



## **St. Luke's Lutheran Church**



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*Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.*

**Sunday, July 13, 2025 – 8:30 AM**

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Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music*

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**(Series C)**

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## **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](mailto: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**

In today's Gospel, the man who fell among thieves in the parable of the Good Samaritan did nothing, but he was helped, nonetheless. That's how our Lord, our own Good Samaritan, wants to treat us. The commands in the Old Testament Reading are how to pass on His love to all whom we meet. And the prayer in the Epistle asks no more than that God continue to do what He accomplished through our Lord Jesus. Without our doing anything, He has "transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son" (Colossians 1:13). Our worship today is time to remember to do nothing except live the life God has so graciously bestowed on us.

## **IMAGE ON THE COVER**

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." *Luke 10:27*

## **WELCOME**

## **✠PREPARATION ✠**

# 579 THE LAW OF GOD IS GOOD AND WISE

sts. 1–3, 6

1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His  
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge  
 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in  
 6 To Je - sus we for ref - uge flee, Who from the  
 will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -  
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -  
 works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -  
 curse has set us free, And hum - bly wor - ship at His  
 ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
 tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.  
 light And should be done as good and right.  
 throne, Saved by His grace through faith a - lone.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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*Stand*

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

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

LSB 203

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 203

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

## ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

**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 136:23-268; antiphon: v. 1*



- P** Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.
- C** It is he who remembered us in our | low estate,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
- P** and rescued us | from our foes,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
- C** he who gives food | to all flesh,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
- P** Give thanks to the God of | heaven,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;
- 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** Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.

## KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 205

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks that Your Son has done all that is needed for us to live in Your presence.

**C** **Strengthen our faith that we may receive Your gifts each day and seek ways to thank You with all that we are and have;**

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

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## LCMS YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANT COMMISSIONING SERVICE

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Friends in Christ, you are about to begin a journey—one that will gather you with 20,000 fellow believers in New Orleans, Louisiana, to explore what it means to ENDURE in faith as Jesus did for us. You go as followers of Jesus, gathered in worship, learning, and service. These coming days will stretch and grow you as you celebrate your identity in Christ and explore what it means to run with endurance the race set before you.

**DCE:** At the Gathering, you will learn that the race of faith isn't always easy. Life can be exhausting, complicated, and confusing. But you do not run alone—God has given you a great cloud of witnesses and the presence of His Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide you.

**Gathering Participants: Let us run with endurance the race set before us.**

**DCE:** You will hear again and again: your worth is not in what you do or how strong you feel, but in the One who endured the cross for you. Jesus is the author and perfecter of your faith.

**Gathering Participants: Let us run with endurance the race set before us.**

**DCE:** We are all sinful, and that sin clings closely to us. Remind us that Jesus endured the cross, died, and rose again so that in repentance, we can throw sin off in His forgiveness.

**Gathering Participants: Let us run with endurance the race set before us.**

**DCE:** You'll be reminded that endurance doesn't come from your own strength. It comes from fixing your eyes on Jesus, who never gives up on you—even when it cost Him everything.

**Gathering Participants: Let us run with endurance the race set before us.**

**DCE:** At the Gathering, you'll experience the beauty of Christ's Church gathered to worship, study, and serve as one body.

**Gathering Participants: Let us run with endurance the race set before us.**

**DCE:** And when you return home, may you be equipped to ENDURE in your daily life—joyful in hope, faithful in trials, and confident in the victory Christ has already won.

**Gathering Participants: Let us run with endurance the race set before us.**



## **WORDS TO THE YOUTH**

- P** As members of this congregation, we've watched you grow as Children of God and prepare your hearts for this journey. You've fundraised, studied God's Word, prayed together, and now it's time to go. You go as representatives of this congregation and of Christ, sharing the Good News of the Gospel wherever you are. You will be asked to approach the Gathering as an opportunity to put aside what weighs you down and learn, worship, and be still in the presence of God alongside thousands of others. As you go—will you encourage and challenge one another, represent Christ and our congregation with grace, and with open hearts listen to all God will teach you?

**Youth: Yes, with the help of God.**

## **WORDS TO THE ADULT LEADERS**

- P** To our Adult Leaders: your guidance is a blessing. You've supported, taught, and cared for these young people. In Christian love, you are asked to listen, give wise guidance, and remind young people of their identity in Christ. We pray you will also grow in your understanding of your faith and of your joy in sharing it with young people. As you walk with them at the Gathering, will you continue to nurture their faith, celebrate with them, and point them to Jesus in every moment?

**Adults: Yes, with the help of God.**

## **WORDS TO THE CONGREGATION**

- P** Parents, family, and church family—your support has brought this group to this point. Will you continue to lift them in prayer, asking God to fill them with endurance, wisdom, and joy?

**C** **Yes, with the help of God.**

## PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Father, You have called these youth and adults by name and made them Your own in Baptism. As they travel to New Orleans, bless their journey, guard their hearts, and strengthen them in their identity in You.

When they grow weary, lift their eyes to Jesus.

When they are overwhelmed, surround them with Your peace.

When they sin and make mistakes, offer them your forgiveness.

When they celebrate, let their joy overflow from hearts grounded in You.

**C** Lord, help them **ENDURE**.

**P** Let them return with stories of Your faithfulness and with hearts renewed for service. May the Gathering be a moment of transformation, connection, and grace that encourages them to be disciples of Jesus for life.

**C** Lord, help them **ENDURE**.

**P** We entrust them to You, confident that He who began a good work in them will carry it on to completion in Christ Jesus. In His strong and saving name we pray,

**C** Amen.

*DCE William Prann will introduce the youth and adults attending the Gathering.*

## **SENDING**

- P** May the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering be a life-shaping journey. When you feel weak, may you remember the strength of your Savior. When you feel alone, may you recall the great cloud of witnesses surrounding you. When you grow tired, may you rest in the promise that Christ endured for you. May God bless you with open eyes, listening hearts, and enduring faith.

## **BENEDICTION**

- P** Go in the name of the God who calls us to ENDURE: the Father who created us, the Son who endured the cross for us, and the Holy Spirit who strengthens us to run the race.
- C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **LCMS YOUTH GATHERING HYMN – With Endurance Run Your Race**

*By Jeffrey E. Burkart*

*Sung to NETTLETON (“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” — LSB 686)*

# With Endurance Run Your Race

*The 2024-2025 National Lutheran Schools Week Theme Hymn*

*Based on Hebrews 12:1-3 and the NLSW Theme: Endure!*

Jeffrey E. Burkart

1 With en - dur - ance run your race and Cast a - side sin's  
2 As you run life's race re - mem - ber How Lord Je - sus  
3 Pon - der how the world de - spised Him When, for His sake,  
4 There - fore, let us not grow wea - ry; Nei - ther trem - ble  
Δ 5 Saints of ev' - ry race and na - tion, Lift your voic - es,

heav - y load; With your eyes fixed on Christ Je - sus,  
ran His race. For the joy of our sal - va - tion  
you en - dure Sa - tan's taunt - ings and af - flic - tions  
nor grow faint! With a great cloud we're sur - round - ed  
hands, and hearts To the LORD who grants sal - va - tion,

Found - er of your faith who strode On this earth with sin - gle  
He died for you, took your place, On that cross of shame and  
Or the bane of sin's al - lure. Je - sus dies, yet He is  
By each wit - ness, ev' - ry saint: Those of old, who came be -  
Who from us shall ne'er de - part. Praise the Fa - ther, Son, and

pur - pose, Free - ing all hu - man - i - ty From the  
sor - row Suf - f'ring through His pain and strife Glad - ly  
ris - en! Seat - ed on His throne a - bove. At the  
fore us, With the faith - ful liv - ing now, Who pro -  
Spir - it, Who through wa - ter and the Word, Calls us,

weight of our trans - gres - sions Through His death up - on the tree.  
bear - ing your of - fen - ses That you'd gain e - ter - nal life.  
right hand of the Fa - ther With en - dur - ing grace and love.  
claim Christ Je - sus' glo - ry And be - fore their Sav - ior bow!  
keeps us, ev - er faith - ful In the true faith God's con - ferred!

*rit.*  
A - men! A - men! A - men!

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NETTLETON

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*Please be seated*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Leviticus 18:1-5; 19:9-18*

*(God tells Moses to explain what it means to love one's neighbor as oneself)*

**P** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them,

**C** **I am the LORD your God.**

**P** "You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow My rules and keep My statutes and walk in them.

**C** **I am the LORD your God.**

**P** "You shall therefore keep My statutes and My rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them:

**C** **I am the LORD.**

**P** "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner:

**C** **I am the LORD your God.**

**P** "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by My name falsely, and so profane the name of your God:

**C** **I am the LORD.**

**P** “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God:

**C** **I am the LORD.**

**P** “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor:

**C** **I am the LORD.**

**P** “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but

**C** **you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”**

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL**

*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

**L** How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

**C** **who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

**L** Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

**C** **and their words to the ends of the world.**

## EPISTLE

*Colossians 1:1-14*

*(Paul rejoices with the Colossians and tells them of his prayers.)*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup>just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup>and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

*(The Good Samaritan shows us how to love our neighbor.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "*What is written in the Law? How do you read it?*" <sup>27</sup>And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "*You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.*"

<sup>29</sup>But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "*A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'*" <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "*You go, and do likewise.*"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 207

**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

## 651 I LOVE YOUR KINGDOM, LORD

sts. 1–3, 5



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,  
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,  
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.  
Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.  
Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.  
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

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## 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  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
4801 Anderson Avenue  
Manhattan, KS 66503
2. **Electronic Funds Transfer**  
Sign up through the church office.

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE:** Luke 10:25b – “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” There is nothing right about this question. What shall I *do to inherit*? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can’t do anything to gain it. An inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties. The Father calls us His own children. So we inherit eternal life by grace, and seek to live out our new calling as the Father’s children with our good works.

## **RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

### **INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS, CHAIRS, AND ELDERS**

#### **Elected Officers**

Karen Armbrust – Secretary  
Logan Winter - Treasurer

#### **Elected Chairs**

Julie Hatesohl – Christian Care  
Garret Lister – Outreach/Missions  
Brad Brunkow – Properties  
Management  
Marilyn Fick – Pre-School Education

#### **Elected Elders**

Jon Brott  
Paul Stuckwisch  
Kim Zier  
Randy Hattesohl

## **ADDRESS**

**P** Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that “all things should be done decently and in order.”

To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices and chairs to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve, and the position of elder to which men are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six:

The twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## **INTRODUCTION**

**P** You have been elected to serve in your various positions.

## **QUESTIONING**

**P** You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church here in Manhattan, KS. You are to work with me, the pastor, that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight. You are to see that the services of God’s house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained. You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for the workers of this congregation. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, 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 office(s) 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 TO THE CONGREGATION**

**P** Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers, chairs, and elders of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. 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** Brothers and sisters in Christ, I install you as officers and chairs, and brothers I install you as elders of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The almighty and most merciful God enlighten and strengthen you in your offices that you may be good and faithful stewards to the glory of His name and the good of His people.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

## PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have raised up these servants for work among Your people. We humbly implore You to grant them, by Your Holy Spirit, those gifts needed for the faithful carrying out of their tasks, most especially wisdom, strength, and willing hearts. Let Your blessing rest on this congregation. Strengthen the faith, quicken the love, and enkindle the zeal of its members, that Your name may be glorified and that here and in all places under heaven the kingdom of Your Son may be advanced. We remember with thanksgiving those who have faithfully served Your people and have now completed their time of service. We pray that in the end of days we, with all Your faithful people, may hear the voice of Christ saying: “Come, you who are blessed by My Father; inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”; 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** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** That God would guide and protect the leaders of this world, that conflict and warfare might cease, and peace and harmony break out for all people, let us pray to the Lord,  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** That our heavenly Father would so order the rain and snow that crops would grow for the benefit of all who need nourishment and strength, let us pray to the Lord,  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** That our gracious Lord would keep the church around the world in His protective care and provide opportunity for the spread of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord,  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** That the Holy Spirit would strengthen the skills of professional and neighboring caregivers so that healing and health may flourish, [*especially for . . .*], let us pray to the Lord,  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** That God would enable the caring organizations here and abroad to focus on the needs of the downtrodden, oppressed, and forgotten so that many may give Him praise and glory as they find new opportunity to face each day in confidence and joy, let us pray to the Lord,  
**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.



## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

## BENEDICAMUS

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**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.

## 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".*

## CLOSING SONG

## 537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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