



A Christian with Character
IS PERSISTENT IN PRAYER

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Kearney, Nebraska*

Sunday, October 16, 2016

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD!

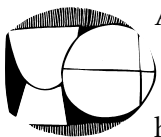
We are so happy you could join us today! If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you.

For your convenience, **Listening Devices** are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak with an usher if you need one. A **Nursery** is also available and is equipped with a speaker so that a minimal amount of the service is missed. The nursery is located in the hallway just off the entryway (first door on left).

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

The persistent widow was determined: she would receive justice, even from a corrupt judge. Her determination kept her begging for justice day after day. In the end she received her due even from a judge with no fear of God and no respect for his fellow man. Learn a lesson in prayerful persistence: How much more will our heavenly Father work justice and bring deliverance to those determined in prayer!

HOLY COMMUNION IS OFFERED TODAY



As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God's holy word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the

Bible that anyone who doesn't understand this teaching or who denies this real presence of Christ's body and blood will do damage to his or her soul if not properly taught first (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals, especially those attending the Lord's Table today. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members

of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

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THE DIVINE SERVICE

Divine Service I — Christian Worship: Supplement, pg. 15



*The sign of the cross
✙ may be made
throughout the
service by
worshippers in
remembrance of their
baptism.*

*"In the morning
when you get up,
make the sign of the
holy cross and say, 'In
the name of the
Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.'"*

*— Small Catechism
Daily Prayers*

OPENING HYMN

With the Lord Begin Your Task | CW 478

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

Please stand.

[M] In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[C] Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

[M] Our help is in the name of the LORD.

Psalms 124:8

[C] Who made heaven and earth.

[M] I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

Psalms 32:5

[C] And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

[M] Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for meditation on God's Word and for self-examination as you consider your thoughts, words, and actions according to the Ten Commandments.

[C] Holy and merciful Father,

[C] I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY — Kyrie

Matthew 20:30; Mark 10:47; Psalm 6:2



Kyrie is the Greek word for "Lord." The expression, "Lord, have mercy," is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

"All confidence is empty, except confidence in mercy. Mercy delivers us; our own merits, our own efforts, do not."

— Apology to the Augsburg Confession, V:209

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

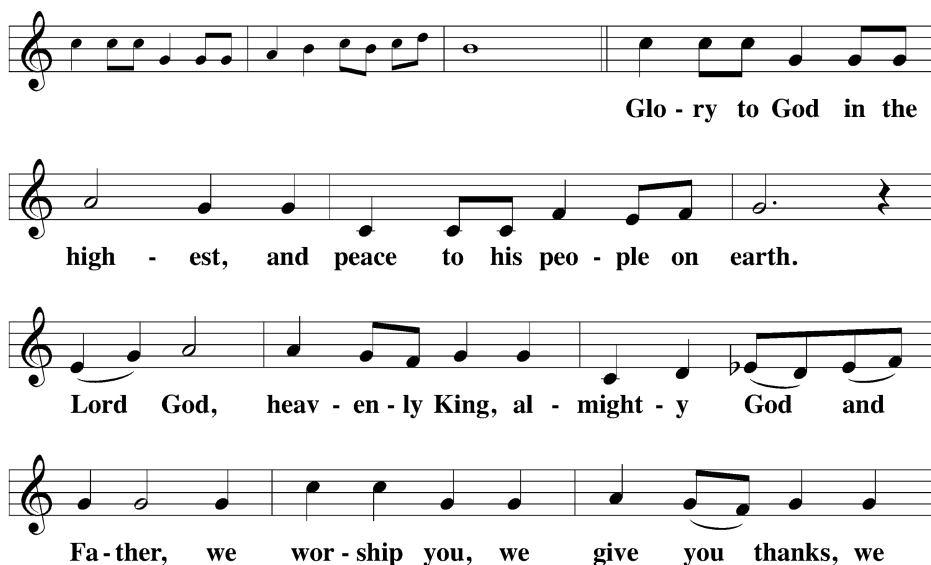
C Amen.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

PARENTS: The shorter, oft-repeated expressions in the liturgy are excellent ways for young children to participate in the worship service. Help children watch for and join in phrases like, "Lord, have mercy," "Amen," and "Alleluia."

GLORY BE TO GOD — Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



*The canticle, **Gloria in Excelsis**, which is Latin for, "Glory in the highest," is a song in which Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. A form of the Christmas Angel's song (Luke 2), "Glory to God in the highest" has been a Christian song of praise in the Divine Service since the 4th century.*

praise you for your glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

The Service of the Word



SALUTATION

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

- M** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

This greeting, known as the "Salutation," has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section (p. 17) of the service.

The **Collect** (also called the “Prayer of the Day”) is a concise prayer which “collects” the thoughts of the day and presents them to God in his mercy. Most of these prayers have been in use in the Church for more than 1,500 years.

His old name meant “heel-grabber,” but he was about to get a new name, “Israel, the one who wrestles with God.” Jacob found himself faced by a large force of men with his brother Esau. Uncertain of what the future held, Jacob turned to the Lord in prayer. Thankful for the blessings showered on him by the God of the Covenant, he calls on the name of the Lord for protection. As Jacob wrestled with God on the banks of the Jabbok, so Christ invites us to wrestle with God in prayer. Let us be determined to hold our heavenly Father to his promises. This is our privilege and duty won by him who struggled and has overcome the gates of hell itself.

PRAYER OF THE DAY — Collect

M Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 32:22-30

THE SAME NIGHT he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷ And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Refrain

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone*Refrain*

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*

Where does my help | come from?

My help comes | from the LORD,*

the maker of hea- | ven and earth.

He will not let your | foot slip,*

he who watches over you will not | slumber;

indeed, he who watches over | Israel*

will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.

Refrain

The LORD watches | over you,*

the LORD is your shade at | your right hand.

The LORD will keep you | from all harm,*

he will watch o- | ver your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and | going*

both now and for- | evermore.

We are pilgrims on a journey to our heavenly home (cf. Philippians 3:20,21). This psalm reminds us to focus on the Lord, who oversees our journey. Do not allow the mountains, moon, sun, or anything else in creation to frighten you. Our God is eternally alerts and goes above and before us.

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.*

Refrain

*We can pray
persistently because
we have confidence in
our salvation and
confidence that our
God hears us. There is
no uncertainty here.
We know that
whatever we ask
according to the
Father's will is as
good as in our
possession.*

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:13-15

I WRITE THESE THINGS TO YOU WHO BELIEVE in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY

Ephesians 2:10a

M Alleluia! Alleluia! For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

C Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8a

Please stand.

[M] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter eighteen.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

AND [JESUS] TOLD THEM A PARABLE to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The persistent widow was determined: she would receive justice, even from a corrupt judge. Her determination kept her begging for justice day after day. In the end she received her due even from a judge with no fear of God and no respect for his fellow man. Learn a lesson in prayerful persistence: How much more will our heavenly Father work justice and bring deliverance to those determined in prayer!

[M] This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

[C] We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,

Dt. 6:4
2 Cor. 6:18
Is. 51:13
Col.1:16
1 Cor. 8:6
Jn. 3:18

Upon hearing the Word preached, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith just preached. The creeds signify our allegiance to Christian doctrine and unite us with over 2,000 years of Christian history. By repeating the creeds weekly, we equip ourselves for public witness by grounding our confession in the fundamentals of our faith.

eternally begotten of the Father,	Heb. 1:2,5
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,	Jn. 1
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.	Jn. 10:30
Through him all things were made.	Jn. 1:3
For us and for our salvation,	1 Th. 5:9
he came down from heaven,	Jn. 6:38
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,	Lk. 1:35
and became fully human.	Gal. 4:4
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.	Mk. 15:15
He suffered death and was buried.	1 Cor. 15:3-4a
On the third day he rose again in accordance	1 Cor. 15:4b
with the Scriptures.	
He ascended into heaven	Ac. 2:33-34
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	Heb. 1:13
He will come again in glory	Mt. 25:31
to judge the living and the dead,	2 Tim.4:1
and his kingdom will have no end.	Lk. 1:33
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,	Job 33:4
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	Jn. 15:26
who in unity with the Father and the Son	Jn. 4:24
is worshiped and glorified,	
who has spoken through the prophets.	2 Pet.1:25
We believe in one holy Christian	Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20
and apostolic Church.	
We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.	Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38
We look for the resurrection of the dead	1 Cor. 15:21-22
and the life of the world to come. Amen.	Rev. 22

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY	In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust CW 448
SERMON	Luke 18:1-8a

A Christian with Character is Persistent in Prayer

CREATE IN ME

Psalm 51:10-12

Please stand.

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Be seated.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Please stand.

DEDICATION OF NEW COMMUNIONWARE

Using the words of the Psalmist (Psalm 51), we pray in the **Offertory** that God use the Word on which we have just listened and mediated to “create a pure heart” inside of us. We pray that he “does not cast us away,” but instead show us his salvation—which he is about to do in the Holy Supper.

In the era of the Reformation, announcements about births, deaths, and marriages were made after the sermon. Then prayers were offered. This is why the **Prayer of the Church** is often placed in this position in the Divine Service.

"Surely there can be no more faithful, firm, or efficacious sign and seal of the promise and grace which have been shown and applied to us than that Christ himself in the Supper shows to us his very body which has been given for us and his very blood which has been shed for us, not at some enormous distance, but he offers and gives it to us in so present a manner that we receive it to our very selves."

— Martin Chemnitz

The Service of the Sacrament



SALUTATION

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PREFACE

M Lift up your hearts.

Lamentations 3:41

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C It is good and right so to do.

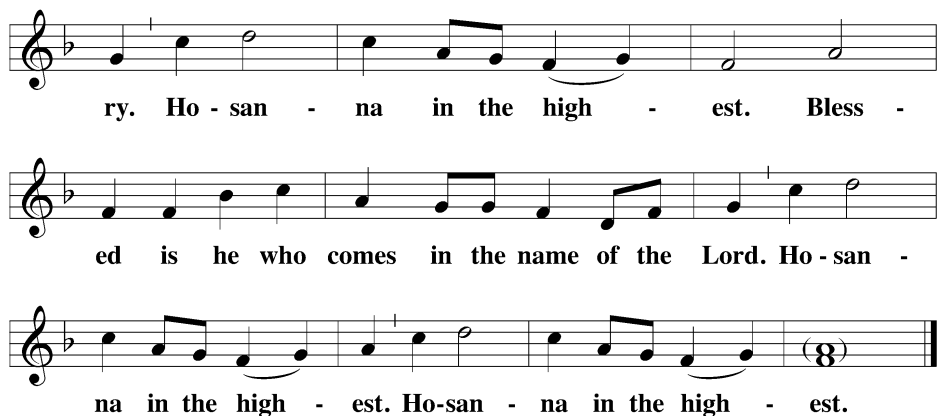
M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.* Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY — Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,

God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

[M] Blessed are you, O God our Savior, for you have gathered us here to remember Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. In this meal you give us his true body and blood, which paid our debt to you and assures us of your forgiveness. Remembering your Son's death and resurrection, we receive in repentance and joy his body and blood. Strengthen us through this gift for our pilgrimage on earth until, together at last, we shall eat and drink with our Savior anew in the kingdom of God. For all of your undeserved love toward us, we give thanks and praise to your living and life-giving name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER — *Pater Noster*

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

[C] Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.

As the testaments are linked to Christ in the Service of the Word, so do we remember and give thanks for salvation history in the Church's table prayer.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us ✠ from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

The words of our Lord in the Words of Institution bestow exactly what they say. In the words of consecration the Lord's Word delivers His body and blood for our forgiveness. Though we are blessed with many good foods throughout the week, no other meal gives the body and blood of Christ to sinners.

The Agnus Dei, which means "Lamb of God," is a song included in the Ordinary of the Divine Service. That means it is included in every Service of the Sacrament. This canticle reminds us that Jesus is God's Lamb, who was offered as a sacrifice for sin, once for all.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION — Verba

*Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

PEACE OF THE LORD — Pax Domini

John 20:19

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

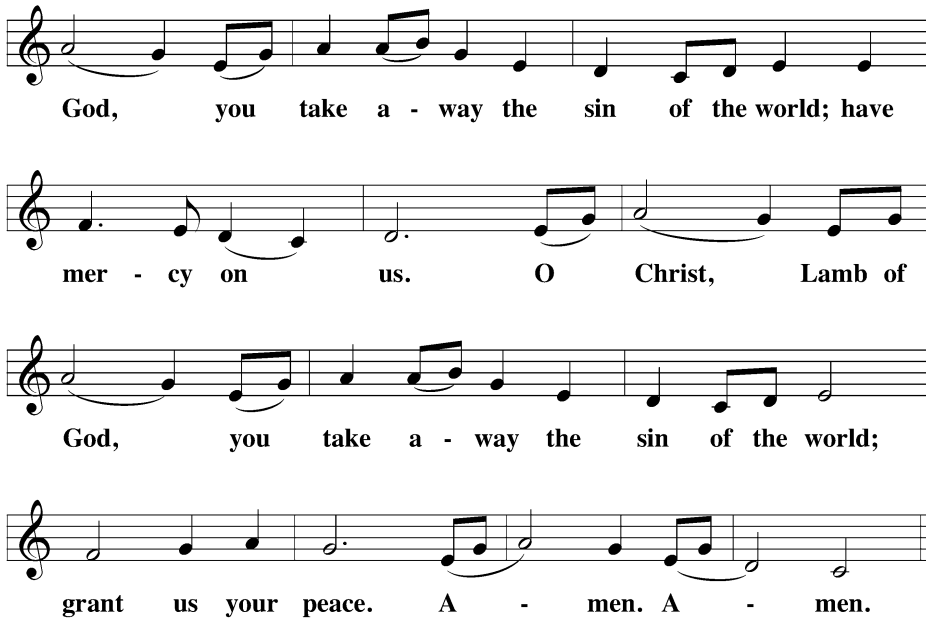
C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD — Agnus Dei

John 1:29



O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord's Supper can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.

In dismissing the communicants, the minister says:

[M] Now, may this true body and blood strengthen and keep you in the true faith to life everlasting. Your sins ✠ are forgiven. Go in peace. Amen.

*Good Shepherd confesses and practices the Biblical teaching of a **Closed Communion**. We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord's Table. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, or would like to inquire about how you, too, can commune with us, please speak with the Pastor following the service.*

The Nunc Dimittis, Latin for "Now dismiss," is a distinctly Lutheran addition to the Divine Service. These words are appropriately sung after receiving the Lord's Supper because, like Simeon in the temple, we held in our hands the body of Christ, the Son of God. And, like Simeon, we now depart this place in peace because we have (tasted and) seen the salvation of all people.

SONG OF SIMEON — *Nunc Dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Please stand.



In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalms 107:1

- [M]** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
[C] And his mercy endures forever.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

- [M]** We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

Numbers 6:22-27

M The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Be seated.

CLOSING HYMN

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As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in His name. Live each day with confidence, knowing that you have the Lord's blessing and presence with you.



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