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November 8, 2020 | Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost | Proper 27 | 8:00 am & 1:30 pm



We hear today the extremely encouraging words from the apostle Paul concerning our everlasting life. Paul tells us, "We will always be with the Lord." What comforting words! What encouraging words! You have the assurance that when Jesus returns, you will spend everlasting life in His gracious presence.

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

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✤ Service of Preparation ♣



- $m{m{\$}}$  Confession and Absolution  $m{m{\$}}$
- 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

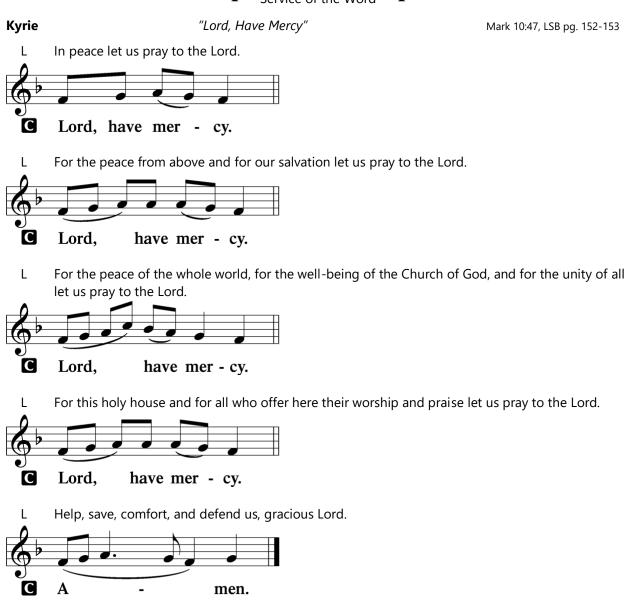
### Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- 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

# $oldsymbol{\Phi}$ Service of the Word $oldsymbol{\Phi}$





#### 2 Timothy 4:22 LSB pg. 156

## 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, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church,

- C that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast;
- 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.



## Presentation of Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

P At this time, we would like the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, their parents, grandparents, families and any sponsors to please come forward. Today, we continue our congregational custom of Faith Stepping Stones. As a Christian congregation, it is our task to bless the child, gift the family and call all parents/grandparents to keep the promises made to their child at his or her baptism. In so doing, we highlight various stages in the lives of our children, stages like beginning Sunday school, receiving their first Bibles, confirmation and graduation.

In Christian love, you presented your child for Baptism. In Baptism, sacred promises were made.

As the parents/grandparents of these children, it is your calling to keep these sacred promises: 1. to faithfully bring them to the services of God's house;

- 2. to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed and the Ten Commandments;
- 3. to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures;
- 4. to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith.

P So now, I ask you, Do you re-affirm your commitment to these Baptismal promises? Parent/Grandparent/Sponsor

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

- P Members of St. John, Will you promise to support and encourage these parents in keeping these sacred promises?
- C We will, with God's help.
- P One of the ways we as a congregation help you to keep the promise 'to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures' is to gift you and your child/grandchild with a Student Bible to be used throughout the years in Bible study, family devotions and personal quiet times. This is an important step in the life of God's children, both young and old, and today we celebrate with you this Faith Stepping Stone. Parents/grandparents/sponsors, please speak God's words of promise to your child.

Parent/Grandparent/Sponsor

Today, with the help of this Christian congregation and in keeping with the promises made at your baptism, we place into your hands the Holy Scriptures. May God, the Father, bless you and keep you. May God the Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ surround you in His love and care, May God the Holy Spirit lead, equip and continue to grow you in your baptismal grace today and always. Amen.

P We rise for prayer. Almighty Father, You speak to us through Your Word, the Holy Scriptures. There You tell about Your love for us that became flesh in Jesus Christ. We ask that You through Your Holy Spirit, would cause Your Word to touch our lives in new ways. Bless the families of these third graders and everyone here today, so that we might hear, read, respect, learn and make Your Word a part of our daily lives. Through the Good News proclaimed in Your Word, comfort, strengthen and lead us to know with certainty the hope that because of Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we will live with You forever. Amen.

## Old Testament Reading Amos 5:18–24

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why would you have the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, and not light,

as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

"I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

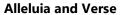
R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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





### Gospel Reading Matthew 25:1-13

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John 6:68 LSB pg. 156

R The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.



Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

Hymn of the Day LSB 516 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" WACHET Text and tune: Public domain "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly ing," The watch-men on the 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing ing, And all her heart with 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom. joy With harp and cym-bals' clear - est sing be - fore Thee tone. Mid-night hears the wel-come voic -And at the thrill-ing es her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in For Where, join-ing with the Of one pearl each shin-ing por \_ tal, 6 "Oh, where are ye, vir - gins re - joic - es: wise? cry ye is ris'n, her truth vic - to - rious; Her star light is come. choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne. The Bride - groom comes, a-wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take! Now come, Thou Bless-ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, No seen the light, No has heard the might eye has ear With Al - le - lu - ia! brid - al care Your-selves pre pare Hail! Ho - san - na! We wed - ding en - ter all The hall Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal Of \_ ly 0 θ Bride-groom, who То meet the is near." То call. the Sup - per Thy eat at Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

### 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  $\boldsymbol{\oplus}$  everlasting. Amen.

Vicar Caleb Worral

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

## Prayer of the Church

- L Lord Jesus Christ, through You all things were made. You have entrusted us with the care of all creation.
- C Embolden us to be good and faithful stewards of all that You have made until You return to dwell with us again.
- L For until Your return, we pray,
- C come quickly, Lord Jesus.
- L Lord Jesus, in Your incarnation and birth You deigned to dwell among us, even as an infant. Bring comfort to all those who are living through the challenges of infertility and miscarriage.
- C Bring them Your healing, and give them wisdom as they seek to do Your will.
- L For until Your return, we pray,
- C come quickly, Lord Jesus.
- Lord Jesus, in Your earthly life You suffered much at the hands of lawless men. Be with all those who suffer now through abuse, illness, or injustice, [*especially*...].
   Heal them according to Your will.
   For until Your return, we pray,
- C come quickly, Lord Jesus.
- L Lord Jesus, by Your death and resurrection, You destroyed death forever. While we look forward to the resurrection, each human being still faces earthly death. We bring before You all those who are mourning the death of loved ones, [*especially*...].

Comfort them with Your presence and the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. For until Your return, we pray,

- C come quickly, Lord Jesus.
- L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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



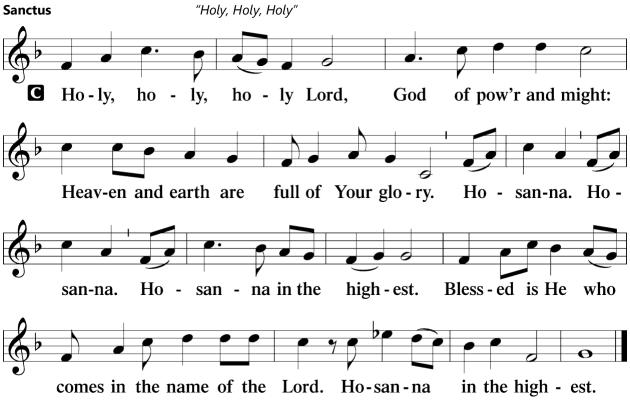


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Preface		LSB pgs. 160-161
	The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>	2 Timothy 4:22
	Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b>	Colossians 3:1
	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise	Psalm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

Ρ As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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			LSB pg. 1
С	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.		

"The Peace of the Lord"

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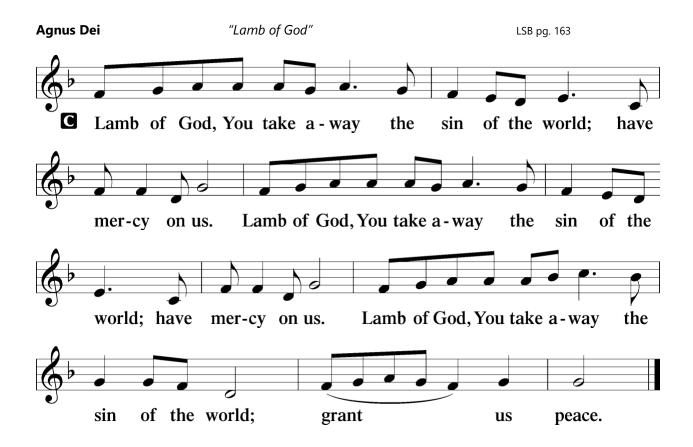
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

1 Corinthians 11:26 Revelation 22:20

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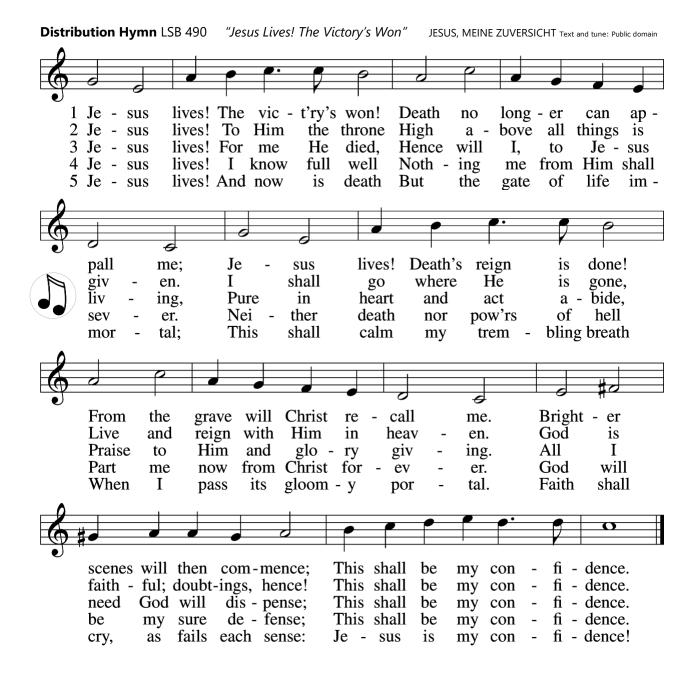
John 20:19

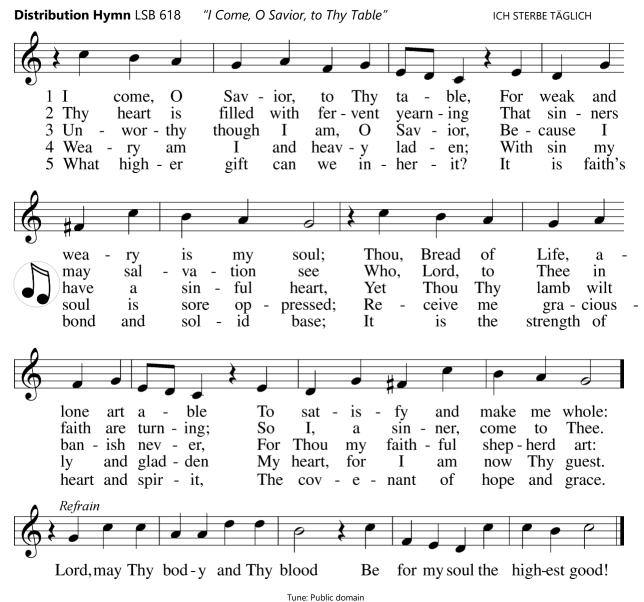


# Distribution

Distribution Hymn LSB 334         "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"         WIE SOLL. ICH DICH EMPFANGEN				
<ul> <li>1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel-come You a-right?</li> <li>2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair-est palms;</li> <li>3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.</li> <li>4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.</li> </ul>				
Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light! And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms. I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me. Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.				
O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais-es new A glo-rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em-brace				
To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best. And from Your name shall nev - er With-hold the hon - or due. That will not fail or leave me As earth-ly rich - es fly. In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.				
<ul> <li>5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Cannot His love erase;</li> <li>Your guilt the Lord will pardon And cover by His grace.</li> <li>He comes, for you procuring The peace of sin forgiv'n, His children thus securing Eternal life in heav'n.</li> <li>6 He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes, A light of consolations And blessèd hope to those</li> <li>Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come, Send forth Your beams so cheering, And guide us safely home.</li> </ul>				

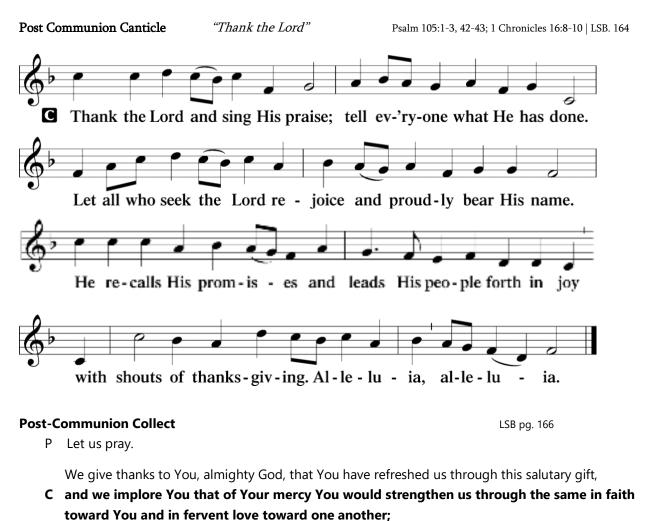
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- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\oplus$  in peace.
- C Amen.

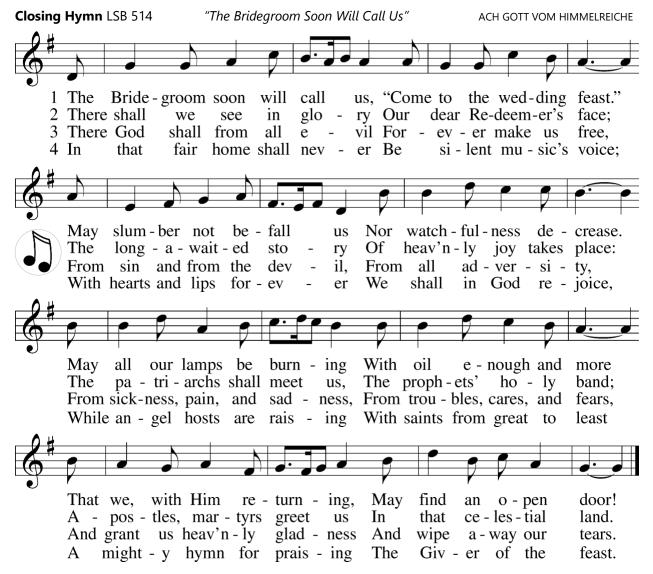


- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
- and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# 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.



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### Dismissal

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

#### Postlude



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