  
Though the storms may gather,  
Still have peace within.  
Yea, whate'er  
I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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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.**

*When and how much does God forgive us our sins?  
And what does it tell about how much God loves  
you?*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1

C Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!  
Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!  
**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.**  
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

*What does this Psalm teach us to do to thank God  
for all that He has done for us?*

**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*

**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.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*We ask God to give us an increase in what so that we may love Him more and love what He commands?*

**Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 7:6–9**

<sup>6</sup>“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

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

*What did God chose us to be in His sight?*

**Psalm**

C **<sup>1</sup>Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.  
<sup>2</sup>As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the LORD surrounds his people,  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
<sup>3</sup>For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
lest the righteous stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.  
<sup>4</sup>Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts!  
<sup>5</sup>But those who turn aside to their crooked ways  
the LORD will lead away with evildoers!  
Peace be upon Israel!**

*What do we ask God to do?*

**Epistle Romans 8:28–39**

<sup>28</sup>We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for

us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

*What can stop God's love from reaching us?*

### **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 13:44–52**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup>who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup>When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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

*According to the Gospel lesson, what treasure is greater than being a Child of God, forgiven of all our sins, eternal life in heaven and being saved by Jesus Christ?*

*Highlight or underline any words or phrases that describe the love God has for us.*

## 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 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" *LSB 651*

- 1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,  
The place of Your abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood.
- 2 Beyond my highest joy  
I prize its heav'nly ways,  
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,

Its hymns of love and praise.

- 3 I love Your Church, O God,  
Your saints in ev'ry land,  
Dear as the apple of Your eye  
And graven on Your hand.
- 4 For them my tears shall fall;  
For them my prayers ascend;  
For them my cares and toils be giv'n  
Till toils and cares shall end.
- 5 Sure as Your truth shall last,  
To Zion shall be giv'n  
The brightest glories earth can yield  
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

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### **SERMON** *"Know Who Loved Us"*

Romans 8:28–39

#### Introduction:

Another characteristic of Christianity is that of knowing the attitude of God toward us. The world freely declares that God loves us. We know God loves us because He declares it and has shown it. This is seen in the familiar Bible verse, "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." Our text today goes into more details of how God has shown us His love.

#### I. He justifies us

He works all things to the good for those who love and keep His commandments. Now who would do this over and over, that is, rescue someone? There may be the parent who continues to bail out their children time and time again. There may be the parent who tries to keep anything evil or harmful from touching their children's lives. We may all have the attitude that if we could we would make life better for those whom we love. But we can't.

God can and does. He is able to work all things to our good. Even during this pandemic we are facing. What good can come of it? We don't know or we are not able to fathom all the good God can do with a disease like COVID-19. Yet, He will show His love to us. He has promised. I can't begin to mention what good there may come from this epidemic. I, too, am limited in being able to perceive what good God is doing.

I am a poor miserable sinner like you. None of us are able to see the grace of God in these

matters. We are more likely to feel condemned and under the punishment of God. Our sins are ever before us. We even confess that we are poor and condemned creatures. We find nothing in of ourselves that would cause God to love us and work things to our good.

But here again we see the love of God at work. He does not condemn us. He sent His Son Jesus to be condemned in our place. No one asked the Father to do this. From eternity, He planned to do this for us. He has known us from all eternity. He called us to be His children before the world was created. He is not about to condemn us now. And He is not going let Satan, the world or even we, ourselves, condemn us.

Christ has come. He has paid for our sins. He has washed us clean with His blood. He has given us the Holy Spirit who has created a faith in Christ within our hearts. God has done so much for us so that we may know His love and live under Him in His grace.

## II. He overcomes what stops our love for him.

The fact is the problem isn't with God's love reaching us. We are faced with stumbling blocks in our lives that constantly attempt to convince us that God does not love us nor do we love Him.

I mentioned above the pandemic and our own sin. These are present day hurdles that trip us up. We are tempted to think God must not love us if He allows such a terrible disease to exist. Suffering and death argues against a God who shows love. We at times are not able to overcome these obstacles and remain convinced that God loves us or that we love God. If we loved God we wouldn't question Him. We wouldn't doubt His Word. We would always feel safe in His arms and never fear anything on this earth.

But we do. The smallest thing and even the biggest obstacles in life can trip us up. As the parable of the "Sower and the Seed" points, out worldly matters and persecution can choke the faith right out of us.

This is why we do not look at ourselves to see if God loves us or we are able to love God. We look to God and see if anything in this world can stop Him from loving us. And the answer is a resounding, No!

Paul by the leading of the Holy Spirit so eloquently puts it. *"<sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

When this life throws everything at us to convince us that we are not loved by God, nor that His love can reach us, Christ comes crashing through to our heart via His Word and His Body and Blood. He comes to us as to say, "See, I have reached your heart again. I am present and one with you. See, nothing has stopped me from bringing and implanting my love in your heart.

For, Lo, I am with you always till the end of time.”

Conclusion:

The reality of God’s love for us lies in the person of Christ. His life, death and resurrection are proof of His love for us. His presence in our hearts and the fact that we are united with Christ in His death and resurrection shows that nothing has stopped Him from making us Children of God. And the promise that He will work all things to our good truly does comfort and strengthen us. God loves us. Nothing can stop it from reaching our hearts.

These words from the Book of Romans should be memorized and held dear within our hearts. For, this is the promise of God, “Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.”

T AMEN T

**Prayer of the Church**

P Lord of mercy, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Almighty God, Your love once created all things and set apart a people of Your promise. Grant to us faith that we believe Your Word, heed the call of Your love, and find peace in Your gift of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Father, Your love is our great treasure and Your kingdom Your gift. Grant that we with bold voice make known Your salvation to all the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, You established Your Church and endowed her with Your Word and Your Sacraments. Bless all pastors and missionaries as they serve us in Your name with Your gifts and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Mighty God, You have set over us leaders who exercise the authority of the state for our protection against enemies and for justice against evildoers. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate God, Your Son was wounded for our transgressions, and in His wounds are healing and strength. Hear us on behalf of all the sick, those who suffer, the grieving, and the dying, [*especially* . . .]. Grant them all that is needed to support them in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of grace, You have given to us the gift of work and the privilege of using the fruits of our labors for the support of our families and ourselves. Give us a generous heart that we give aid to the poor and honor to You with the worship of our hearts and the tithes and offerings of our hands. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Father, Your Son has set His Table before us and offers to us His flesh as our food and His blood as our drink. Give us hearts of faith and fill us with repentance that what we receive from Him we keep faithfully until that day when we join all Your saints to rejoice in Your presence on high. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*Local concerns may be added here.*

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

C **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

“Be Still, My Soul” *LSB* 752

1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;

In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2 Be still, my soul; your God will undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

3 Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart  
And all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay  
From His own fullness all He takes away.

4 Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

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**“O God, My Faithful God” *LSB 696***

1 O God, my faithful God,  
True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is,  
All perfect gifts bestowing:  
Give me a healthy frame,  
And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame,  
A soul unstained by sin.

2 Grant me the strength to do  
With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command,  
My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should  
While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good,  
For You must give success.

- 3       Keep me from saying words  
          That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech  
          May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place  
          I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace  
          Lest I offend the weak.
- 4       Lord, let me win my foes  
          With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends  
          For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as You have taught,  
          To love both great and small  
And by Your Spirit's might  
          To live in peace with all.
- 5       Let me depart this life  
          Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul  
          That it may live forever;  
And let my body have  
          A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave;  
          And let it sleep in peace.
- 6       And on that final day  
          When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
          My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice,  
          Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice  
          With those who love Your name.

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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.**

**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** “The Church's One Foundation” *LSB 644*

1 The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

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