



O, The Depths of God's Grace!
THROUGH THE FAMILY

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH | Kearney, Nebraska

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20)

Sunday, October 8, 2017

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 TODAY

The closest we can get to a mirror of the love of God for us is the mirror of the love that he wants us to have for one another in the family. The goal of family members is to reflect the love of God for us in self giving love for one another in the family. How tragic that in our society such a mirror is clouded indeed! There is much to repent of and much to strive toward.

Today is the third of six Sundays focusing on *The Depths of God's Grace!* Jesus wants to so deepen our understanding of his grace that he becomes all in all to us. In this series, we will see how truly gracious God is.

September 17*An Understanding of God's Grace Begins With a Heart of Faith*

September 24*God's Grace is Focused Outside of Himself*

October 1*God's Grace is Found Under His Protective Care*

TODAY***God's Grace is Found in the Family***

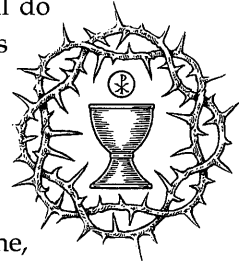
October 15*God's Grace is Found in Wealth*

October 22*God's Grace is Abundant*

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].

ABOUT THE ORDER OF SERVICE

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], the synod to which Good Shepherd has the privilege to belong, is in the process of producing a new hymnal, scheduled to be released in the early 2020's. Pastor Seelow is a contributor to this project, and also has the opportunity to serve on the worship board of the Nebraska District of the WELS. Good Shepherd has been asked to "field test" one of the new orders of service for that new hymnal volume. The committee who designed this new service explains it in this way:

"Entitled simply The Service, the order of service you are using is both old and new. It is a version of the historic liturgy of the Western Christian church. The progression of The Service is familiar to worshipers in our church body, and there are some elements of The Service that are new or different.

The text of The Service is being presented as the standard liturgical text for the new hymnal. We envision that the hymnal will include three musical settings of The Service; the progression and basic texts will encourage continuity and familiarity, and the musical settings will offer variety. Overall, it is our hope and prayer that you will find the structure and the text of the service to be very familiar."

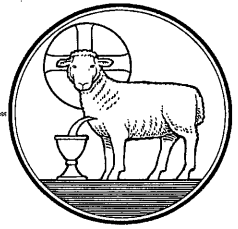
Good Shepherd will be using *The Service* through the end of November. For the first 6 weeks, only the text of *The Service* will be used. Gradually new songs and canticles will be taught and added, with the goal of using *The Service* in its entirety for the whole month of November. If you have questions, comments, or concerns about *The Service*, please speak with Pastor Seelow, and he will pass them on to the hymnal committee.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Pastor Phil Hirsch for serving us with Word and Sacrament today. Pastor Hirsch has the privilege of serving at Hope Lutheran Church in Manhattan, KS, as well as serving as the president of the Nebraska District of the Synod. Thank you!

THE DIVINE SERVICE

The Service — Setting II



OPENING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness | CW 353

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] If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

[C] If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

[M] Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

[C] Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his holy life and innocent death.
Trusting in him, I pray:
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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

"The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners..."

*— Small Catechism,
The Office of the Keys, Part I*

ABSOLUTION

M Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY — *Kyrie, eleison*

Mark 10:47

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

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

C Lord, have mercy.

M 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 mercy.

M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

"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

GLORY BE TO GOD — *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

Tune: TALLIS' CANON [CW 597]

"Glory to God in the
highest, and peace to
His people on earth"

— Luke 2:14

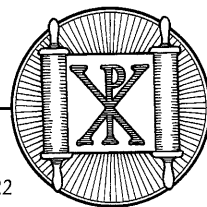
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;

Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
 You take all hu - man sin a - way.
 The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.

We praise you for your peace and grace,
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done
 Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
 We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
 "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

The Service of the Word



SALUTATION

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY — *Collect*

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; 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 2:18-25

THEN THE LORD GOD SAID, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Marriage, childbirth, and growth of the human community were a part of God's plan for humankind from before the fall. The coming together of man and woman in marriage is pictured here as the reuniting of what was separated at the creation of woman.

Our houses and the families within them are empty without his blessing. The Lord leads us to value his gifts and to commit them to his watchful care. He will preserve us unto life everlasting.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 127

- [M]** If the LORD does not build the house, it is useless for the builders to work hard over it.
- [C]** If the LORD does not watch over the city, it is useless for the watchman to stand guard.
- [M]** It is useless for you to get up early and to work late, worrying about bread to eat,
- [C]** because God grants sleep to the one he loves.
- [M]** Indeed, children are a heritage from the LORD.
- [C]** The fruit of the womb is a reward from him.
- [M]** Sons born during one's youth are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.
- [C]** How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.
- [C]** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:21-6:4

SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER out of reverence for Christ.
²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the

If we say with Paul that the husband is the "head" in a marriage, then we may say the wife is the "heart." Is one more important? No, both heart and head are necessary for life. We are sinfully inclined to view marriage selfishly: what can I get out of it? Instead, we should consider what we can offer to our spouse and see behind each action a picture of the Gospel itself.

church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

^{6:1} Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." ⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:27

M Alleluia. Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

C Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

M The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter ten.

AND PHARISEES CAME UP and in order to test him asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷ 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,

Jesus teaches that God wants a man and a woman in marriage to be exclusively committed to each other for life. Attempts to alter or get around God's good intentions bring condemnation, not greater liberty. Thoughtfully and prayerfully embrace God's ways. What he establishes is for our good and stems from his love and grace.

⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Blessed Home, Where Man and Wife | CW 503

SERMON

Genesis 2:18-25

The Maker Made Man and Woman

NICENE CREED

Please stand.

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*

*Public confession is
faith's response to
God's saving Word.
Christians composed
the Nicene Creed in
the 4th century to
defend the Bible's
teachings that both
Jesus Christ and the
Holy Spirit are true
God, equal to the
Father in one eternal,
undivided Trinity.*

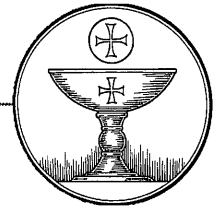
eternally begotten of the Father,	<i>Heb. 1:2,5</i>
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,	<i>Jn. 1</i>
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.	<i>Jn. 10:30</i>
Through him all things were made.	<i>Jn. 1:3</i>
For us and for our salvation,	<i>1 Th. 5:9</i>
he came down from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

Be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

The Service of the Sacrament



PREFACE

Please stand.

M The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

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.

Psalm 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

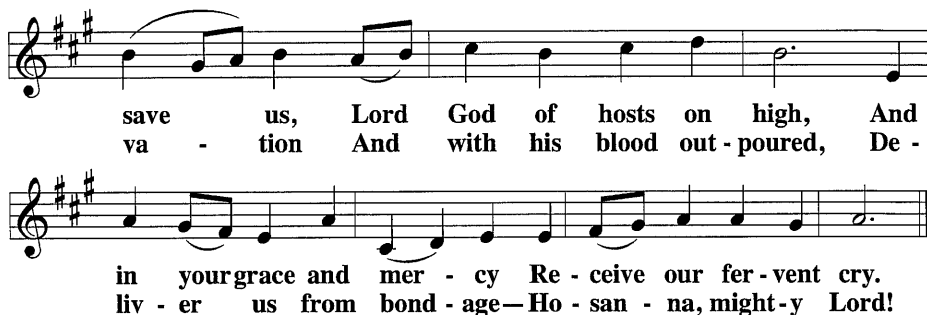
Tune: ELLACOMBE [CW 130]

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

The opening words of the Preface are among the oldest sentences in the Christian liturgy. The responses are followed by the Proper Preface (italics), which are specific to the "proper" season of the church year. The entire liturgy is composed of ordinary elements, which remain the same from week to week, and propers, which change from week to week or season to season.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the 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,

"The Lord's Prayer is a prayer above all prayers, the greatest of all prayers, which has been taught by the greatest Master of all, in which all spiritual and bodily trouble is comprehended and which is the strongest consolation in all temptations, tribulations, and in the last hour."

— Martin Luther

as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver ✠ us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

[C] Amen.

LAMB OF GOD — Agnus Dei

John 1:29

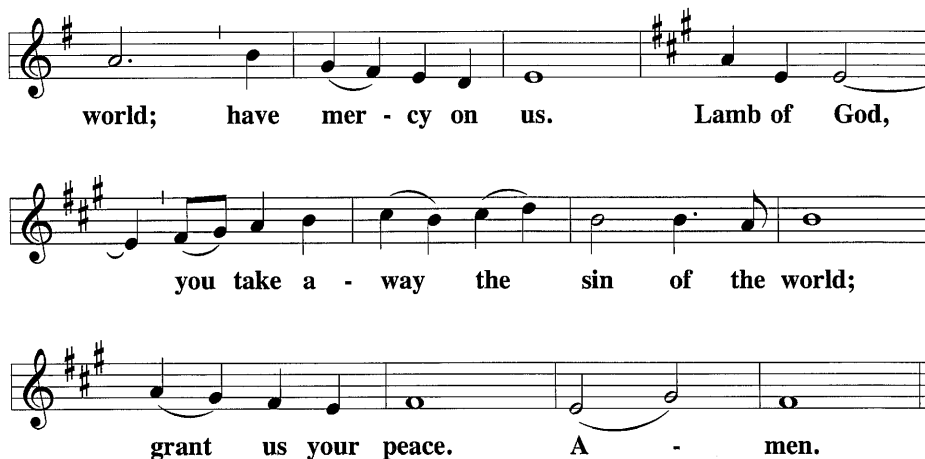
Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

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"The peace of the Lord..." The resurrected Lord calmed the fears of his disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks to us on his behalf.

The Agnus Dei (Latin for "Lamb of God") is based on John the Baptist's acclamation of Christ: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!" This canticle recollects the sacrifice of the Lamb of God on Good Friday, reminding us that, through the Holy Supper, we "proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."



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.

POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Please stand.

[M] Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

[C] His mercy endures forever.

Psalms 107:1

[M] Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

[C] we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

*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.*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Having received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that he will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor.

M We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God’s people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, “So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them.”

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

For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray | CW 500



SERVING IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

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