

St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, May 11, 2025 - 8:30 AM

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Divine Service 5 w/ Matins
(Series C)

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

Even as we celebrate Jesus as our Good Shepherd, we also acknowledge that His shepherding love and care continues through the undershepherds whom He sends to protect, preserve, and provide for His sheep. The pastors do not replace Jesus, our Good Shepherd, but are the means by which our Lord continues His work among us through His Word and Sacraments. His Word and promise continue and He is among us just as He has said, still leading us to the still quiet waters, the rich green pastures, and the safe refuge so familiar to us in the words of Psalm 23.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

WELCOME

₩PREPARATION

740 I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB



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Stand

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

BAPTISM SERVICE

The candidate, sponsors, and family gather with the pastor at the font.

When candidate is unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. $[\mathbf{P}]$
- Amen.

Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19) In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:16a) And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you." (1 Peter 3:21)

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, (1 John 2:2) that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).

The pastor addresses each candidate:

- P How are you named?
- **R** Bennett Williams Evans

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:

P Bennett Williams Evans, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your

→ forehead and upon your

heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all (1 Peter 3:20). You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism (Ex. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:2). Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Bennett Williams Evans according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

The pastor addresses the sponsor.

- Is it your intention to serve Bennett Williams Evans as a sponsor in the Christian faith?
- **R** Yes, with the help of God.
- P God enable to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C Amen.
- P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them (Mark 10:13-16).

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

LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** We pray the Lord's Prayer together.
- 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.

- P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even

 ↑ forevermore.
- C Amen.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

- P Bennett Williams Evans, do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- R Yes, I believe.
- Do you believe 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?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Do you 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?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Bennett Williams Evans, do you desire to be baptized?
- R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:

- P Bennett Williams Evans, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

- The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life

 → everlasting.
- C Amen.
- The white garment that you wear today symbolizes that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness (Is. 61:10; Rev. 7:13, 14; 19:13; 22:14) that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4).
- The burning light(s) show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world (John 8:12). Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb (Rev. 19:9) in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
- In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir (Romans 8:17) with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).
- **C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Bennett Williams Evans the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom (Romans 8:17). We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C Amen.
- P Peace

 → be with you.
- C Amen.

All return to their places.

EXHORTATION *LSB 213*

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CONFESSION OF SINS

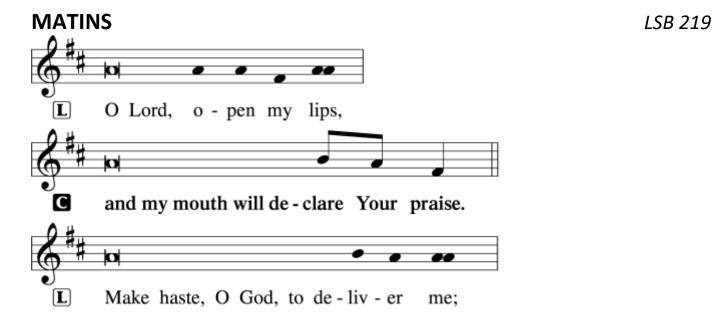
LSB 213

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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 214

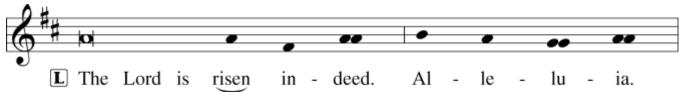
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

₩ WORD ₩



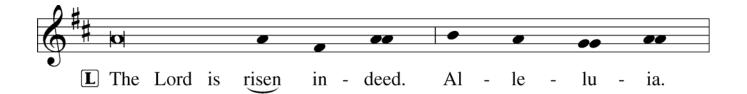


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VENITE LSB 220 to the Lord, 2 For the Lord is a God 3 The sea is His, for He made_ it. 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our tion. sal - va 2 and a great king a - bove all gods. 3 and His hand formed the drv_{-} land. Spir it; 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv ing, 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand; 3 O come, let us worship and down, God, our 5 as it was in the be gin ning, 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. 2 the strength of the hills is His____ so. 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak er. 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep. of His hand. 5 is now, and will be for ev - er. A men.





SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O Merciful God, You have provided for us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd and, through Him, pastors to serve as undershepherds for Your people. Continue to work in us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may be kept safe from harm and led to everlasting life through Your Word and Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING Acts 20:17-35

("Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock.")

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

"You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. 35 In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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

710 THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT



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EPISTLE Revelation 7:9-17

(The Lamb who sits on the throne shall be their Shepherd.)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- 15"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
 16They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
 17For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 10:14

- Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
- death no longer has dominion over Him.
- **L** I am the good shepherd.
- I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 10:22-30

(No one can snatch the sheep out of the Shepherd's hand.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY (EASTER)

LSB 222



- 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.
- 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.
- 3 Glory be to the

Father and to the Son and to the Holy

Spir - it.



LAMB'S MESSAGE

735 HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK



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SERMON

VOTUM

- 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.

- Please send your offerings to
 St. Luke's Lutheran Church
 4801 Anderson Avenue
 Manhattan, KS 66503
- 2. Electronic Funds Transfer Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: John 10:27 – "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

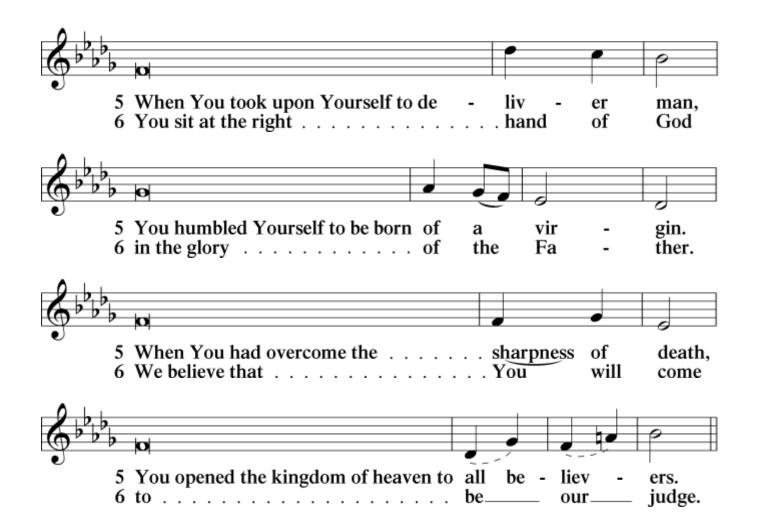
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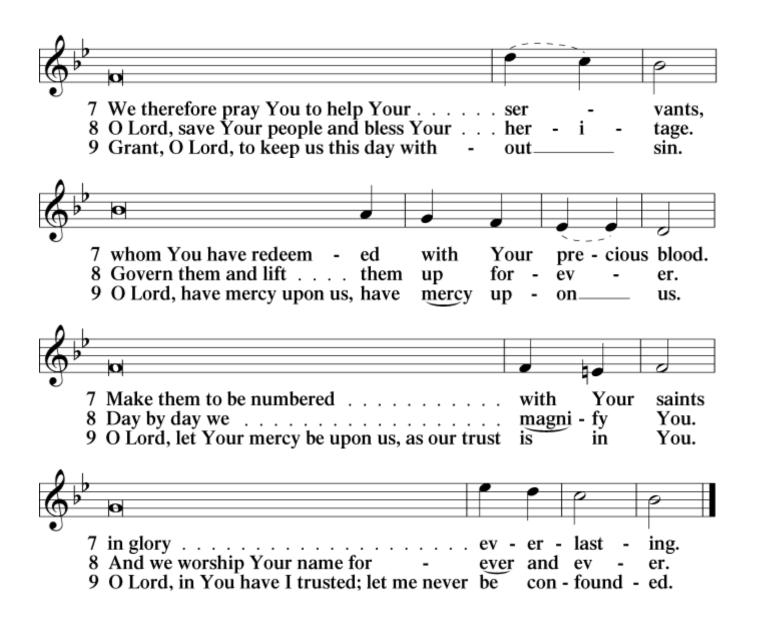


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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

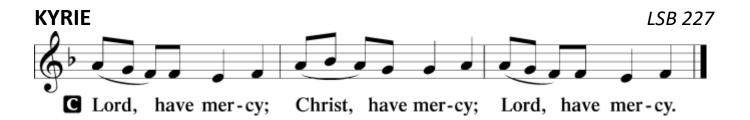
Father, You have shown Your goodness and mercy in providing for us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd and to lay down His life for His sheep. Grant us Your grace that we may hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, follow where He leads, and live in peace and quietness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

- hear our prayer.
- P Father, Your Son has raised up undershepherds through whom He provides His care and protection, guarding us by His Word and nurturing our faith by His Sacraments. Make us attentive to their voice that we may be kept from danger and secured in the truth so that nothing can snatch us from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Father, we have seen Your goodness in the still quiet waters and rich green pastures You daily and richly provide. Give us wise and grateful hearts that we may receive Your grace with thanksgiving and treasure them in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Father, Your watchful care is supplied for us in the governments and leaders of our land. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will govern us according to Your Word and will work for peace and justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Father, shepherd the sick and suffering to healing and relief that they may know Your presence in trouble and Your peace in trial. Hear us especially for [names, and] all who stand in need of Your grace, and keep them to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P Father, give comfort and hope to those who are bereaved, that we may be consoled with the knowledge that those who die in Christ live forevermore. [Hear us especially for *names*, that they may be sustained in their hour of grief by the hope of the resurrection and the life everlasting.] Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Father, deliver us from distraction and complacency, lest we wander from the arms of Your mercy and lose the blessing of Your shepherding care. Bring us at last with all Your sheep that we may be one flock under the one Good Shepherd, united in doctrine and in faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be inserted here.

- Into Your hands, O loving and gentle Shepherd, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.



COLLECT FOR GRACE

- P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- 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.

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".

711 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US 1 Sav - ior, like Much shep - herd lead a we us; 2 We are Yours: in love be - friend Be the us, 3 You re - ceive Poor have prom - ised to and us, 4 Ear - ly let seek Your fa Ear - ly us vor, pleas - ant pas - tures need Your ten - der Your care. In way; Your flock, from sin guard - ian of our Keep de mer - cy sin - ful though we be; You have to re -Your will; Bless - ed Lord and let us do on - ly feed For Your fold use us, our pre - pare. fend Seek when us, us we go a - stray. lieve Grace cleanse, and pow'r us, to to free. Sav ior, With Your love our spir - its fill. Bless - ed Je bless - ed You have sus, Je sus, Bless - ed Je bless - ed Je sus, sus, Hear us Bless - ed Je bless - ed Je -Ear - ly sus, sus. Bless - ed Je bless - ed You have sus, Je sus, bought Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus, us; we are chil -Bless - ed dren when we pray. Je - sus, let You. Bless - ed Je - sus, us turn to still. Bless - ed loved love Je - sus, us, us bless - ed You have bought us; Yours. Je - sus, we are bless - ed chil - dren when Je - sus. Hear us we pray. bless - ed Ear - ly You. Je - sus, let turn us to bless - ed You have loved love still. Je - sus, us. us

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