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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:*

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

## **Registering for afterschool Catechizing Classes**

With public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way still offering full day classes, the afterschool catechizing classes are going to take on a new look. Remote learning without video capabilities will be offered for those who register for remote learning. Small group sessions can be 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 18 – September 6, 2020*

It was the time of year when kings went off to war. But not this king, not this time. He stayed at home. His eyes fell upon a beautiful woman in the neighborhood, and he desired her. He called for her, the deed was done, and soon she found that she was going to have a baby.

This is no plotline from some television show, but rather factual reporting straight out of the Bible. The king, David of Israel, concocted a devastatingly evil cover-up. He killed the woman’s husband, one of David’s loyal soldiers (!), so he could take this man’s wife. At the same time, David intended to hide his own sin.

Things were not so simple, though. In Psalm 32, *our psalm of the week at church service this Sunday*, David prayed, “When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me.”

Have you ever felt like this?

This psalm begins: “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity . . .” Sin rebels against God. It deviates from His will and distorts human life.

Only God has the answer for sin, forgiveness. It comes in Jesus Christ, Who died in place of sinners and rose again. David knew Jesus as the long-promised Messiah.

On account of this coming One, David was forgiven when a prophet confronted him with his sin. “I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity,” David wrote. “I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and you forgave the iniquity of my sin’.”

Forgiveness is in Jesus, for you too.

## WORSHIP FOLDER

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 18

Completely Dependent

September 5 & 6, 2020

As We Gather

“Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” Jesus’ disciples asked. Our Lord responded by welcoming a child into His midst. “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

Children are highly valued by our gracious God because they are completely dependent. On their own, they have nothing, yet they need everything. This is true for all of us in our relationship with God! On our own, we have only our sinful, broken lives and are unable to please God and fulfill His commands. Yet, in Jesus Christ, we possess everything we need! Forgiveness of sins and the guarantee of life forever with God are freely given to those who turn from their sin and receive the forgiveness earned by our crucified and risen Savior. In Jesus, we are, like children, completely dependent. We have nothing to offer, yet everything we need is ours to receive from the gracious hands of our Savior.



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

**Opening Hymn** “*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*” *LSB 902*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;  
Our hearts in true devotion bow.  
Your Spirit send with light divine,  
And let Your truth within us shine.
  
- 2 Unseal our lips to sing Your praise  
In endless hymns through all our days.  
Increase our faith and light our minds;  
And set us free from doubt that blinds.
  
- 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry,  
“O holy, holy Lord Most High!”  
And in the light of that blest place

We then shall see You face to face.

- 4 All glory to the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise throughout eternity!

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**Opening Sentences Psalm 92:1–2**

- P It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
C **to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**  
P to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,  
C **and Your faithfulness by night.**

- P The Most High God gathers us to praise His name and declare His love together!

*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. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

*What does provide for us so that we can love our neighbor as ourselves?*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

**Introit** Psalm 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

- P How great are Your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!
- C **It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;**
- P to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night,
- C **to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**
- P For You, O Lord, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.
- 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. How great are Your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!**

*What brings joy to our hearts when we think about God?*

**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.  
O God, our gracious and loving Father, we are Your dependent children. Although

we in no way deserve Your goodness, You freely offer Your grace to all who turn to You.

- C **Grant us faith to trust in Your Son, who humbled Himself for our salvation.**  
P We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

*What are we asking God to do for us?*

**Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 33:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

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

*What can we do for our neighbor?*

**Psalm Psalm 32:1-7; antiphon: v. 1**

- P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
C **Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**  
P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
C **For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**  
P I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.  
C **Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.**  
P You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.  
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.**  
**Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

*What is our greatest blessing from God?*

**Epistle Romans 13:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities

resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. <sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

*What is important for us to have in our hearts when we obey the government and fulfill the law of 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 18:1–20

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

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

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire. <sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my

Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish. <sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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

*Whom did Jesus come to save?*

*Through this Divine Service, highlight what makes us want to obey our government and love our neighbor as ourselves.*

**Hymn of the Day** “My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker” *LSB 820*

1     My soul, now praise your Maker!  
      Let all within me bless His name  
      Who makes you full partaker  
      Of mercies more than you dare claim.  
Forget Him not whose meekness  
      Still bears with all your sin,  
Who heals your ev’ry weakness,  
      Renews your life within;  
Whose grace and care are endless  
      And saved you through the past;  
Who leaves no sufferer friendless  
      But rights the wronged at last.

2     He offers all His treasure  
      Of justice, truth, and righteousness,  
His love beyond all measure,  
      His yearning pity o’er distress;  
Nor treats us as we merit  
      But sets His anger by.  
The poor and contrite spirit  
      Finds His compassion nigh;  
And high as heav’n above us,  
      As dawn from close of day,  
So far, since He has loved us,

He puts our sins away.

- 3 For as a tender father  
Has pity on his children here,  
God in His arms will gather  
All who are His in childlike fear.  
He knows how frail our powers,  
Who but from dust are made.  
We flourish like the flowers,  
And even so we fade;  
The wind but through them passes,  
And all their bloom is o'er.  
We wither like the grasses;  
Our place knows us no more.
- 4 His grace remains forever,  
And children's children yet shall prove  
That God forsakes them never  
Who in true fear shall seek His love.  
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling,  
His rule is over all;  
O hosts with might excelling,  
With praise before Him fall.  
Praise Him forever reigning,  
All you who hear His Word—  
Our life and all sustaining.  
My soul, O praise the Lord!

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### **Sermon "Dealing With Government"**

Romans 13:1–10

#### Introduction:

Dealing with authorities has become a serious issue again. As Americans, we by nature do not like to be told what to do. We desire law and order to protect us, our families, our homes, our work and our communities. We want to see those who break the law arrested or fine. We desire peace and harmony. Yet, we hate it when the government, local, state or national, dictates how we are to speak, act or what we are to wear.

Again, this is our nature, our sinful nature. We want to rule our own lives. We want to be our own gods. And this is played out so clearly for us in what is happening today. People going above the law to loot, destroy and steal. State, federal and local authorities are at odds with each

over who can make laws or regulate the speech or actions of the public. It is a mess. And it has been a mess since Adam and Eve fell into sin.

### I. As God's appointed servant

God established government, or the line of authority, because of the sinful nature of mankind. He established government to deal with those who would do evil and oppress others. He established government to be His servant, a servant who works to keep the peace.

It is the role of the government to punish the wrong doer and to maintain justice. This so that individuals do not take the law into their own hands causing harm and chaos. When chaos is present then looting, destruction and stealing is the result. People are hurt and even killed when people disavow the law of the land and the governing authorities.

And yes, governing authorities fail. They are sinful and this gets in the way. There are those who seek to be in authority only for their personal gain. They want to be king of the world. Their sinful pride blinds them to the needs and welfare of others. It is all about them.

We as Christians do not have to remain silent. We can speak to our governing authorities about the plight of others. We can speak up for the poor and the defenseless. We are not being disobedient or rebellious. We speak in love and in concern for others.

Many a Christian has suffered death at the hands of governing officials. John the Baptist lost his head when confronting the sins of the king. Many a Christian died during the great persecutions because they refused to obey the government's demands to bow down to the gods of Rome. Many a Greek Orthodox priest died during the days of Stalin's rule of Russia because they spoke out against the brutality of the government.

We face no physical danger when we speak out against the failure of our government to protect the unborn. We are ignored by some governing authorities and supported by others. Yet, we do speak out as we are allowed under our laws of freedom of speech. And we must continue to speak out against it for doing so we show and demonstrate our love for our neighbor.

### II. As love fulfills the law

And this is a key element in dealing with governing authorities. We are to go about our daily lives showing love and concern for each other. When we do acts of charity, when we speak well of each other, when we help and befriend each other, when we protect and help improve our neighbors property, when we love and honor our spouses, when we encourage each other to do faithful work, we ease the work of the governing authorities. They do not have to come in and

settle disputes. They do not have to restrain the fists of anger toward our neighbor. They do not have to use force against us. The peace the governing authorities are to maintain and promote is found among us who love our neighbor as our selves.

We do not look to governing authorities for handouts but for assistance in doing good works for our neighbor. We do not look to governing authorities to provide for our daily needs but to help us distribute what we have in helping others in need. We do not look to governing authorities for permission to help those that are in need but to help us work out the logistics in serving others.

The governing authorities do not have to command us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Christ and the Holy Spirit are working this in our hearts through the forgiveness of our own sin and the strength to push down our sinful pride.

#### Conclusion:

The government should learn well that the true believers in Christ do have a desire to obey and serve their leaders. We are not to be seen by them as enemies of the state. We will be obedient because we love God and desire to keep His commandments. We will pray for them and support them with our taxes. Yet, we will speak up to protect the unborn, the oppressed and those who have been dealt an injustice.

Again we do this because we see the hand of God in all of this. God forgive us for our rebellious nature and pride when facing authority in any matter. God strengthen our faith to love our neighbor as ourselves so that peace and harmony is maintained. And in doing so, we help our governing authorities. And God grant us good government where God fearing wisdom and concern is the bases of their service to us.

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 Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.  
For all the children of God, the Holy Christian Church, that we proclaim the salvation of Christ wherever we are and to whomever we meet, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Father, we depend on You as we share the Good News.**
- P For the living out of our vocations, that no matter our station in life or what calling we have been given, that we faithfully represent our Savior with lives of humility and faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Father, we depend on You as we serve You with our lives.**
- P For all children, that they grow daily in the wisdom of the Lord, and for all parents and those who work to care for children, that they be guided in their important service of love, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Father, we depend on You as we live as Your children.**
- P For all public servants who selflessly serve others, both those who serve locally and those in positions throughout the world, that they would entrust their lives into the protecting care of their Maker, let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Father, we depend on You for Your protection.**
- P For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, [*especially* . . .], that they with patience and faith receive the healing care You offer, let us pray to the Lord.

- C **Father, we depend on You for Your healing touch.**  
 P For these concerns and for every unspoken prayer that is on our hearts and minds,  
 that our gracious God would hear and answer us, let us pray to the Lord,  
 C **Father, we depend on You for everything. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer** *LSB 162*

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
 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**

**“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”** *LSB 622*

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
 This feast for our salvation;  
 It is Your body and Your blood,  
 And at Your invitation  
 As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
 We come to You for needed rest,  
 For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,  
 Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
 And in Your presence they behold  
 Your glory, all excelling,  
 And though Your people shall not see  
 Your glory and Your majesty  
 Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined  
 To any habitation;  
 But You are present even now

Here with Your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.

4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true;  
All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.

5 Though reason cannot understand,  
Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now  
At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be;  
Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessèd comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

**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.**

**Closing Hymn** "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go" *LSB 920*

1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
Kingship with Him His servants gain;  
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
This world of time to consecrate,  
This world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim  
Christ's truth in love that we may be  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
That in His Church all nations find  
Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
True peace, true love to all mankind.

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