Reformation Sunday

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

+ Order of Worship +

Divine Service

(Liturgy adapted from Luther's "German Mass" of 1525)

REGISTRATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Members of Mt. Calvary and visitors, who are confirmed members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to announce attendance at Holy Communion by means of the registration cards in the pews. Non-member visitors and guests, who may desire to attend Holy communion, are asked to speak in person with the pastor before doing so. Those who desire a blessing, but choose not to commune, may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest.

In accord with Holy Scripture, our church teaches that Holy Communion is open only to those who: (1) have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; Matt. 28:19, Acts 2:41-42; (2) are able to examine themselves both as to what this meal is and also its purpose; 1 Cor. 11:26-30; (3) have confessed and repented of their sins; 1 John 1:8-2:3; (4) believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine all communicants receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins: 1 Cor. 11:23-27, 1 Cor. 10:16, Matt. 26:26-28; and who (5) are united in belief in the same teaching: 1 Cor. 10:17, Rom. 16:18, 2 John 10-11, Matt. 28:20, Heb. 13:9.

Looking for extra help in focusing your thoughts for the Lord's Supper? "Christian Questions with Their Answers" was prepared by Luther to address just that. They can be found in your hymnal on pages 329-330. Review them if you get to church early, or during the offering, or if you are waiting to be invited forward.

Prayer before Worship: O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *LSB 656*
(Cong. sings all verses)

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN.

KYRIE

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: CHRIST, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Glory Be to God on High" *LSB 947*
Cong. sings all verses
(Hymn Paraphrase of The Gloria in Excelsis)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.

P: Let us pray…

C: ALMIGHTY AND GRACIOUS LORD, POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT ON YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE. KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR GRACE AND TRUTH, PROTECT AND DELIVER US IN TIMES OF TEMPTATION, DEFEND US AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, AND GRANT TO YOUR CHURCH YOUR SAVING PEACE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.

HEARING GOD'S WORD…

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to
those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. 7 And he said
with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has
come, and worship Him Who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalmody *My Soul Now Praise Your Maker* *LSB 820*
(Cong. sings vv. 1 & 4; Choir sings vv 2 & 3)
(Hymn Paraphrase of Psalm 103)

Second Reading Romans 3:19-28

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so
that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.
20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law
comes knowledge of sin.
21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although
the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the righteousness of God through faith in
Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption
that is in Christ Jesus, 25 Whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be
received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance
He had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so
that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of
works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from
works of the law.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Gradual Hymn *LSB 655 vv. 1-2 Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*
(Cong. sings both stanzas)

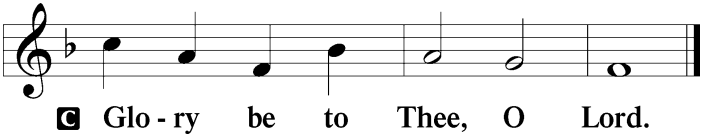
Alleluia Verse

P: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,

C: FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. ALLELUIA.

Introduction

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
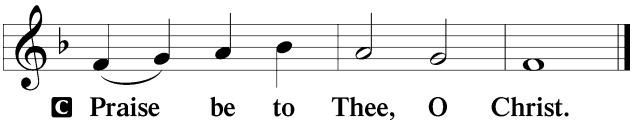


The Holy Gospel John 8:31-36

31 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, **"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

[33]They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

[34]Jesus answered them, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. [35]The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. [36]So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



GRADUAL HYMN *“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”* *LSB 655, v. 3*
(Cong. sings stanza 3)

CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

C: I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BEGOTTEN OF HIS FATHER BEFORE ALL WORLDS, GOD OF GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT, VERY GOD OF VERY GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE FATHER, BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE; WHO FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF THE VIRGIN MARY AND WAS MADE MAN; AND WAS CRUCIFIED ALSO FOR US UNDER PONTIUS PILATE. HE SUFFERED AND WAS BURIED. AND THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. AND HE WILL COME AGAIN WITH GLORY TO JUDGE BOTH THE LIVING AND THE DEAD, WHOSE KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END.

AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPED AND GLORIFIED, WHO SPOKE BY THE PROPHETS. AND I BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CHRISTIAN AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH, I ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS, AND I LOOK FOR THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 568 If Your Beloved Son, O God
Cong. sings all verses

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us open our hearts, let us examine ourselves according to our calling in life and the Ten Commandments, let us confess our sins and pray for forgiveness in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Quiet as you examine your conscience)

P: Almighty God,

C: I CONFESS TO YOU THAT I AM A MISERABLE SINNER, GUILTY OF EVERY SIN, OF UNBELIEF, AND OF BLASPHEMY. I ALSO FEAR THAT YOUR WORD IS NOT BRINGING FORTH FRUIT IN ME, I HEAR IT, BUT I DO NOT RECEIVE IT EARNESTLY. I DO NOT SHOW WORKS OF LOVE TO MY NEIGHBOR. I AM FULL OF ANGER, HATE, AND ENVY TOWARD OTHERS. I AM IMPATIENT, GREEDY, AND BENT ON EVERY EVIL. THEREFORE, MY HEART AND CONSCIENCE ARE HEAVY AND I WOULD GLADLY BE FREED OF MY SINS. FOR ALL THIS I AM SORRY AND I ASK FOR MERCY THROUGH THE MERITS OF CHRIST'S DEATH. I AM DETERMINED TO DO BETTER. AMEN.

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith. Amen. Do you believe that the pastor's absolution is God's absolution?

C: YES, FOR CHRIST GAVE TO THE HOLY MINISTRY THE POWER TO BIND AND LOOSE SIN ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD.

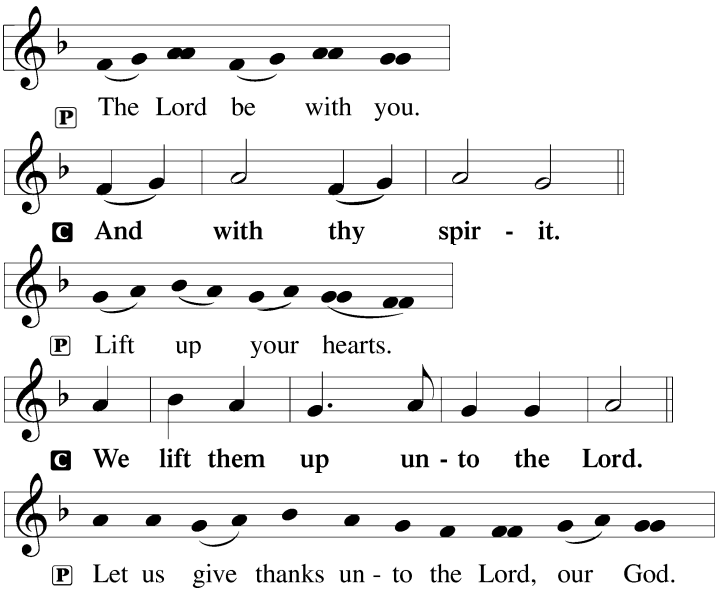
P: Then as you believe, so let it be done to you. And I, by the command of Jesus Christ our Lord, forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Be at peace.
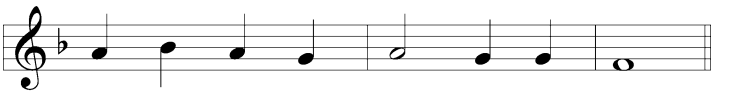
C: AMEN.

Hymn: *LSB 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*
(Cong. sings all stanzas)

P: Dearest friends in Christ: You know that our Lord Jesus Christ, out of unspeakable love, instituted at the last, this His Supper as a memorial and proclamation of His death suffered for our sins. This commemoration requires a firm faith to make the heart and conscience of everyone who wants to use and partake of this Supper sure and certain that Christ has suffered death for all his or her sins. But whoever doubts and does not in some manner feel such faith should know that the Supper is of no avail to him or her, but will rather be to his or her hurt, and such a one should stay away from it. And since we cannot see such faith and it is known only to God, we leave it to the conscience of the one who comes and admit all who request and desire the sacrament. But, those who cling to open sins, such as greed, hatred, anger, envy, profiteering, unchastity, and the like and are not minded to renounce them, are hereby barred from the Supper, and are warned faithfully not to come forward lest they incur judgment and damnation for their own souls, as St. Paul says, 1 Corinthians 11:29. If, however, any have fallen because of weakness, and have by word and deed given evidence that they earnestly desire to better themselves, this grace and communion of the Body and Blood of Christ is not denied to them. In this fashion each must judge him or herself and look out for him or herself. For God is not mocked, nor will He give that which is holy to the dogs or cast pearls before swine.
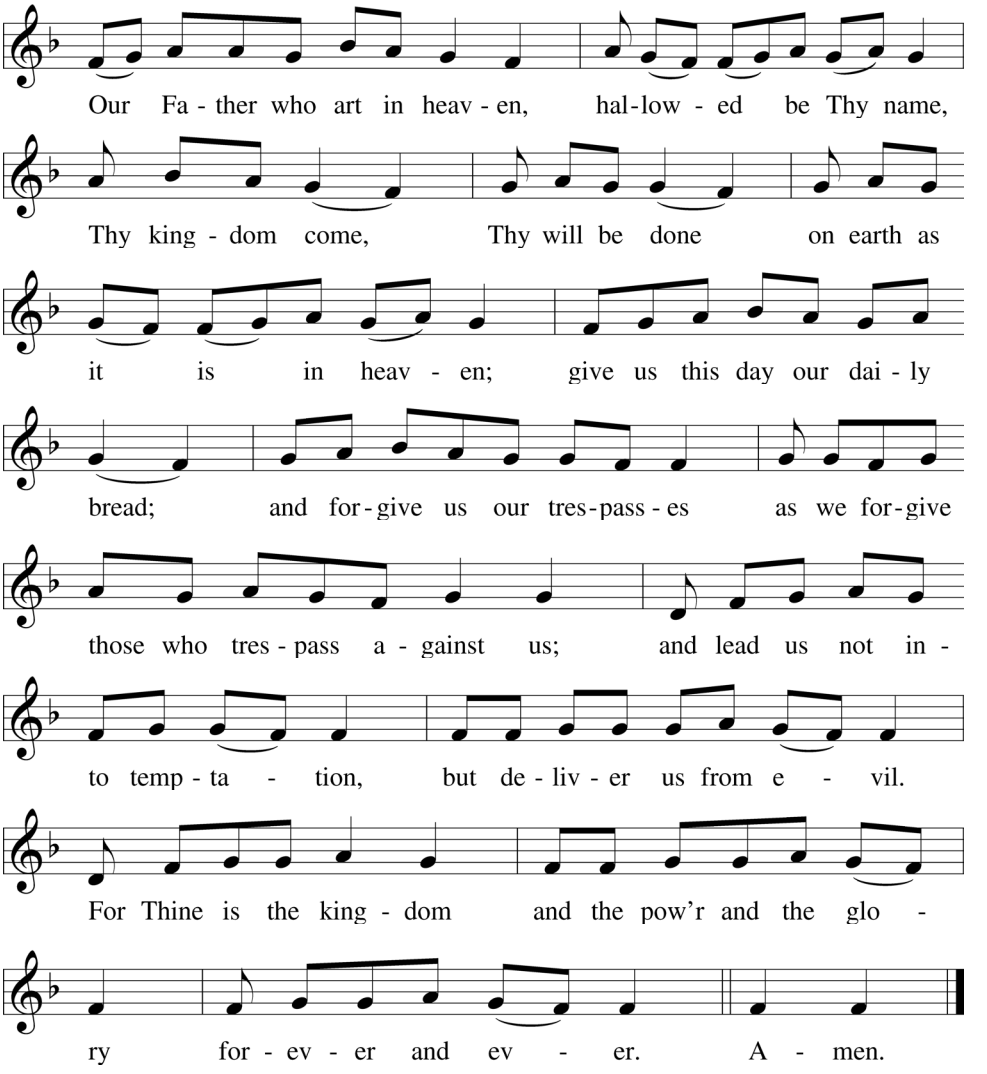
GREAT THANKSGIVING





C It is meet and right so to do.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *LSB 957* *(Cong. sings all)*

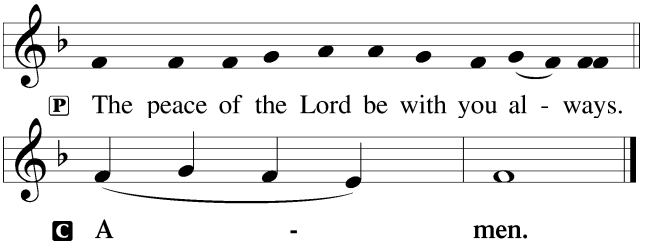


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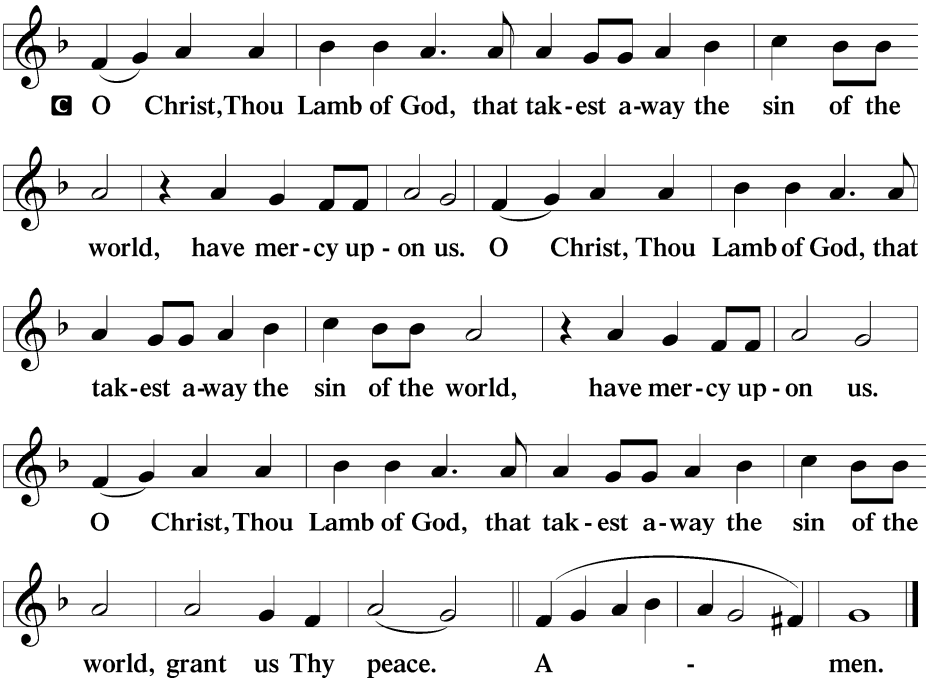
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SANCTUS *LSB 960 "Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old"*
(Cong. sings all)
(Paraphrsas of Isaiah's vision Isaiah 6:1-4, in verse)

SHARING OF PEACE



AGNUS DEI



Prayer before Communing: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

LSB 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

LSB 642 O Living Bread from Heaven

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

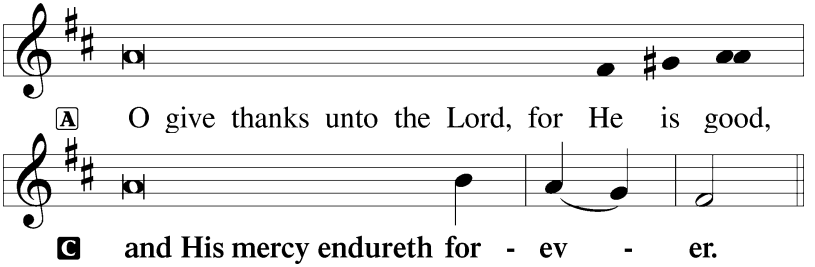
P: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious Blood, strengthen you in true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C: AMEN.

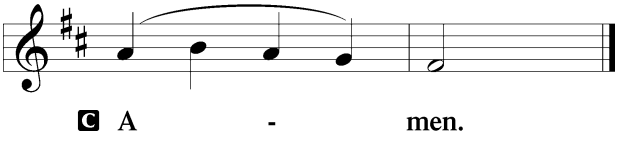
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

LSB 617 "O Lord, We Praise Thee"
(Cong. sings vv. 1 & 3, Choir sings v,2)

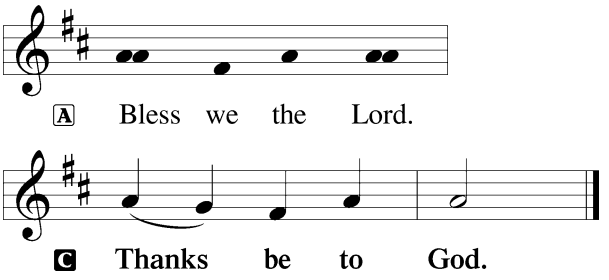
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



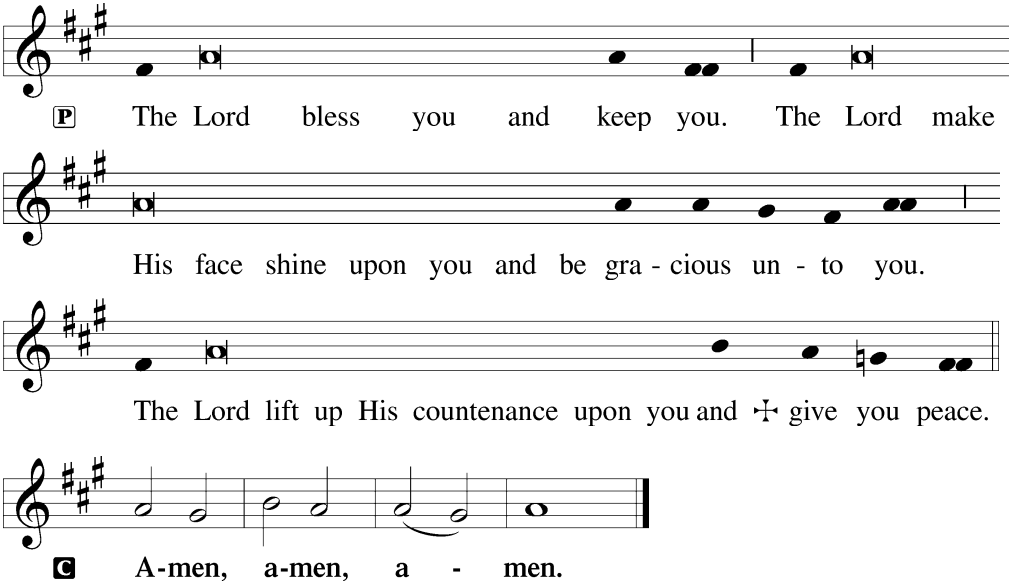
P: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS



BENEDICTION



CLOSING HYMN

LSB 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good
(Cong. sings all stanzas)

SILENT PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE



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