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Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

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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: Child/Children

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

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.

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*]

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.

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 10 – July 12, 2020

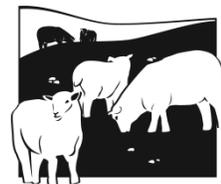
They say that one lie always leads to another. To cover the first lie, a second follows, then a third. Liars get trapped. Eventually, liars themselves yearn to wrench free of their own entangling lies. They want to be real, for a change. Yet they may think of themselves as stuck, feeling that they owe too much to all the lies they have told. You might think of God as having given humanity the gift of life with a built-in “flight plan.” People created in God’s image were to grasp God and reflect Him in their thinking, speaking, and doing. Here was life as God made it, and as He created people to live it. The tragic story of human sin is the record of people believing that they know better, grabbing the flight plan and changing it as they have seen fit – erasing some parts here, adding others there. And one lie always leads to another! After a while, the originally good but now-falsified flight plan can barely be understood anymore. It no longer points clearly to where we are going. It certainly offers no help in getting back to God. Unsatisfactory as it is, though, people can still feel trapped with it. St. Paul wrote to Christians, in words that will be read in our church service on Sunday, “we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.” People living by God-given faith in the crucified and risen Christ do not owe that old flight plan a thing anymore. “For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons . . . [to be] heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ” (Romans 8:12, 15, 17). That’s new life!

WORSHIP FOLDER

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 10
Gracious Growth, Bountiful Harvest
July 11 & 12, 2020

As We Gather

Plants in God’s good earth respond to the showers He sends, producing plants for pasture and crops for harvest. In the psalm, David says it is as if “the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.” It is all natural, and so is our producing fruit for God as His Word works through us. That God works through us sinners is all grace; if we but hear the Word and let the Spirit give us understanding, a bountiful harvest will follow. Jesus likens it to seeds producing yields of up to a hundredfold. But we are no mere plants, as Paul points out in the Epistle. Because we have been adopted by our heavenly Father, we are brothers and sisters of Christ, the children of God, calling out to Him, “Abba! Father!” Our growth in faith is indeed by the grace of God, and to Him belongs all the credit for the bountiful harvest He reaps through us.



ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE IV LSB 203

OPENING HYMN “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing” LSB 584

- 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground.
- 2 May the Spirit’s pow’r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory
Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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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.**

How did we become children of God?

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

C **The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those
who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.
The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.
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.
The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Kyrie LSB 204

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

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

Blessed Lord, since 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 we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

What do we ask God to help us do with His Word?

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

What promise does give to us as we hear His Word?

Psalm Psalm 65; antiphon: v. 5

By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed.

O You who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come.

When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.

Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!

**We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
the holiness of Your temple!**

By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

**the one who by His strength established the mountains, being girded with
might;**

who stills the roaring of the seas,

the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,

so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at Your signs.

You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it;

**the river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for so You have
prepared it.**

You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with Your bounty;
Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,

How do we know God can answer our prayers?

Epistle Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Who tells us we are Children of God?

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed

bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ

What is the seed Christ throws into our hearts?

Highlight or underline any words or phrases that shows us God declares us to be His Children.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day “Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast” *LSB 577*

- 1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
 The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
 The fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 So when the precious seed is sown,
 Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
 Its saving pow'r may know.

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Sermon “*Know Thy Self – Part II*”

Introduction:

Last week, I spoke on the freedom we have in knowing that we are by nature sinful. It sounds silly but there is freedom in knowing who we are. As I mentioned last week, our sinful flesh tries to convince us that we are not Children of God. It attempts to deceive us into thinking that because we cannot stop sinning we are rejected by God. Our sinful flesh uses this truth: God wants us to be perfect. Then our flesh twists the truth. If we are not, then God can only be angry with us. It is an attempt on the part of our sinful flesh to convince us that we are not loved by God. Therefore we are to be afraid of Him and hide.

Now, God does not encourage us to take on this struggle by ourselves. He knows that we cannot overcome our own sinfulness and the lies that are thrown at us day in and day out. He takes on the battle for us. In this way He shows to us that we are His children.

I. The Holy Spirit leads us

He has given us His Holy Spirit who takes on this battle. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to lead us to put away the deeds of the flesh. He opens our eyes to see sin within us. He uses the Word of God to teach us what sin is and what the will of God is. He holds the Law before our eyes so that our sins are revealed and are put to death.

This is why it is so important to hold on to the truth about Baptism. It was at our Baptism that God the Holy Spirit united us to the Son. Here we have the promise and the assurance that being united with Christ at His death we have died to sin. We were crucified, that is, our sinful nature. It has no power over us. The sins we possess within our flesh is put to death. We do not owe our sinful nature any obedience. We are not its slave. We have risen with Christ to live a new life in Christ.

This is what the Holy Spirit holds before our eyes to see. We are a new creature in Christ.

We are Children of God because He has made us so. Those who undermined the teaching of Baptism making it nothing more than a ceremony rob people of the peace and joy of being certain that they are a Child of God. We have such peace. We can look to our Baptism and know that here we have been made a child of God. Here we know that the Holy Spirit has been given to us. Here we know that the Spirit leads us to put to death the deeds of the flesh and to live as Children of God. He leads us to repent of our sins, cling to the forgiveness the Father so freely gives and call upon Him for the strength to do God's will here on earth as the angels do in heaven.

II. The Holy Spirit bears witness

God the Son has sent His Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we may be convinced that we are Children of God. It is His presence that makes it so. He is the One who bears witness to us that the Father has accepted us as His children. Our feelings cannot do it. Feelings are fleeting. One day we feel jovial and delight in being a Child of God. Other days our feelings are overran by guilt and shame of our sins. On those days we cannot be convinced that we are children of God because we can't retrieve that feeling of joy.

The manifestation of the flesh can't convince us either. There are days when we appear to be almost saints. We are loving, caring, gentle and self-sacrificing people. We have days when the world and the church should declare us saints and put up a statue in our honor. Then there are those days, when we would join in tearing down our own statues for the sins we have committed.

This is why we must listen to the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper. It is through these means that God the Holy Spirit work within us the strength to listen and believe the promise and Word of God. It is His work within us to bear witness that when the Father declared us to be His Children it was true and still is today.

It is the Holy Spirit who gives us the strength, wisdom and even courage to call God, "Abba, Father." It is the work of the Holy Spirit within our hearts to hold God as a dear father. Our earthly fathers may fail us, but not our Heavenly Father.

And being made Children of God, Jesus is our brother. And with Jesus as our brother, we become heirs to kingdom of God. We share in the wealth and glory that Jesus has received from the Father. And this has been done for us by the Holy Spirit when He came into our hearts through the Word and the water. His presence in our lives means the Father has adopted us as His Children.

Conclusion:

There is so much that God has done for us to convince us that we are His Children. We must always look to Him for the peace and assurance that we are His Children. It can be easily stated. "We are God's Children. He said so."

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Prayer of the Church

We use today's psalm as we pray for the Church around the world and all people in their various circumstance.

David writes, "O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come." Let us pray for those near and dear to us, [*especially . . .*], who call to God in their distress.

Heavenly Father, visit, relieve, restore, and console them in Your mercy, and use us to help meet their needs.

David writes, "When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions." Let us pray for all who are wrongly accused or imprisoned by corrupt court systems.

Lord of the nations, give them justice, clear their names, and free them; move governments to make reforms where they are needed.

And let us pray for those who have acted rashly, destroyed relationships, or run afoul of civil laws.

Lord Jesus, provide them opportunities and faithful counselors that they hear of Your mercy, repent, and repair their broken lives.

David writes, "We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple." Let us pray for the Church here and around the world.

O Holy Spirit, bless, protect, and guide Your people as they proclaim the Gospel, and invite one and all to the joys of Your mercy, forgiveness, and love.

David writes, "By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness." Let us pray for all who make, administer, and adjudicate their nation's laws and seek peace across borders, and for all who serve their communities and nations by putting themselves in harm's way.

Lord Jesus, raise up good and righteous people in positions of power, and give protection and courage to those having to make sudden decisions.

David writes, "You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it." Let us pray for all who tend the soil, transport crops, and distribute food where it is needed.

Gracious God, send rain and sun to farms, protection to pilots and drivers, and guidance for those who manage markets; through their efforts grant that all the hungry be fed.

David writes, "You crown the year with Your bounty." Let us pray for those who are unemployed or underemployed, those who lack adequate clothing or shelter, and all burdened with financial debt.

O Holy Spirit, open doors of opportunity so that they may provide for themselves and their families, rejoicing in all Your good gifts.

Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

**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

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” *LSB 545*

- 1 Word of God, come down on earth,
 Living rain from heav’n descending;
 Touch our hearts and bring to birth
 Faith and hope and love unending.
 Word almighty, we revere You;
 Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

- 2 Word eternal, throned on high,
 Word that brought to life creation,
 Word that came from heav’n to die,
 Crucified for our salvation,
 Saving Word, the world restoring,
 Speak to us, Your love outpouring.

- 3 Word that caused blind eyes to see,
 Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
 Deaf we are: our healer be;
 Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
 Be our Word in pity spoken,
 Heal the world, by sin now broken.

- 4 Word that speaks God’s tender love,
 One with God beyond all telling,
 Word that sends us from above,
 God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
 Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
 Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” *LSB 686*

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
 Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
 Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
 Call for songs of loudest praise.
 While the hope of endless glory
 Fills my heart with joy and love,
 Teach me ever to adore Thee;
 May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
 Hither by Thy help I've come;
 And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
 Safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger,
 Wand'ring from the fold of God;
 He, to rescue me from danger,
 Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
 Daily I'm constrained to be;
 Let that grace now like a fetter
 Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
 Prone to leave the God I love.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
 Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
 I shall see Thy lovely face;
 Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
 How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
 Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
 Take my ransom'd soul away;
 Send Thine angels soon to carry
 Me to realms of endless day.

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“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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