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- 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: **King***

[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

For Second Sunday after Christmas: January 3, 2021

Obedience – how does that word sound?

It may ring hollow these days.

Of course, children in every generation have had to learn obedience to their parents and others. For many of us this learning had its unpleasant, perhaps even painful aspects.

Today’s society sets extraordinarily high store on self-expression, though. And in this setting, *obedience* might sound oppressive. People say, “I gotta be me!” Obedience to someone else – anyone else – can seem to get in the way.

Yet the stubborn fact of God persists. For God is not just anyone. He is God. We are not.

Remarkably, then, the One human being Who was and is also God – Jesus of Nazareth, Whose birth we celebrate at Christmas – obeyed. He is the eternal Son of the eternal Father. In a Bible passage to be read at our church service this week, Jesus sat in the temple in Jerusalem at age 12, listening to the teachers there and asking them questions. His mother Mary had been looking all over for Him. Jesus told her, literally, that it was necessary for Him to be in the things of His Father – that is, in His Father’s house, about His Father’s business (Luke 2:46, 49).

This business would take Him all the way to the cross. In prophecy, the Messiah had said to God: "I have come to do your will." Now, "by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:9-10). He obeyed for us, in our place.

The 12-year-old Jesus went back to Nazareth and was submissive to Mary and Joseph. Here, too, He was obeying for us, as our Savior. For our obedience fails.

He was also setting an example. It is never bad to obey the Lord and His representatives.

WORSHIP FOLDER
THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

The Mystery of Christ
January 6, 2021
Observed January 2 & 3, 2021

As We Gather

We consider the mysteries highlighted by the Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany. The Wise Men, or Magi, mysteriously show up in Jerusalem, and these strangers are looking for the King of the Jews. The King of the Jews is mysteriously an infant, born to a humble family in Bethlehem, not in Jerusalem. And this King of the Jews mysteriously invites all people from all nations into His kingdom. These mysteries, hidden for the ages, is revealed in Jesus, the Light of the world.



Order of Divine Service III LSB 184

Opening Hymn *As with Gladness Men of Old* **LSB 397**

- 1 As with gladness men of old
 Did the guiding star behold;
 As with joy they hailed its light,
 Leading onward, beaming bright;
 So, most gracious Lord, may we
 Evermore be led by Thee.

- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
 Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
 There to bend the knee before
 Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
 So may we with willing feet
 Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

- 3 As they offered gifts most rare

At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

5 In the heav'nly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

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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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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 great gift does our King give to us?

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

P I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

C **Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

P Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

How long will our King rule?

Gloria Patri LSB186



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie LSB 186

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit. .**

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles.
Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine
presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

*What led the wise men to the Christ Child and thus
made Him known to us?*

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1–6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For
behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise
upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings
to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together,
they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the
sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels
shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They
shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

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

Who will come to this King?

Psalm

P ¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

C ²**May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!**

- P ³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
- C ⁴**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**
- P ⁵May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- C ⁶**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**
- P ⁷In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- C ⁸**May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!**
- P ⁹May desert tribes bow down before him
and his enemies lick the dust!
- C ¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**
- P ¹¹May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

What will this King be like?

Epistle Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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

What mystery has been revealed to us?

Verse Matthew 2:2b

P Alleluia. Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.

Alleluia *LSB190*



Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

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

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

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

Who is King of the Jews and our King?

Highlight all the words and phrase that describe the King and our worship of the King.

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 T of the world to come. Amen.Sit**

Hymn of the Day “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” *LSB 395*

- 1 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God’s own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob’s race, King David’s son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious,
Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!
- 2 Come, heav’nly Bridegroom, Light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying!
In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree,
Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily
Earth’s deep sadness

May perplex us
And distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.

3 Lord, when You look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure.
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.
You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy
Warm and cheer us!
O draw near us!
For You teach us
God's own love through You has reached us.

4 Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living,
To us giving
Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place

Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

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Sermon “*What the King Revealed*” *Matthew 2:1–12*

Introduction:

The events surrounding the birth of Christ have been most pleasant and wondrous. It is what Christmas hymns and carols express. It makes for a peaceful time of the year, good will to all and peace on earth.

Yet, much is revealed about this Christ and the world into which He came. The account of the wise men coming to worship the King of the Jews contains elements that we would rather not remember or at best are hard to hear at this time.

I. The Wickedness of the World

The wickedness of the world is revealed in this account. Men who came seeking to worship the King of the Jews, the promised Messiah, are unaware of the plot of Herod to kill this child. He is not plotting against an enemy or a vicious rival. He is not seeking to put a stop to an invading opponent. He is plotting to kill a child.

This is how wicked King Herod was. He disregards all human life. He was willing to do anything to remain king forever. And if a child is a threat to him, so be it. This child must die.

We have evidence of how wicked the heart of men can be. When the wise men did not return, Herod order the death of male children under the age of two killed in Bethlehem.

Such wickedness is nothing new. At the time of the birth of Moses, the Pharaoh ordered the death of the young Israelite males be carried out at the time of their birth. This was done for national security. The promise land before the Israel nation conquered it was inhabited with nations who regularly sacrifice children. This was done to show dedication to these false gods and idols.

Today, children are being put to death under the right of the women to decide what to do with her body. The wickedness of this world has not change. We live in a world were human life can be easily be disregarded. It is the same world that the Christ came into to be it Savior.

II. Christ is King of the World

He knew the wickedness of the world. He saw Adam and Eve rebel against Him and sin. He saw the murder of a brother by a brother. He saw the evil of world being so great that He sent a flood.

Yet, in all of this, He promised a Savior. He would send His Son to take on flesh and blood. It would be His life that would be offered as payment for all the wickedness and sin of the world.

This is the child whom the wise men came to worship. They would acknowledge this child to be the King of the Jews, the Messiah who would redeem the world. He would be the one to win back for the Father His children. He would be the one who would bring the forgiveness of sin and salvation to a world lost in sin.

Conclusion:

This account of the wise men is not an account of good winning over evil. It is an account of the deliverance of the world from its own wickedness. It is an account of our salvation and the hope and certainty of God accepting us back into His presence. It is an account of the joy and peace that we have through Christ even as we live in a world filled with sin and wickedness.

It is an account of how we are blessed to have a Savior. It is an account of how we can still gather to worship the King of the Jews, our Savior Jesus Christ.

T AMEN T

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C **Amen.**

Offertory *LSB 192*

- C **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P **Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the world,**
C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.**
P Lord, there are many divisions in the church, divisions based on class, race, wealth, and age, divisions that need not exist. Bring unity where there is division, peace where there is discord, and reconciliation where there is conflict. Light of the world,
C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.**

- P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in the darkness of grief, [*especially . . .*].
Comfort them with the hope and promise of the resurrection to eternal life. Light of
the world,
- C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.**
- P Lord, strengthen all marriages, encourage those who are single, and help us to
recognize the value of each person, for Your redemption stretches to all people. Light
of the world,
- C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.**
- P Lord, bless all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and
servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they seek to reflect Your light to all the
nations. Light of the world,
- C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.**
- P Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*].
Have mercy upon them, and heal them according to Your good and gracious will.
Light of the world,
- C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.**
- P Lord, shine Your light of hope upon all those who are caregivers. Send them rest and
peace, knowing that in You their labor is not in vain. Light of the world,
- C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.**
- P Lord, we commend all of these things to Your caring hands, trusting in Your mercy
to all people. Light of the world,
- C **dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.**

Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*

- P 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.
- C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

Hymns

“What Child Is This” *LSB 370*

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies He in such mean estate
 Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
 The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
 Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
 The babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
 Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
 The babe, the son of Mary!

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“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” **LSB 636**

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 Come into the daylight’s splendor,
 There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
 He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,
 Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
 And with loving rev’rence greet Him.
 For with words of life immortal
 He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
 That I nevermore will leave You.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
 Neither cost nor pain will measure;
 But the priceless gifts of heaven
 God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
 Christ’s true body, for you riven,

And His blood, for you once given.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me

As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the
face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Benediction *LSB 202*

**P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and T give you peace.**

C Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn "The People That in Darkness Sat" *LSB 412*

1 The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.

2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.

3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;

On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.

6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

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