Welcome!

REFORMATION

Sunday, October 25, 2026 – 10:00am

To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshiping with us.

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

Joyful Giving Opportunities: The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click on the QR code to the right. →

Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online. Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online by clicking here: →

The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. **For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat.** God bless your worship!

AS WE GATHER

Do you feel up for fireworks? Our remembrance of Reformation Day has a lot in common with American Independence Day. It is a day of proclaiming daring declarations, remembering the brave and the bold, and basking in the freedoms won for us. Martin Luther's name may come up more today than usual, but Pastor Luther would be quick to steer the attention back to Jesus. There would be no Ninety-Five Theses without Jesus' declaration "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" *(John 8:36)*. The boldness of the reformers was only fueled by the bravery of Christ, facing the challenge of this world's darkness on their behalf. The freedoms the church celebrates on Reformation Day were not won in the 1500s but at the cross and empty tomb "through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" *(Romans 3:24)*. So light the fireworks. Celebrate freedom. Christ sets the sinner free!

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC Frankie Rogers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✢ Preparation ✢

OPENING HYMN "The Lord, My God, Be Praised" *LSB 794*

1. **The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;**
   My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
   My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
   And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.
2. **The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,**
   The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
   Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
   And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.
3. **The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,**
   The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
   His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
   Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

△ 4. **The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,**
   To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving.
   The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
   God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 119:89–90a; John 8:36; Hebrews 13:8*

P Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
C **Your faithfulness endures to all generations.**
P If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.
C **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 119:90b; John 8:34; Psalm 119:94a; John 8:31*

P Lord, You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

C **All creation is sustained by Your Word and made to serve Your holy purposes.**

P And yet, we can ignore or defy Your Word and fail to pursue Your purposes.

C **Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin, and we seek Your freedom.**

P For our sins of thought, word, and deed, for our action and inaction, for our inborn sinfulness and failures of faith, we beg for mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

C **I am Yours; save me.**

Pause for silent reflection

P Jesus speaks, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples." The blood of Christ is put forward as our propitiation, that repentant sinners might receive the righteousness of God. As a 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.**

✢ Service of the Word ✢

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy* *LSB 168*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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

P 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.

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

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

THIS IS THE FEAST *Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING *(John shares his vision of an everlasting, all-encompassing Gospel.)* 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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM FOR REFORMATION *(sung)* *Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7*

P God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.

C **Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,***
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

P though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

C **There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,***
the holy habitation of the | Most High.

P God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns.

C **The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;***
He utters His voice, the | earth melts.

P Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how He has brought desolations | on the earth.

C **He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;***
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots | with fire.

P "Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted | in the earth!"

All: **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.

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EPISTLE *(Paul declares the sinner is justified by grace through faith.)* Romans 3:19–28

19Now 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "The Law of God Is Good and Wise" *LSB 579*

1, The Law of God is good and wise And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness, And dooms to death when we transgress.

2. Its light of holiness imparts The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate And turn from sin before too late.

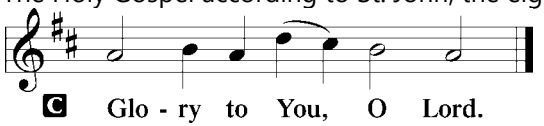
5. The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.

6. To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.

HOLY GOSPEL John 8:31–36

(Christ announces Himself as the Son who gives freedom to sin's slaves.)

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



[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."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

SERMON HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *LSB 656*

1. A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2. **With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;**
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

3. **Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,**
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

4. **The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;**
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

SERMON "We Are Lutheran" *John 8:31–36*

HYMN "We All Believe in One True God" *LSB 953*

1. **We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,**
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.

2. **We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son,**
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

3. **We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,**
Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Psalm 119:89–90*

P Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

C **Your faithfulness endures to all generations.**

P And so we pray: Almighty and everlasting God, our refuge and strength, teach Your church not to fear but to trust Your unshakable promises, that faithful to Your Word, she might remain a present help for troubled hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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℗ Ever-living Lord, You have sent an eternal Gospel to be proclaimed to every nation and tribe and language and people. Raise up from among us faithful pastors, teachers, and missionaries who will proclaim the crucified and risen Christ as the only hope of sinners. Lord, in Your mercy,

ℂ **hear our prayer.**

℗ Holy Spirit, our Comforter, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, protect all citizens of the world from danger and disaster and make Your holy people agents of peace who pursue the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

ℂ **hear our prayer.**

℗ Lord Jesus Christ, truth incarnate, You ask Your people to abide in Your Word. Make us crave the nourishment of Scripture and build in us healthy habits and disciplines that put Your Holy Word central in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

ℂ **hear our prayer.**

℗ Abiding Savior, You proclaim freedom from sin. Deliver Your servants also from illness, injury, and infirmity. We lift up the sick and suffering among us. Grant them comfort in Your presence and confidence in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

ℂ **hear our prayer.**

℗ Faithful Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word, patient in suffering, bold in confession, and joyful in hope, until that day when the everlasting Gospel is heard in its fullness and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

ℂ **Amen.**

OFFERING *The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.*
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.
Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.

PRAYER AT OFFERING

℗ Heavenly Father, in following Your example, we offer these gifts to you today. As you have blessed us without measure, we bring these tithes to you and pray that You would bless them for the continuance and growth of Your kingdom. A kingdom that waits joyfully for Jesus' return. Bless us as we offer ourselves to You in our vocations, so that we manage and use all the gifts you have bestowed on us to Your glory.

ℂ **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**

℗ Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.

ℂ **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

✢ Service of the Sacrament ✢

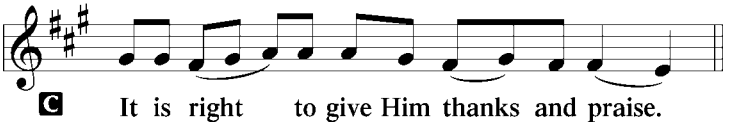
We ask that all visitors carefully read our communion statement found in the front of this service bulletin before approaching the communion table.

PREFACE *LSB 177*

P The Lord be with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

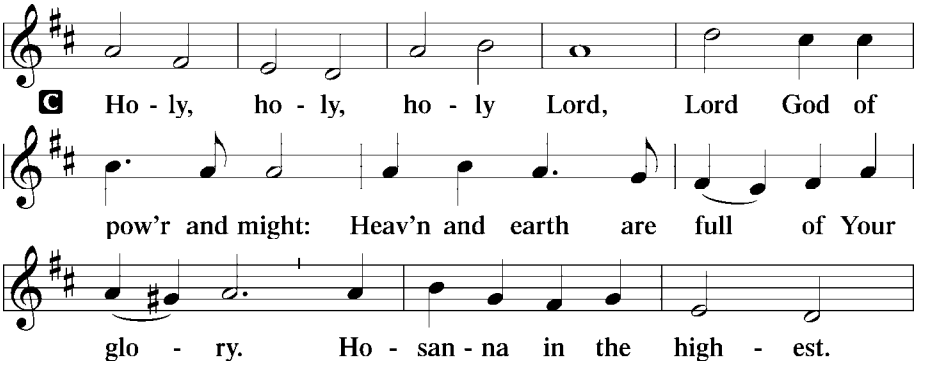
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and in keeping with our salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



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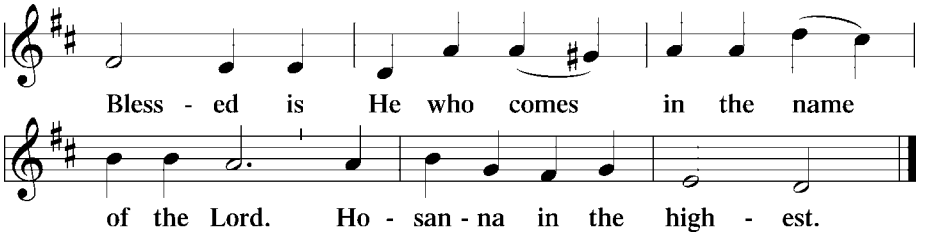


THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

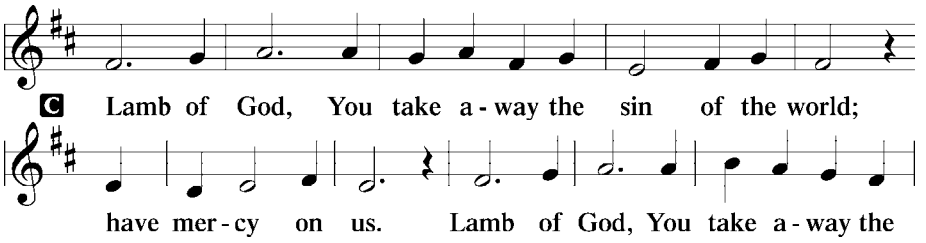
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

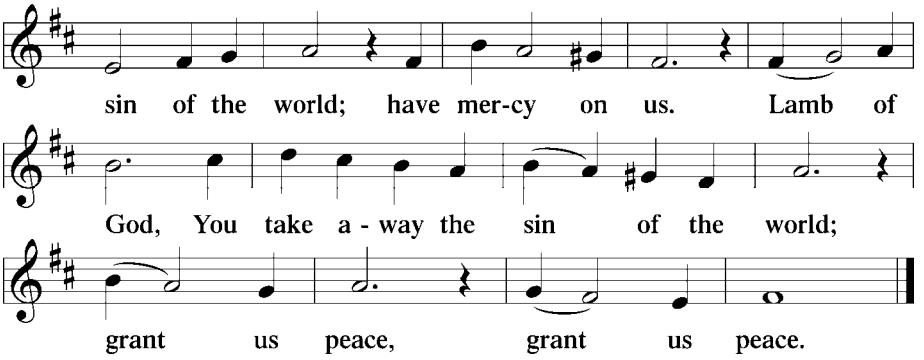
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord* *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God* *John 1:29*





DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. ***If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.***

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Amazing Grace" *LSB 744*

1. Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

2. The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

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5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

"God Love Me Dearly" *LSB 392*

1. God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

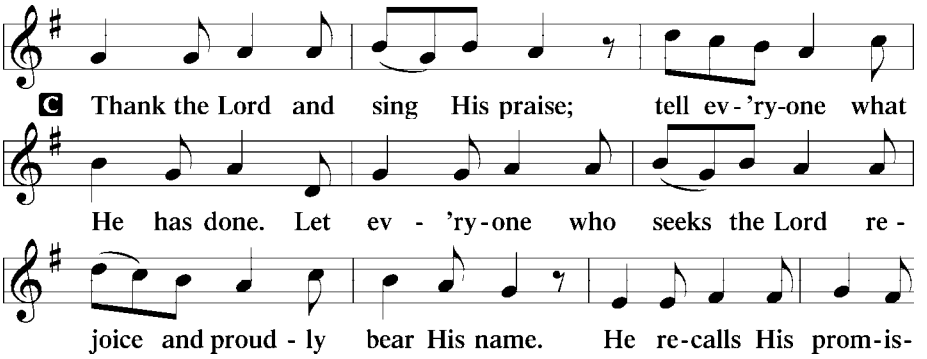
2. I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working To make me free.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

3. He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

4. Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

5. Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You All my life long.
Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

THANK THE LORD *LSB 181*



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES *John 8:36; Galatians 5:1; Romans 6:23; Galatians 5:13*

P If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

C **For freedom Christ has set us free.**

P For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C **For freedom Christ has set us free.**

P Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

C **For freedom Christ has set us free.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

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.**

CLOSING HYMN "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" *LSB 923*

1. Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

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2. We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

△ **3. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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