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May 2, 2021 | Fifth Sunday of Easter | 8:00 am & 1:30 pm

The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also.

As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ's vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

★ Service of Preparation ★

- L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn of Invocation LSB 473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free





- 1 Our Pas-chal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sac-ri-ficed. O keep
- 2 Let all our lives now cel e brate The feast; let mal-ice die.
- 3 Let all our deeds, u nan i mous, Con fess Him as our Lord



The feast of free-dom gal - lant - ly; Let al - le - lu - ias leap: Let love grow strong a - new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie. Who by the Spir - it lives in us, The Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A



gain Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a-loud: Al-le - lu - ia! A - men!

▼ Confession and Absolution ▼

L In the name of the Father and the ⊕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

LSB pg. 151 Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

C Amen.

Public Recognition of Holy Baptism | 10:45 am

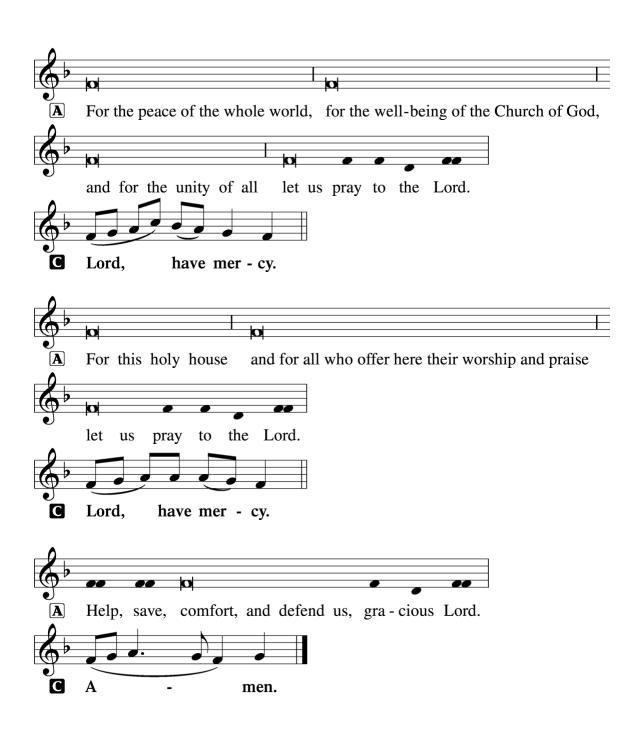






Lord,

have mer - cy.





LSB pg. 156 2 Timothy 4:22

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



O God. You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.

- C Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found;
- 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.

First Reading Acts 8:26-40



An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Epistle Reading 1 John 4:1-21



Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

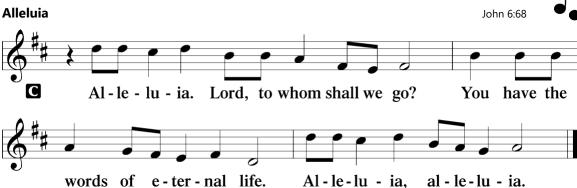
And this commandment we have from him:

R This is the Word of the Lord.

whoever loves God must also love his brother.

C Thanks be to God.





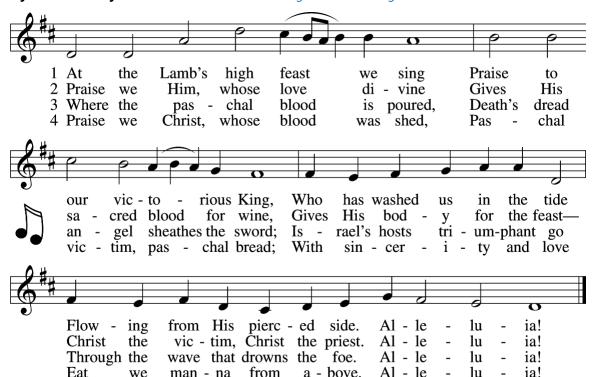
Gospel Reading John 15:1-8

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- R The Holy Gospel according to St. John the fifteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

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



- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

D 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

Apostles' Creed LSB pg. 159

- 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.



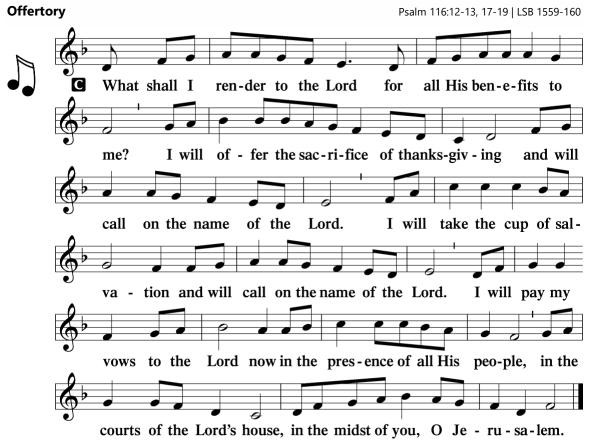
Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven,

- C look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously us turn from all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L May Your kingdom come to us and expand.
- C Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [names, and] all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Grant us our daily bread,
- C preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Forgive us our sins
- C as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- L Lead us not into temptation, O Lord,
- C but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles.
- L Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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







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2 Timothy 4:22

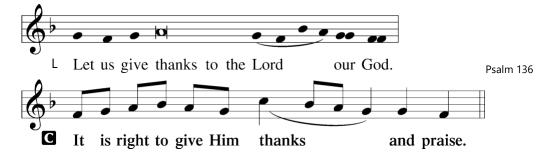




Colossians 3:1

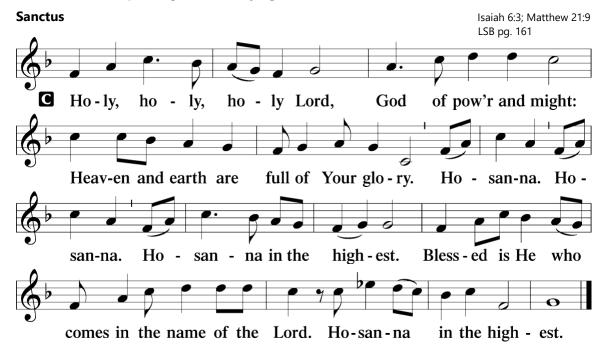


C We lift them to the Lord.



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.
 And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world.
 By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life.
- C Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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



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 LSB pg. 162

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 Revelation 22:20

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

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Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven.

hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven:

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

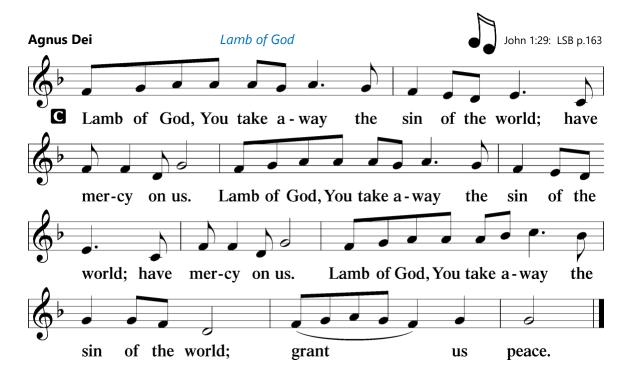
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The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



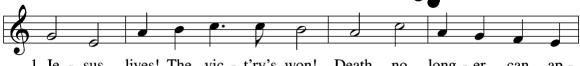
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Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands









1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can 2 Je - sus High all things is lives! To Him the throne a bove 3 Je - sus Je - sus lives! For me He died. Hence will I. to 4 Je - sus full

4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



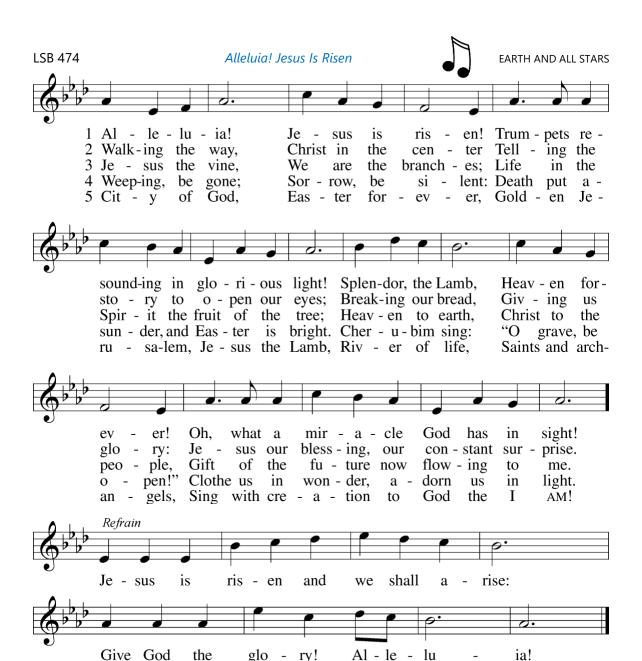


grave will Christ From the re - call me. Bright - er Live and reign with Him in heav God is en. **Praise** to Him and glo - ry giv ing. All Ι Part from Christ for -God will now me ev er. When Ι pass its gloom - y por tal. Faith shall

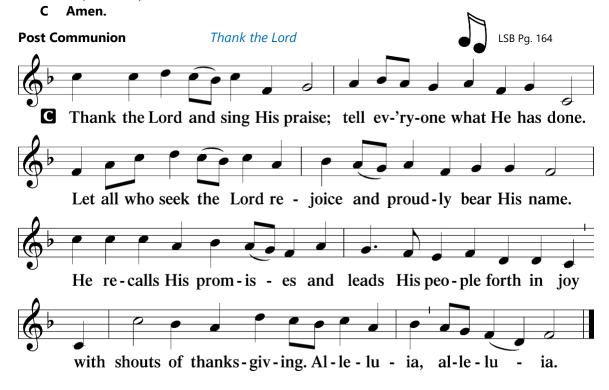


scenes will then com-mence; faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! need God will dis - pense; be my sure de - fense; cry, as fails each sense: This shall be my con fi - dence. This shall be my con fi - dence. This shall be my con fi - dence. This shall my con fi - dence. be Je - sus my con fi - dence! is





L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 🕆 in peace.



Post-Communion Collect

L Let us pray.



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

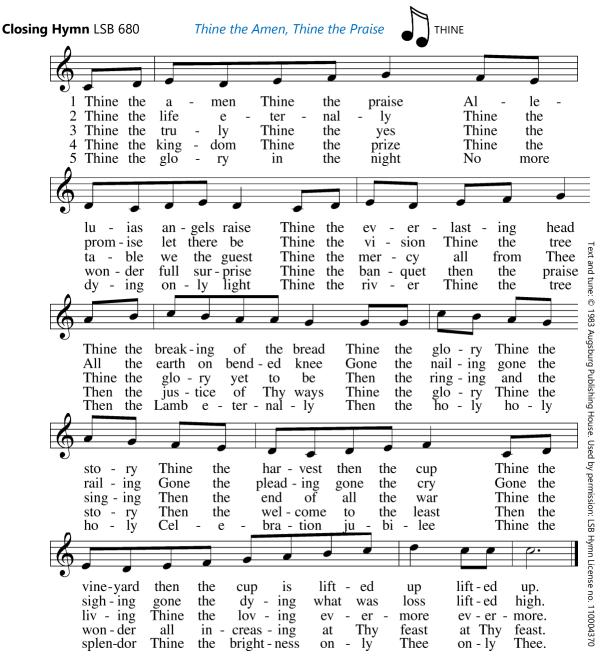
- C and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
- L through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Benediction

- L 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.



L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Dismissal L Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude Region Three Walter Peltz