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September 27, 2020 AD | Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 21 | 8:00 am & 1:30 pm



We always want to know why. The rulers of the people wanted to know why Jesus was saying what He said and doing what He did. But Jesus challenged them with His Word and with the prophetic voice of John the Baptist. Why did they not listen, and why did they not repent? Why do we not listen and repent? Jesus told a parable of two sons—one whose words were yes but his heart was no, and the other whose words were no but whose heart said yes. We are called to listen. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and we shall be saved.

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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.

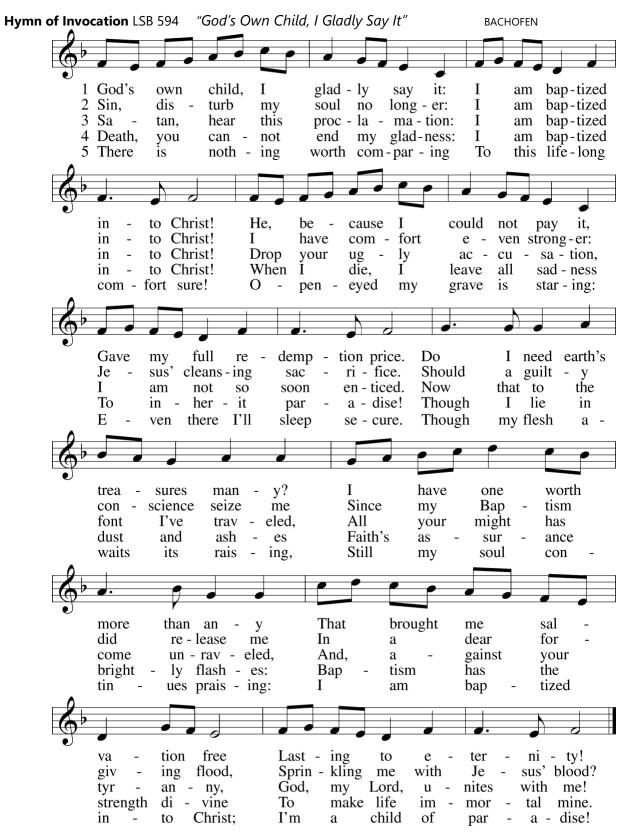
Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- 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



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

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

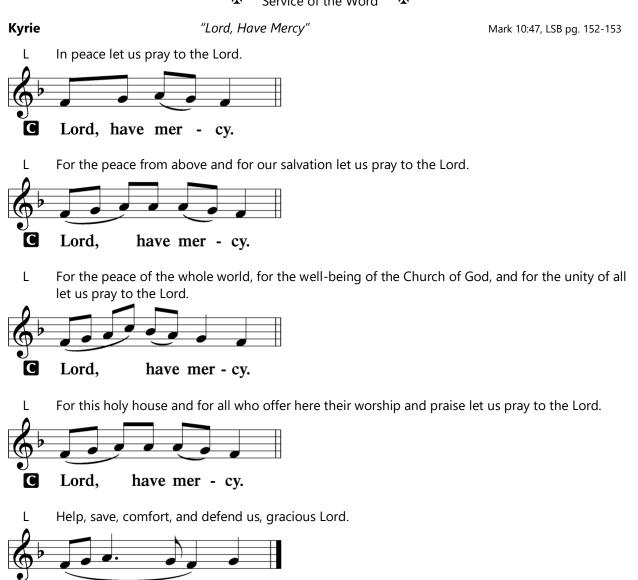
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- 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

Matthew 28:19b

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority.

- C Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth;
- L through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die...

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

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

Epistle Reading Philippians 2:1–18

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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

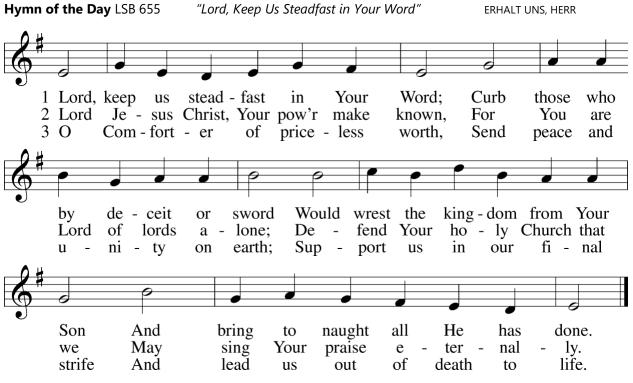


- R The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-first chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

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



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Apostles' Creed

L Christian, what do you believe?

C 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. LSB pg. 159

Prayer of the Church

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

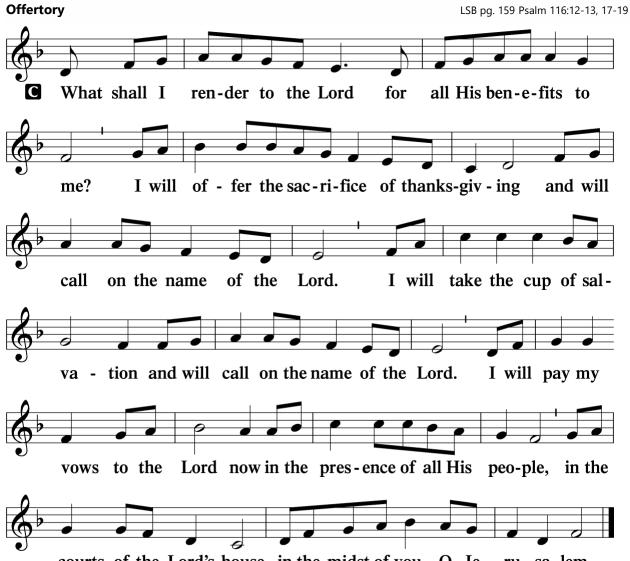
L As You have promised, Lord, hear Your people when they call, and answer us according to Your mercy.

Almighty Father, You take no pleasure in the death of anyone.

- C As John the Baptist once called a people to repentance and faith, so raise up voices within Your Church today to call a world to turn from their sins and live through faith in Christ.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Almighty Father, You have given to us the saving name of Jesus. Continue to bless us with faithful pastors who will preach Jesus Christ and His salvation, and bestow upon us faithful church workers who will serve us in Your name.
- C Bless those now preparing for vocations as pastors, deaconesses, teachers, and all other offices as Your Church has established.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Almighty Father, You are gracious and merciful without end. Deliver us from a spirit of complaint, and keep us from grumbling at Your call to serve You with all that we are and all that we have.
- C Grant us grace to fulfill our baptismal calling where You have placed us and according to the vocations given to us.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Almighty Father, Your power continues to uphold all things. Give Your blessing to our president, Congress, governor, and state legislature.
- C Guide all who make, administer, and judge our laws that they be in accord with Your commands and give protection to the unborn, the aged, and the oppressed.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Almighty Father, You know our enemies and those whose purpose is set against Yours. Give Your blessing to all who defend our nation here and abroad and to all emergency personnel and disaster workers who come to our aid in time of need.
- C Guide the nations in the paths of peace and deliver us from terror and violence.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Almighty Father, You have given us healing, comfort, and peace in Christ, especially in times of illness, affliction, depression, and sorrow. Hear us on behalf of [*names*, and] all who suffer any need. Grant them grace sufficient to sustain them in their hour of trouble and at last deliver them into the perfect rest of Your eternal presence.
 - Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

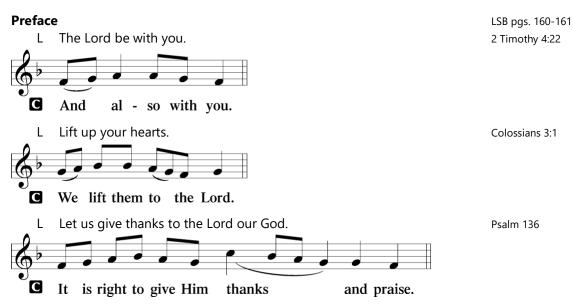
- L Almighty Father, Your Son has set His Table among us and given us the privilege of receiving His own body and blood in this Sacrament. Guard us against anything that would keep us from receiving the full benefit of this communion.
- C Bring us at last to that day when division, false teaching, and impenitence will all be overcome and we shall be one before You.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Almighty Father, You give good gifts to Your people. Keep us from ingratitude and guide us to use the resources entrusted to us for the good of the Kingdom.
- C Accept the tithes and offerings we bring to You this day with the worship of our praise and thanksgiving.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Almighty Father, You have delivered the saints of old into the perfect rest of Your presence. Keep us in faith that we, too, may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life.
- C Help us to remember their example and to be encouraged in the struggles of this mortal life by the way You sustained them to the end.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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



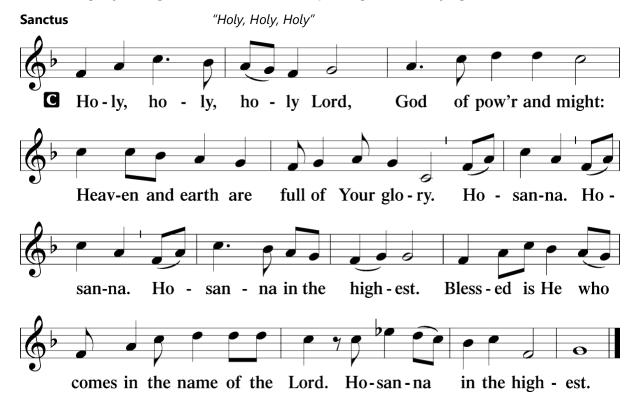
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

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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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given 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 \oplus 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

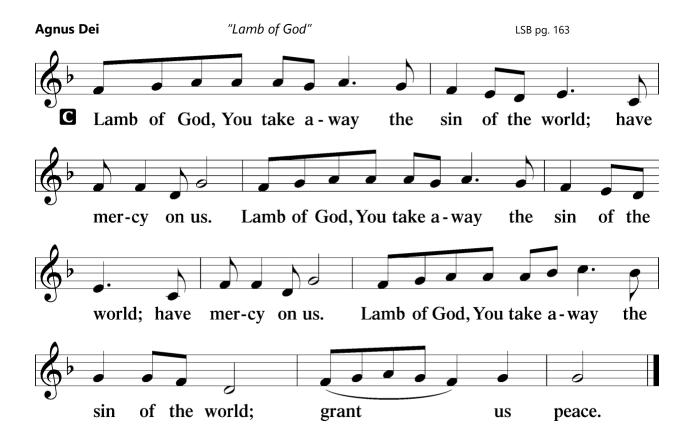
С	Our Father who art in heaven,		Matthew 6:9-13	
	hallowed be Thy name,	Thy kingdom come,		
	Thy will be done on ear	th		
	as it is in heaven;			
	give us this day our dai	ly bread;		
and forgive us our trespasses				
	as we forgive those			
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.				
For Thine is the kingdom				
and the power and the glory				
	forever and ever. Amen			
Pax Do	mini "T	he Peace of the Lord"		John 20:19
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C Amen.

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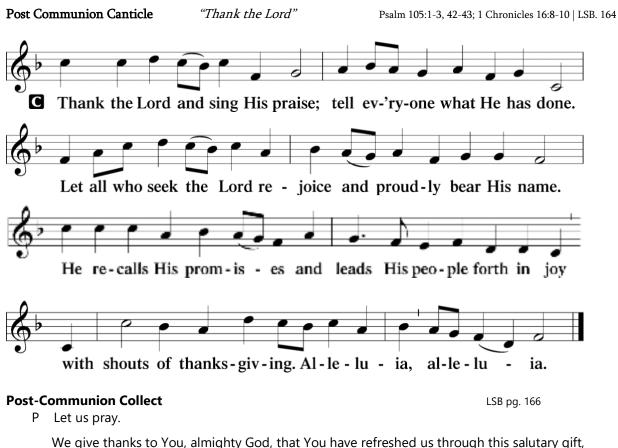
Distribution Hymn LSB 596 "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" NUN FREUT EUCH the 1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know God of 2 You were of birth, In - deed, from be - fore your day con vour 3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im - mersed and drowned for -4 In on Christ- Our shame is Bap - tism we now put ful - ly And in whose dai - ly life is prized The name of heav - en, cep - tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with -The of your Bap-tism day Re - stored a ev er. wa ter cov - ered With all that He once sac - ri - ficed And free - ly Christ once giv - en: Con - sid - er now what God has done, The out ex - cep - tion. For like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned what-ev - er Old Ad - am and his sin de-stroved And gain here the flood for suf - fered. For of His own blood Now us He gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap-tized in - to Christ Je - sus! gifts in - ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de - nied Him. sin - ful selves em-ployed Ac - cord-ing all our to our na - ture. makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be - fore our heav'n-ly Fa - ther. O Christian, firmly hold this gift 5 And give God thanks forever! It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor. When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and makes you whole And then in death completes you. So use it well! You are made new— 6 In Christ a new creation! As faithful Christians, live and do Within your own vocation, Until that day when you possess His glorious robe of righteousness **Bestowed on you forever!** Text: © 2004 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004370 Tune: Public domain **Distribution Hymn LSB 909** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" WESTMINSTER ABBEY 1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and 2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, 0 Lord of 3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they Praise \triangle 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, and hon or the Lord Cho of and pre - cious, stone, sen cor - ner ing - kind - ness. hosts, and Come with all Your lov stay; for - ev - er gain; What they gain from You, ask to the Son, Praise and hon the Spir - it, to - or to 16 d all Church in Bind - ing the Ho - ly Zi - on's one; Your pray; Your full - est Hear peo ple as they And With the bless ed And here - af - ter re tain; to Ev er three and ev One in might and er one: for - ev fi - dence help And a - lone. - er our con -- e - dic - tion ben Shed with - in these walls to - day. You in Your glo - ry Ev er - more with to reign. While one in glo un - end ing a ges run! ry -

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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.



- 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

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- 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.

