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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. With the COVID vaccine now being administered, our attendance is increasing. If you have not yet gathered with us for worship, let me know when you will and are able to return.

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: **Vine/Branches***

*[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. 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](http://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 exercise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use “Text Box” that is a good way to do it. You may also go to “References” and use “Foot Note” to record your thoughts or insight.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

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

### WORSHIP FOLDER FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Growing in Grace May 1 & 2, 2021

#### As We Gather

The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ’s vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.



#### Order of Divine Service *LSB 151*

#### Opening Sentences Psalm 34:8; 104:24, 31; 147:11

P The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,  
C **in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

P Taste and see that the LORD is good!  
C **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

P O LORD, how manifold are Your works!  
C **In wisdom have You made them all.**

P May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**C may the LORD rejoice in His works.**

*“Steadfast” means “Unmovable and lasting a long time.” Whose love is steadfast?*

### **Confession and Absolution**

#### **Opening Hymn “Christ Is Our Cornerstone” LSB 912**

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone,  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone  
The courts of heav’n are filled.  
On His great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav’n  
The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv’n,  
Be with us evermore  
Until that day  
When all the blest  
To endless rest  
Are called away.
- 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim  
In joyful song,  
Both loud and long,  
That glorious name.

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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 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.**

*What does God do for us so that Jesus can live within us?*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

L A little while, and you will see Me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see Me.

C **I will extol You, my God and King,  
and bless Your name forever and ever.**

L Every day I will bless You  
and praise Your name forever and ever.

C **The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

L All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,  
and all Your saints shall bless You!

C **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.  
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.**

**L** A little while, and you will see Me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see Me.

*What will we do every day and why?*

**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, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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 are asking God to grant us to love and desire what?*

### **First Reading Acts 8:26–40**

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” <sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Who did Philip talk about to the Ethiopian?*

### **Psalm Psalm 150 (antiphon: v. 6)**

P <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!

- C <sup>2</sup>**Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his excellent greatness!**
- P <sup>3</sup>Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!
- C <sup>4</sup>**Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!**
- P <sup>5</sup>Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
- C <sup>6</sup>**Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD!**

*With what can we use to praise the Lord?*

**Epistle 1 John 4:1–21**

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. <sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

*From where does love come?*



**Alleluia and Verse** *LSB 156*

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

**Holy Gospel** John 15:1–8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Who is the Vine and who are the branches?*

*Highlight the words and phrases that speak about  
Jesus being the vine and we the branches.*

**Hymn of the Day** “O Blessed Spring” *LSB 595*

- 1 O blessèd spring, where Word and sign  
Embrace us into Christ the Vine:  
Here Christ enjoins each one to be  
A branch of this life-giving Tree.
- 2 Through summer heat of youthful years,  
Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,  
Sustained by Christ’s infusing rain,  
The boughs will shout for joy again.
- 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,  
When limbs their heavy harvest hold,  
Then through us, warm, the Christ will move  
With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
- 4 As winter comes, as winters must,

We breathe our last, return to dust;  
Still held in Christ, our souls take wing  
And trust the promise of the spring.

5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,  
Be praised for this blest mystery:  
That Word and water thus revive  
And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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## **Sermon** “*Abide Within Us*” *John 15:1–8*

### Introduction:

Last week we heard in the Gospel reading Jesus say, “I know My Sheep.” He knows each and everyone us personally. And today’s Gospel reading records how important this personal relationship with Christ is for each and every one of us.

### I. He in us

We are talking about a deep personal relationship, not an acquaintance, not just a friend or relative. The closest earthly example on earth is the union between a husband and a wife. As Scriptures describes this relationship as two becoming one. And even this fails due to the damage sin has caused in marital relationships.

Christ uses the word, abide. It is to dwell and remain in something. Jesus lives within us. He has chosen us, His disciples, to make us His home, His abode. This is how personal our relationship is with Christ.

He dwells in heaven with all its glory. He dwells in us, a shabby worn out structure that should be condemned and torn down. Flames should be put to this structure for there is nothing good that dwells within it.

Yet, this is the place He chooses to dwell and by doing so, we become His temple, a beautiful structure that He is proud to declare as His abode. This is what it means to have Christ dwell in us.

### II. We in Him

And in return, or better as a result of Him dwelling in us, we dwell in Him. Here Christ uses the illustration of a vine and its branches. As the word abide refers to a shelter, abiding or remaining in a vine as a branch does means life. Apart from the vine the branch dies. Remaining attached to the vine means the branch is still alive and can produce fruit. This is how we know that the branch is still alive.

So, it is with us. Without Christ, we die. We are not able to produce fruit, in this case, good works, peace, joy, love and comfort. Anything we attempt is seen as being dead, dead leaves, no blossoms, and no fruit. It is a dead branch in the sight of God and is thrown away.

But with Christ dwelling in us, we are live. And this is shown by the fruit we produce, or better still what the vine, Christ, is able to produce through us. He is able to produce good works through us. He is able to comfort us, create peace within our hearts, move us to love one another and love Him, and to have joy in remaining in Him.

#### Conclusion:

The importance of Christ in us and us in Christ is that this is our salvation. This is how Christ brings His grace and forgiveness into our hearts and into our lives. The action of eating and drinking Christ's body and blood in and with and under the bread and wine is to show us that He truly does abide in us. And by being baptized in His name, we abide in Him.

The greatest danger, more deadly than war, pestilence, plague or violence, is to be separated from our Savior. Whatever this old world can find to tempt us to separate ourselves from Christ and tempt us to go it alone, it will throw at us. This old sinful flesh will tempt us to disregard the Word of God and the Sacrament and slowly cut us off from the life giving grace of God that comes pouring through these means of grace. And Satan will whisper in our ears that Christ would never abide in such a person as you and me.

But Jesus has declared that He desires to live in us and that we are to live in Him. He will keep us attached as a vine nourishes the branches and keeps them alive. He will continue to strengthen us in our faith in Him to remain attached to Him and to bear much fruit as proof we are His disciples.

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 of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Church**

- P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.  
God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives.  
Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend *[names]*, and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done.  
Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

- P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

**Offertory** *LSB 159*

- C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**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** "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" *LSB 474*

- 1 Alleluia!  
Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

- ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way,  
Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread,  
Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain
- 3 Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain
- 4 Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
“O grave, be open!”  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain
- 5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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“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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**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 165*

**C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of  
ev'ry people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
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.**

**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 of Departure** “On What Has Now Been Sown” *LSB 921*

1 On what has now been sown  
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;

The pow'r is Thine alone  
To make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2 To Thee our wants are known,  
From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own  
And pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us,  
Now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus  
When Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.  
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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TRUE  
VINE  
AND  
MY  
FATHER  
IS  
THE  
GARDENER



John 15:1

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