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Worship:

- Saturday: 6:15 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*
- Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.
- Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

- Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*
- Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

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

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch over and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

*Word Search: **Gift/Free***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

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

Registering for afterschool Catechizing Classes

With public schools going to remote learning and Vision Way still offering full day classes, the afterschool catechizing classes are going to take on a new look. Remote learning without video capabilities will be offered for those who register for remote learning. Small group sessions can be arranged pending the students’ schedule. Once you know their schedules let me know.

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

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

Pass It On

From the office of the Central Illinois District LCMS

In preparation for Proper 25 – October 25, 2020

Sometimes you hear that no one is concerned with “justification” these days. That’s a laugh!

People yearn to justify themselves. They aspire to stand out, to make the biggest contribution. They want to show that they count.

None of this is religious, though, someone might say. I want to prove my worth within my career. Or by being an excellent parent. Or through my virtuosity in technology, or perhaps by my prowess at romance. Maybe I will justify myself as a result of zeal about politics, or even over food – or how I refrain from food. But none of this is religious. I’m just religiously devoted to . . .

So this IS about religion after all!

Whatever you trust in amounts to being your god. People have lots of idols, false gods, that will suck every ounce of energy from them and finally leave them with less than nothing. You may prove so impressive at something that a statue ends up being erected in your honor, but finally no one will care much about that statue except the pigeons.

The world needs no more false gods. It needs the true God.

People don't need any more treadmills of works by which to try justifying themselves. They need God's unmerited love, His grace.

You don't need religion. You desperately need to be declared right with God – justified!

A Bible reading for our church service this Sunday says, “. . . all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. . . . For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law” (Romans 3:23-24, 28).

Jesus died for you, then rose again. When He justifies you, who can argue?

WORSHIP FOLDER
REFORMATION DAY
Set Free
October 31, 2020
Observed: October 24 & 25, 2020

As We Gather

To the consternation of His opponents, Jesus announced that those who abide in His Word know the truth, which sets them free. And the truth, Paul points out in the Epistle, is that God has declared us justified, not guilty under His Law, because of His gracious gift of faith in Christ. That gift frees us from fearing God's righteous wrath; we are confident that the Lord of hosts is with us. Sure of His presence and protection, we need not fear the forces of nature, the conflicts of people and nations, and the wiles of the devil. Rather, in all that we think, say, and do, we are free to respond to the angelic invitation we hear today: “fear God and give Him glory . . . and worship Him who made heaven and earth” (Revelation 14:7).



Order of Divine Service *LSB 151*

Opening Hymn “The Church's One Foundation” *LSB 644 sts. 1–5*

- 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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Opening Sentences Psalm 46:1a, 2a; Romans 3:23–24a; John 8:31b–32

P God is our refuge and strength;

C **therefore we will not fear.**

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

C **and are justified by His grace as a gift.**

P If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples,

C **and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**

Invocation

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.**

Confession and Absolution Incorporating Psalm 46:4, 7, 11

P Lord of hosts,

C **hear our confession of sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes our separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from Your present help. We ask it in the name of Jesus.**

P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Because that river of grace and power has flowed over us in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, in spite of our fear, the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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. The Lord of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!**

What is the only remedy for sin?

WORD

Introit LSB 668 “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You” st.1 *LSB 668*

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,
O Christians, lest the foe destroy you;
For Satan has designed your fall.
Wield God’s Word, the weapon glorious;
Against all foes be thus victorious,
For God protects you from them all.
Fear not the hordes of hell,

Here is Emmanuel.
Hail the Savior!
The strong foes yield
To Christ, our shield,
And we, the victors, hold the field.

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Kyrie

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord of hosts, have mercy.**

P For those living in fear because of sudden disaster, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord of creation, have mercy.**

P For those living in fear because of the evil intentions of people in power, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord of lords, have mercy.**

P For those living in fear because of evil forces within the Church and oppression beyond it, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Christ, our Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

In what do we want God to keep us?

First Reading *Revelation 14:6–7*

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

How long will the Gospel last?

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

C **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

C **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
He utters his voice, the earth melts.

C **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how He has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots with fire.
“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

C **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

With God as our refuge and strength, what is there to fear?

Gradual Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a

P Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
C **that this is God, our God forever and ever.**

Epistle Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

What alone can save us?

Hymn of Response LSB 566 “By Grace I’m Saved” sts. 1-2

1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.

2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;

His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone. Public domain

Holy Gospel John 8:31–36

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

What can save us?

Highlight all the phrases that expresses salvation as a free gift of God’s grace.

Hymn of the Day LSB 656 “Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
 A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need
 That hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
 Deep guile and great might
 Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
 Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
 Of Sabaoth Lord,
 And there’s none other God;
He holds the field forever.

- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,
 All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;

They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

- 4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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Prayer for Blessing on Hearing the Word

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Sermon *"For We Hold" Romans 3:19–28*

Introduction:

The most important teaching in the world, bar none, is the doctrine of justification by grace as a free gift. No other teaching in the world is more beneficial, more comforting and more lifesaving.

Therefore it is the most attacked doctrine by the enemies of our faith. Those enemies are our sinful flesh, the fallen world and Satan. Our sinful flesh doesn't want to accept it because we want the glory and honor of our salvation. The fallen world distracts us and says, "It can be that easy." And of course, Satan constantly accuses us of taking the easy way out and that this can't be true because God must punish the sinner.

So, we once again, weekly, hear this comforting doctrine of justification by grace as a free gift.

I. Apart from the Law

All of God's Word is important and to be taken to heart. The Law of God is vital. It reveals His holiness and justice. If we were holy and perfect, the Law would show us that we are holy

and treat each other in pure justice.

But Adam and Eve sinned and we have inherited this sinful nature. The Law which reveals God's holiness now reveals to us that we are not. We are sinful and cannot escape the judgement that comes from breaking the law. That is, we cannot escape of our own doing.

We will attempt it. The unbeliever may attempt to live a good and decent life. But when measured against the holiness required to stand before God, they fall short of the glory of God, as do we when looking at ourselves.

Sinful man, the fallen world and Satan have tried to distort this Law. They proclaim that one can fulfill the law if they just give it a good try. The errors that have reached into Christianity are as follows: We can still work out our salvation by living a good enough life to pay for our sins; We can do some devotional or charitable work to cover our sins; Or, we can make ourselves holy by concentrating and disciplining ourselves to do what God commands. These errors still exist in the realm of Christianity to this day. We may be guilty of holding on to such a belief. And when we hold on to these false beliefs, we cause ourselves such agony and distress. To this, we must say, "Stop your unceasing and noisy chatter. My salvation is in the hands of a good and gracious God who has given this gift to me freely by His grace."

II. Solely by the grace of God as a gift

By the grace of God we are saved. What does this mean? It is pure and solely an act of God that makes us justified before the Father in heaven. It is the work, the good work of Christ that has saved us. It was living a holy life while in the flesh here on earth that fulfills the law for us. Satan can no longer say to God, "Your children have not kept the Law." To this the Father in heaven says, "My Son did it for them."

Satan retorts, "Your own law says, 'The wages of sin is death.'" To this the Father in heaven says, "My Son's death has paid the wages in full. And even more so, He has risen from the dead so that death cannot hold them nor have power over them."

And to us, the Father says, "Welcome into my presence. Your sin is forgiven and forgotten. You are righteous in My sight. My Son has made you just in My sight."

With these words, we are given life, peace and hope. Our salvation has been secured for us by Christ. And this is a gift from God. He does not ask of us to do any work to earn His grace and salvation. We have nothing to offer. It is an act of love on His part that moves Him to be so gracious to us all.

Conclusion:

There is no teaching in the world that can supersede the importance of this doctrine. If this teaching should be lost in the church, in the family and personally in our lives, we cause ourselves the greatest harm. God prevent and forbid this from happening.

Where this doctrine is taught in its truth and purity, the Church grows and survives all the attacks She faces. The family is held together and rejoices in knowing that death will not separate them but they will be forever together with each other in the presence of the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world. And personally, we have the peace of mind and conscience to go forth to serve God and each other with grace and Christ like love.

For the gift of our salvation, all glory and honor belongs to Jesus Christ alone.

T AMEN T

Prayer for Responding to the Hearing of the Word

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

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 Incorporating Psalm 46

P Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their varied circumstances.

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, strengthen the Church here and wherever it gathers around Your Word and celebrates the blessed Sacraments. Grant confident faith to clergy and laity, pastors in congregations and missionaries in distant lands, elders in the faith and newly baptized alike. Help us to put all our trust in Your protection and power. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Strong Creator, wherever people call out to You as the earth gives way, mountains move into the heart of the sea, and mountains tremble, hear their cries and keep them safe. Awaken courage and wisdom in those who search and rescue, those who provide physical and spiritual counsel, and those who offer long-term support of body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Holy Spirit, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, use the earthly powers that be to move the nations and their leaders to seek ways toward peace with their neighbors and stability within their borders. You, who make wars cease to the end of the earth, provide courage and compassion to all who work for peace and protection as they are deployed abroad and all who maintain concord and order within our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, stream joy and gladness to those who wait for the dawning of a new day, those dealing with long-term ills, unemployment, discrimination, unjust imprisonment, strife in their families, and the loss of loved ones, [*especially* . . .]. Assure them that You are with them, even now a very present help in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, worthy to be exalted among the nations, into Your almighty hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. Hear our prayer for the sake of Your Son, 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.

Hymns

LSB 743 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

- 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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LSB 617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

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Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

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

Benediction *LSB 166*

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

Closing Hymn LSB 922 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
 Never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
 You are My own.
 In My love's baptismal river
 I have made you Mine forever.
 Go, My children, with My blessing—
 You are My own.

2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you,
 What I can cure.
 Here you heard My dear Son's story;
 Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
 At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Closer to Me;
 Grow in love and love by serving,
 Joyful and free.
 Here My Spirit's power filled you;
 Here His tender comfort stilled you.
 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
 And give you peace;
 I the Lord will smile upon you
 And give you peace:

I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.

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Prayer for After the Worship Service

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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