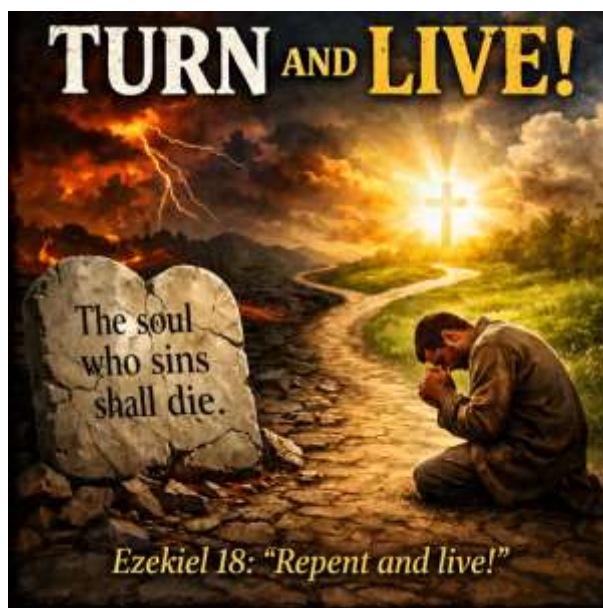




St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Saturday, September 26, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Sunday, September 27, 2026 – 8:30 AM

*Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, Sr. Pastor
William Prann, Director of Christian Education
Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music*

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Divine Service, Setting 1

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(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Ezekiel 18 confronts us with the sober truth that each of us stands accountable before God for our own sin. Yet the Lord who judges is also the Lord who calls: He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desires that sinners turn and live. Some among us come today burdened by sins we have committed; others come wounded by sins committed against us. But all of us come before the God whose mercy is stronger than our guilt and whose compassion is deeper than our pain. In Christ, who bore our death and rose to give us life, God grants the new heart and new spirit He promises. As we gather, we hear His call to repentance, trust His steadfast love, and rejoice that in Jesus we are forgiven, restored, and made alive to walk in His ways.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

The image portrays the message of **Ezekiel 18** – the contrast between sin’s death and God’s call to repentance and life. The repentant figure turning toward the radiant cross embodies the Lord’s plea: *“Turn, and live.”*

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

533 JESUS HAS COME AND BRINGS PLEASURE



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

LSB 151

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

P If we say 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.

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

P 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.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ Word ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 147:1-5; antiphon: v. 6



P The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

C Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

P The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;*
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

C He heals the broken- | hearted*
and binds | up their wounds.

P He determines the number | of the stars;*
he gives to all of | them their names.

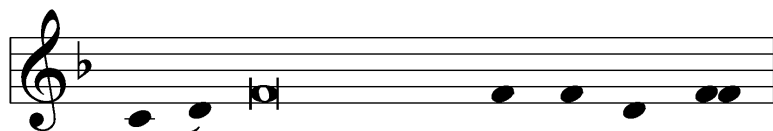
C Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

KYRIE

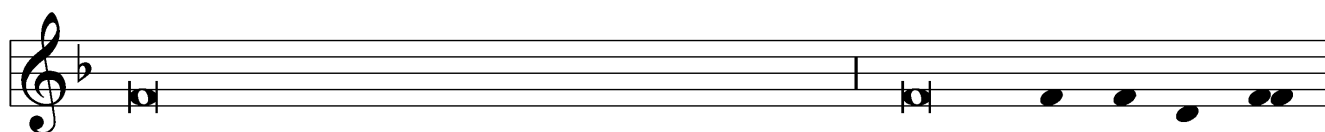
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



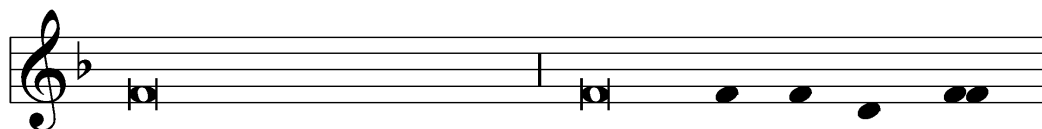
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



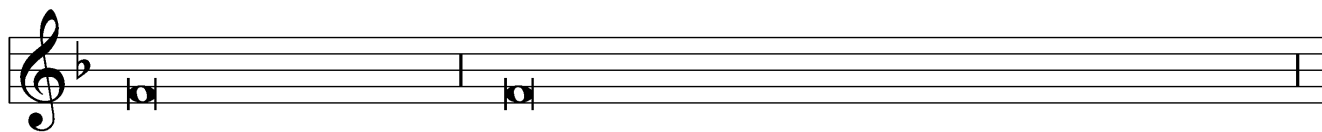
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



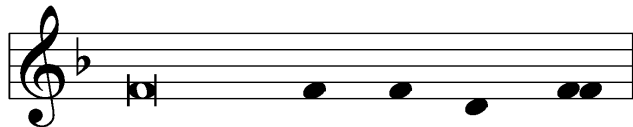
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



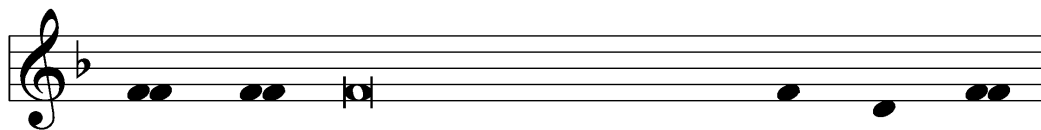
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



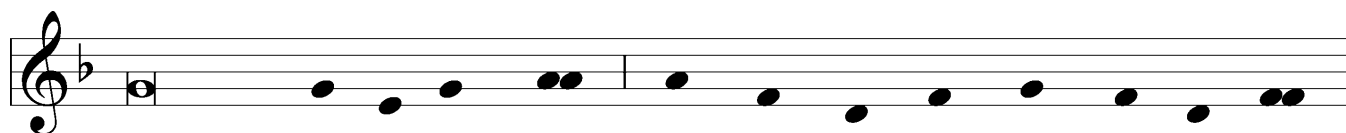
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

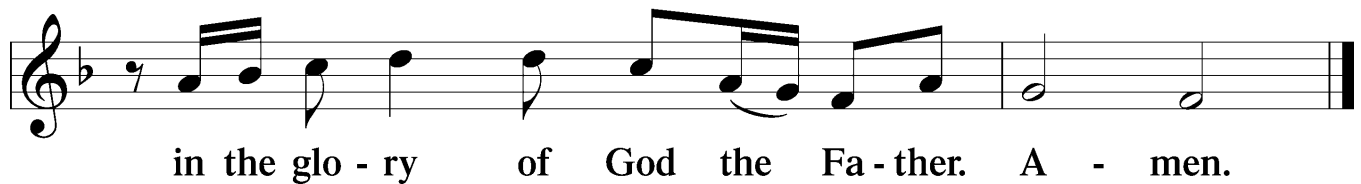


C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE – GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

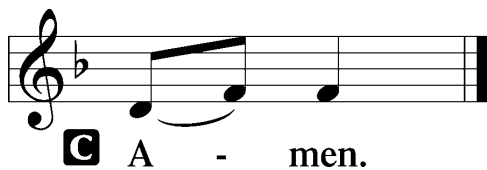
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P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You take no pleasure in the death of the wayward, but delight to give life to all who turn to You. Grant us by Your Holy Spirit true repentance, that our hearts may be made new, our ways directed in Your truth, and our lives shaped by the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself unto death for our salvation. Call us daily from blame and self-righteousness into the joy of His forgiveness, that we may walk in Your paths and live. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

("I have no pleasure in the death of anyone.")

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²"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'? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, 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. . . .

²⁵"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? ²⁶When 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. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet 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?

³⁰"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. ³¹Cast 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? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*The next hymn is inspired by Psalm 25:1-10; antiphon: v. 4, the appointed
Psalm for the day.*

Tune: LSB 567, "Not What These Hands Have Done", (ENERGY[SM])

Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord

1. Make me to know Your ways,
O Lord, teach me Your paths;
In mercy lead me day by day,
And guard me from all wrath.
2. To You I lift my soul;
In You, O Lord, I trust.
Let not my foes exult in me;
Let none who wait be shamed.
3. Your ways, O Lord, make known;
Teach me Your paths of grace.
For You, the God who saves, I wait
Through every hour and place.
4. Remember, Lord, Your love—
Your mercies from of old;
Forget my youthful sins and faults,
Your goodness, Lord, behold.
5. Good, upright is the Lord;
He shows the sinner's way.
He leads the humble in what's right,
And teaches them His way.
6. Your paths, O Lord, are love—
Your truth and faithfulness
For all who keep Your promise true
And walk in steadfastness.
7. Teach me Your ways, O Lord;
Your paths of grace make known.
In mercy lead me through each day
And keep me as Your own.

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

(Christ's example of humility.)

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that 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, ¹⁶holding 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. ¹⁷Even 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. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for the first line of the verse. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

(The authority of Jesus is challenged.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²³When [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?” ²⁴Jesus 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.”* ²⁵*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?’” ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, *“Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 159

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

“Turn Us, O Lord, and Make Us Live”

(Tune: LSB 563 – Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness – ST. CRISPIN (LM))

Meter: 8.8.8.8)

Stanza 1 — Ezekiel’s Call

Your ways are just, O Lord of
grace;
Your judgments stand in truth
and light.
You take no pleasure in the
death
Of those who wander from
Your sight.

Stanza 2 — Repentance and Mercy

You call the sinner, “Turn and
live!”
Your mercy seeks the
wayward heart.
Remember not our sins and
shame,
But grant the grace Your love
imparts.

Stanza 3 — Christ Crucified

Lord Jesus, You have borne
our death;
Obedient, death on a cross.
You took the judgment we
had earned
And saved us by Your precious
loss.

Stanza 4 — Christ Risen

You rose in triumph from the
grave,
To give the life Your Word
makes known.
In You we find the heart made
new,
The Spirit’s breath, the
Father’s own.

Stanza 5 — New Heart, New Spirit

Teach us Your ways and make
us walk
The paths of truth Your mercy
gives.
Turn us from sin to trust in
You,
And by Your grace, O Lord, we
live.

Stanza 6 — The Church’s Witness

Unite Your Church in humble
faith,
The mind of Christ our hope
and guide;
That we may do Your Father’s
will
And shine His mercy far and
wide.

SERMON

VOTUM

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

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
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4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Matthew 21:26 – “But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd...” Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 159



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Sit

INSTALLATION OF EARLY LEARNING CENTER TEACHERS

ADDRESS *(The pastor addresses those to be installed)*

- P** Dear sisters in Christ, you are to be installed as teachers at St. Luke's Early Learning Center, a work in which our Father in heaven has great joy.

Hear the Word of the Lord:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

- P** Beloved in the Lord, You are to assist me, the minister of Word and Sacrament, in the instruction of God's people according to His holy Word. You are to prepare yourselves for this work by your individual and corporate study of the Word of God and the faith drawn from it as it has been delivered to us in the Small Catechism.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the position entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

- R** *I do.*

ADDRESS *(The pastor addresses to the congregation)*

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these women. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C We do.

INSTALLATION

P Sisters in Christ, I install you as teachers at St. Luke's Early Learning Center in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your service that you may be good and faithful leaders and teachers to the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

C Amen.

Stand

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to these Your people the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide, and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us so that all may know and praise You now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, You take no pleasure in the death of the sinner, but delight to give life to all who turn to You. Grant Your Church faithful tongues to proclaim repentance and forgiveness in Christ, that sinners may turn and live. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, preserve Your Church from grumbling, rivalry, and conceit. Shape us by the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself unto death for our salvation. Make us shine as lights in this world, holding fast to the Word of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of justice, strengthen Your people to proclaim Your ways rightly in a world that often calls Your judgments unfair. Break the hardness of the wicked, that they may turn from their transgressions and find life in Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Creator and Sustainer, bless the useful arts of science, agriculture, and industry. Guard us from misusing Your gifts or harming our neighbor. Teach us wise stewardship of all You have made. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Lord, You have appointed earthly rulers to punish evil and honor good. Grant wisdom, integrity, and courage to all who serve in government. Bless those who serve in the armed forces, that they may carry out their duties honorably and in safety. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Compassionate Father, draw near to all who suffer in body or spirit—those facing sickness, surgery, pain, or distress, especially **[names]**. Calm their fears, strengthen their faith, and grant healing according to Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the Church, bless our congregation as we prepare for the **Capital Stewardship Campaign: *Faith in Christ, Building Our Future***. Grant us unity of purpose, joy in giving, and confidence in Your provision. Turn our hearts from fear to faith, from self-concern to generous love, that all we undertake may serve Your kingdom and strengthen Your Church for years to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of light and truth, unite us in doctrine, witness, and service. Keep us steadfast in Your Word, humble in repentance, and joyful in Your salvation. Let our lives reflect the mercy You have shown us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O Lord, whose ways are just and whose mercy is abundant, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked but delight to give life to all who turn to You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us steadfast in repentance, humble in heart, and joyful in the salvation won for us by Your Son, who became obedient unto death that we might live. Lead us in Your truth, teach us Your paths, and grant that the mind of Christ would shape our thoughts, words, and deeds in the week ahead. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one god, now and forever.



C A - men.

BENEDICTION

LSB 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 A - men.

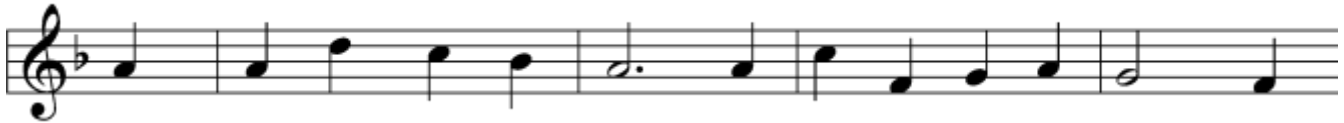
GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

696 O GOD, MY FAITHFUL GOD



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your
 name.

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