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We find it hard not to notice others—what they have, what they earn, and how they live. What is worse, however, is that we constantly compare ourselves to others. Most of the time we figure that we are on the short end of the stick. But when it comes to the kingdom of God, there is no room for quick comparisons. Instead, we stand in awe of God's rich mercy and generous grace. This is far more than we deserve. If we insist upon comparing our situation to others and complaining, God's response is clear. Take what you have been given and leave. But if we let go of the comparisons, we find ourselves blessed beyond measure with His forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Divine Service 1 LSB pgs. 151-166

# To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us. If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- I am baptized.
- I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.
- I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.
- As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.
- By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament, and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.

### Prelude

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

# Service of Preparation

Hymn of Invocation LSB 869 "With the Lord Begin Your Task" FANG DEIN WERK 1 With the Lord be - gin your task; will Je sus di - rect it. 2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion. 3 With your Sav - ior a - larm you; at your side, Foes need not your task be thus be - gun 4 If With the Sav - ior's bless - ing, 5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed: His aid and coun-sel ask; For Je sus will per - fect it. \_ sal On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your - va - tion. His prom-is - es ill In con-fide, And no can harm you. Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing. May Your will be done, Un life end - ed. I ask. til is Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed. Morn-ing, eve-ning, and at night Je sus will be near you, your trust and hope re - pose All In the might - y Mas - ter. Good will fol - low ev - 'ry-where While you here must wan - der; in Your name be - gun Je - sus, Be the day's en - deav - or; His name then close your eyes; In Be Him com-mend - ed. to With His Save you from the tempt-er's might, pres-ence cheer you. Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter. You will share last the joy In the man-sions yon - der. at Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

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# $oldsymbol{\mathbb{H}}$ Confession and Absolution $oldsymbol{\mathbb{H}}$

- L In the name of the Father and the 🕆 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

- L If we say that 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. 1 John 1:8-9

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

- L 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  $\oplus$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

John 20:19-23

#### ¥ ¥ Service of the Word

Kyrie "Lord, Have Mercy" In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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Mark 10:47, LSB pg. 152-153

Lord, have mer - cy. C

L For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all L let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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





# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- L Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done,

- C help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word;
- L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# Old Testament Reading Isaiah 55:6–9

"Seek the Lord while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

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

## **Epistle Reading** Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear...

for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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



Gospel Reading Matthew 20:1-16

R The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

- R This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ. С

SCRIPTURE ALO

Hymn of the Day LSB 827 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling" GALILEAN 1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to - day? 2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon; 3 For as rain and snow from heav-en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil, 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com-ing Marks the time when grace shall end, are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?" Fields Some are called in heat of mid-day, Oth-ers late in af - ter-noon; Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil; an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry When with His shall de-scend. Mas-ter call - eth; Rich re-ward He of - fers Loud and long the thee. E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields, the Lord sends forth His prom-ise, Words of life and joy and peace-So fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease. Soon the night, the Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"? There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields. Nev - er void to Him re-turn-ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in-crease. Then the souls His grace has gar-nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

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### based on Matthew 20:1-16

# Sermon

## Nicene Creed

- L Christian, what do you believe?
- 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  $\oplus$  of the world to come. Amen.

1 Timothy 2:1-4, LSB pg. 159

# **Prayer of the Church**

L Lord God, You have promised to hear the prayers of Your people, and so we come to You this day offering You petitions and supplications for all manner and needs of people.

You have invited us to seek Your face and to call upon You while You are near. Lord, grant to us such confidence in Your grace and favor

- C that we seek Your wisdom, walk in Your ways, and delight in Your gift of salvation with thanksgiving in our hearts.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L You have placed in our ears Your Word and in our hearts Your Spirit, O Lord.
- C Grant that we learn to follow Your Word and live holy, upright, and honorable lives that reflect Your goodness and show forth the fruit of the Spirit in all we say and do.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L You are our light and our salvation and in You we rest our fears. Lord, grant Your aid, comfort, and strength to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be especially with the sick for whom we pray this day, [*especially*...]. Heal them in accordance with Your will and sustain them through their afflictions until the perfect healing comes in heaven.

Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- L Your power is greater than all and Your mercy is without limit.
- C Lord, look with compassion upon our world of violence and terror. Bless those who govern here and everywhere that they protect the weak, promote the cause of virtue, administer justice to the criminal, and act with mercy toward those in need.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L You have shown us generosity greater than we deserve, O Lord.
- C Silence our complaints when we would question Your mercy, and teach us to be satisfied by Your grace in all that we need for this mortal life and find contentment in God's promise of the life to come. Teach us to rejoice over every sinner who repents and for everyone who comes to You in faith.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L All these and whatsoever other things we need, we ask You to grant us in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Into Your hands, O gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

**Offering** -the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door.



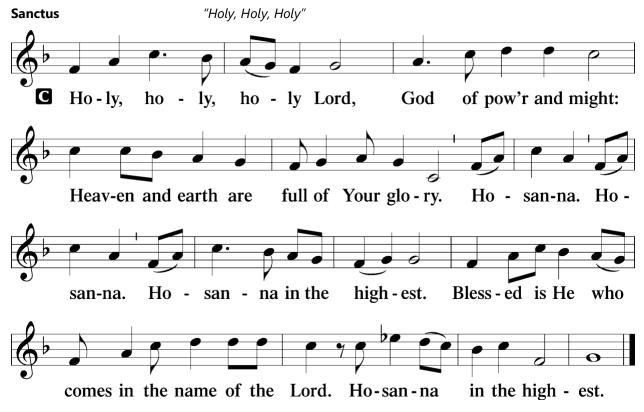
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

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Preface	LSB pgs. 160-161
<ul><li>L The Lord be with you.</li><li>C And also with you.</li></ul>	2 Timothy 4:22
<ul><li>L Lift up your hearts.</li><li>C We lift them to the Lord.</li></ul>	Colossians 3:1
<ul><li>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</li><li>C It is right to give Him thanks and praise</li></ul>	Psalm 136
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L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	Psalm 136

# **Proper Preface**

- L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people.
- **C** Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



# **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# Words of our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given Ρ thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 🕆 body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament

in My 🕆 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

# **Proclamation of Christ**

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

# The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, Matthew 6.9-13 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. John 20:19

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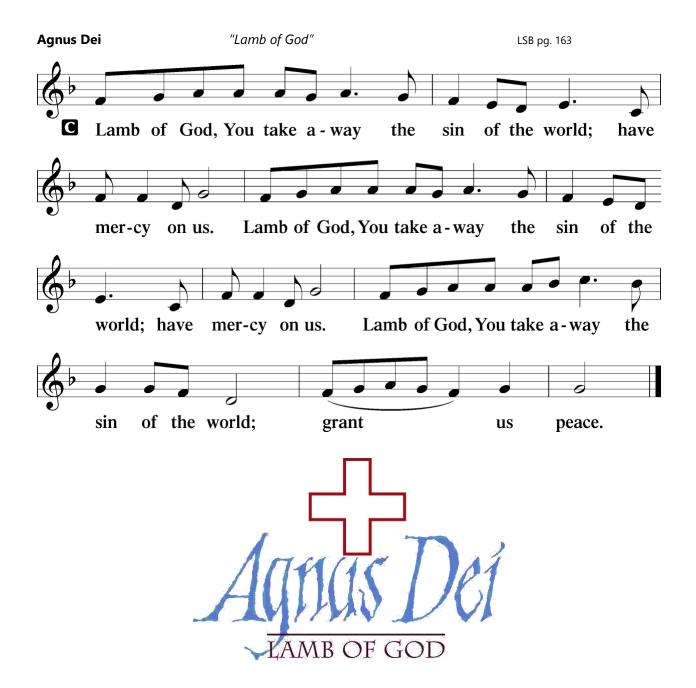
"The Peace of the Lord"

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

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Revelation 22:20

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#### Distribution

#### "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" **Distribution Hymn LSB 680** THINE Thine the Thine 1 a \_ men the praise Al 2 Thine the life e ter nal ly Thine 3 Thine Thine Thine the tru ly the yes -Thine 4 Thine the king dom Thine the prize 5 Thine the glo \_ in the night No ry an - gels raise Thine the lu ias ev er last ing \_ let there be vi - sion prom - ise Thine the Thine the ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from sur - prise full Thine the ban - quet won - der then the dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the

Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the All the earth on bend-ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the Thine the glo - ry yet be Then the ring - ing and to the Thy ways Then the jus - tice of Thine the glo - ry Thine the ho - ly Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly

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**Distribution Hymn LSB 784** "Take My Life and Let It Be" HENDON 1 Take my life and let it be Con - se crat - ed, 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im pulse Al - ways, 3 Take my voice and let me sing on ly Not 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, mite would а Lord, to Thee: Take my mo - ments and my days. Let them let them be of Thy love; Take my feet and Swift and for mv King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with Ι with - hold; tel - lect and use Take my in -Ev - 'ry flow them flow in in cease - less praise, Let cease-less praise. Thee. beau - ti - ful for Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee. mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Distribution Hymn LSB 555

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Or we must die despairing, Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing. He has for us the Law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.

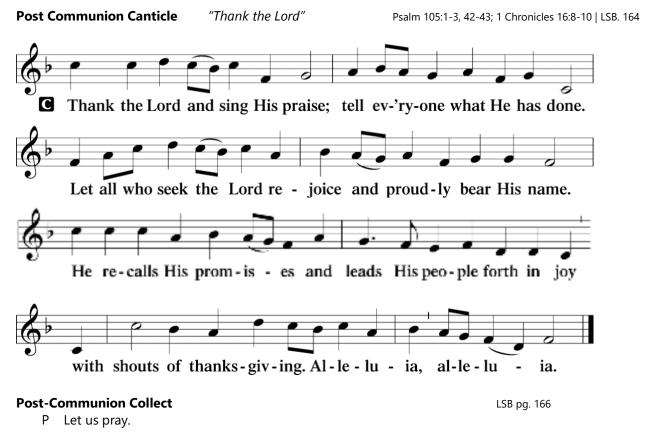
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- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
  Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
  Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
  Your death is now my life indeed,
  For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken;
   Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!" No falsehood have You spoken.
   Baptized into Your precious name,
   My faith cannot be put to shame,
   And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken;
  But then the Gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken.
  Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
  The Law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in Him unceasing;
  And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing.
  For faith alone can justify;
  Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.

 △10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
 O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love; Your blessèd name we hallow.

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- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
- C Amen.



We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

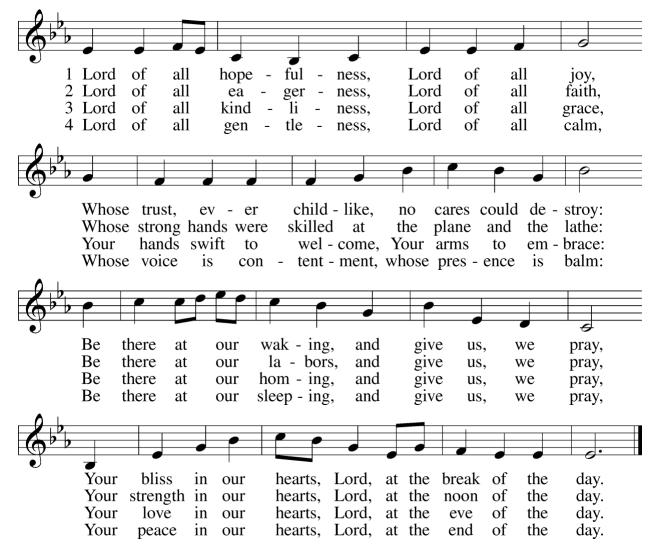
- C and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C Amen.

# Benediction

- LSB pg. 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 ⊕ give you peace.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn LSB 738 "Lord of All Hopefulness"



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# Dismissal

- P Go in peace, and serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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