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Third Sunday in Lent

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

WELCOME to Worship today! What a joy to be together in Christ! Please fill out the "Member" or "Guest" side of our Communication Card located in the pew racks. Please place them in the offering plate or hand to an elder during the singing of the first hymn. Prayer request cards are also available. Again, welcome!

THE LORD'S SUPPER is offered at the **10:30 AM service today** to all Confirmed members of our congregation.

+ For personal preparation for communion, use the following prayers:

Before communion (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

After Communion (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

+ Lutherans who are in good standing with their own congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) are welcome to join with us in receiving this blessed meal.

+Guests are asked to speak with the Pastor or elder **before** communing that they may properly understand the Lutheran teaching on the Lord's Supper.

+ Children, Teens, and Adults who have not yet completed confirmation instruction are invited to come forward with their row and cross their arms in front of their chest to receive a blessing from the Pastor during distribution.

+ Alcohol-Free White Wine is available from the center of the individual cup tray.

+ Gluten-Free wafers are located in the silver dish at the center of the altar for you to pick up as you come forward. Standard wafers will be distributed to other communicants during the Distribution of the Supper.

+ Communion at the pew is available at the start of Distribution to those who sit in the second pew on either side.

+ Those with wheelchairs or walkers are invited to come forward with others who are communing. However, anyone who wishes to receive Communion at your seat please speak to an Elder or the Pastor prior to the start of Worship.

AS WE GATHER

A main emphasis of our Lenten discipline is our struggle against temptations to sin and toward true repentance that leads to living faithful Christian lives. As our physical well-being depends in part on healthy choices of diet, in today's Readings God uses the metaphor of eating and drinking to warn and encourage His people to avoid the temptations of the world and our own sin that leads us away from God and to rely constantly on the forgiveness and faith that God provides to enable us to lead godly lives. In the Epistle, Paul has in mind how God provides for us in His Word and Sacraments. We are to remember not only that we *were* baptized but that we *are* baptized, meaning God still provides us with saving, bold faith that relies on His mercy and grace because we belong to Him now. The center of the Divine Service is the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood, through which we are given forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation—all the benefits won for us by the cross and sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. Today we are encouraged to receive and rely on God's gifts and provision constantly, that we may maintain a healthy and strong faith in the face of all adversities and challenges.

Early Service: Prelude-Welcome/Announcements-Ringing of the Bell

Late Service: Prelude - Men's Lutheran Chorus Welcome/Announcements Ringing of the Bell

Opening Hymn 593 See This Wonder in the Making

- 1 See this wonder in the making:
 God Himself this child is taking
 As a lamb safe in His keeping,
 His to be, awake or sleeping.
- 2 Miracle each time it happens
 As the door to heaven opens
 And the Father beams, "Belovèd,
 Heir of gifts a king would covet!"
- 3 Far more tender than a mother,
 Far more caring than a father,
 God, into Your arms we place her,
 With Your love and peace embrace her.
- 4 Here we bring a child of nature;
 Home we take a newborn creature,
 Now God's precious son or daughter,
 Born again by Word and water.

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Stand

Invocation Absolution/Confession

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

Early Service: Baptism of Charlotte Sophia Hanner
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- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

Introit

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

- P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.
- C** **For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.**
- P** The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
- C** **You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**
- P** But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter
your house.
- C** **I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.
Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my
enemies; make your way straight before me.**
- 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.**
- P** For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Kyrie *LSB 186*



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

962 Agnus Dei — I

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a -
way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world; grant us Your
peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? ¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live. ¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle *1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

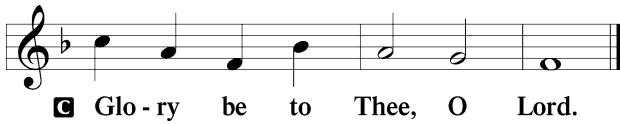
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

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



¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." ⁶And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' ⁸And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed (see back cover of the hymnal)

Sit

Hymn of the Day 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

- 1 May God bestow on us His grace,
With blessings rich provide us;
And may the brightness of His face
To life eternal guide us,
That we His saving health may know,
His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the nations show
Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.
- 2 Thine over all shall be the praise
And thanks of ev'ry nation;
And all the world with joy shall raise
The voice of exultation.
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,
Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word
Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.
- ▲3 O let the people praise Thy worth,
In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,
Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone,
Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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Sermon

Late Service: Song by The Lutheran Men's Chorus
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The Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings

Stand

Offertory *LSB 192*

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

8:00 am service concludes at bottom of the page

Lord's Prayer *(see back cover of the hymnal)*

Salutation *LSB 201*



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus *LSB 202*



A Bless we the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



G A - men, a - men, a - men.



Sit

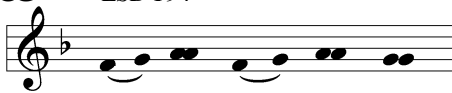
Closing Hymn: 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow (page 19)

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Service of the Sacrament continues for 10:30 AM Service

Preface *LSB 194*



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



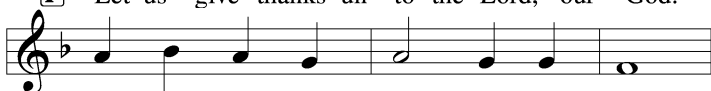
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



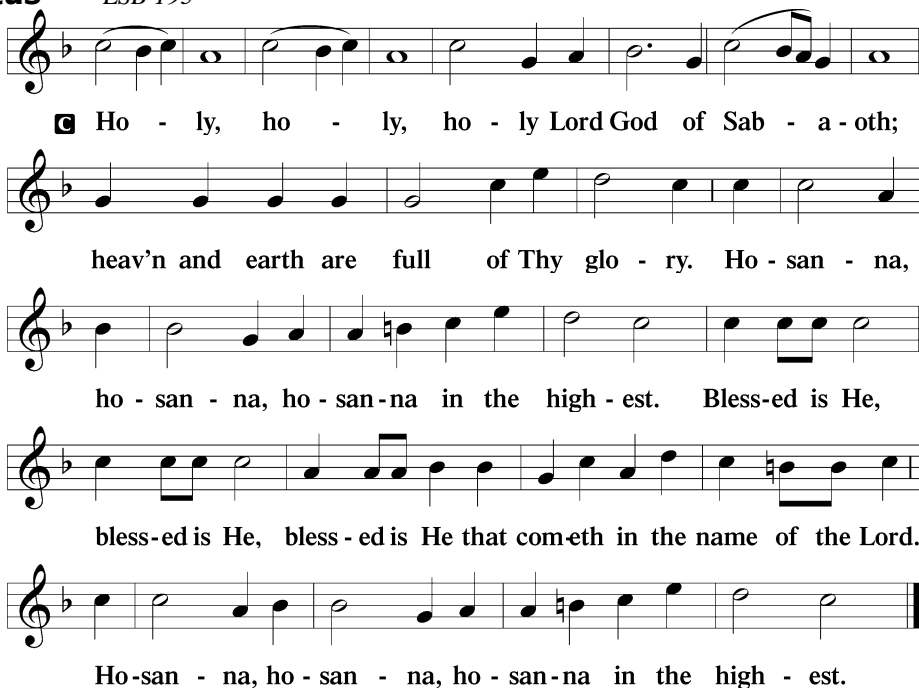
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary 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 faithfully obeyed Your will and gave His life as a ransom to redeem all mankind, that we may return to You as Your sons and daughters in the forgiveness You have provided. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 195*

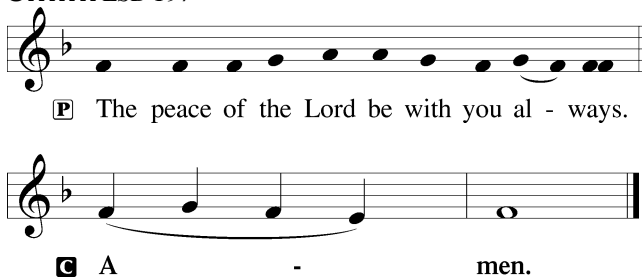


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

Pax Domini *LSB 197*



The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
A - men.

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Late Service: Song by Lutheran's Men Chorus

Distribution of the Elements

Distribution Hymn: 620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessed feast."
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament, Gives the bread of life, once broken,
And the cup, the precious token, Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me, Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursed tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign. On my tongue His pledge receiving,
I accept His grace, believing, That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call. Wedding garments He provides me,
With a robe of white He hides me, Fits me for the royal hall. ►

- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error, Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Distribution Hymn: 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

- 1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. **Refrain**

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

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Distribution Hymn: 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me, Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me, From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor, I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen, And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen, My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me, Unto the end.

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

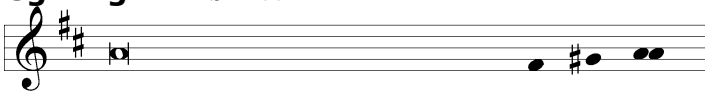
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peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

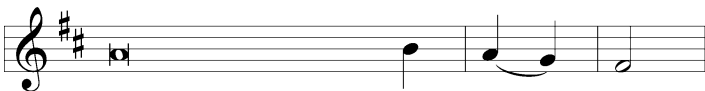
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving *LSB 200*



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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.



G A - men.

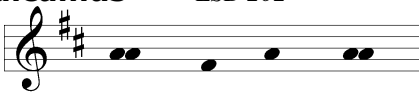


P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus *LSB 202*



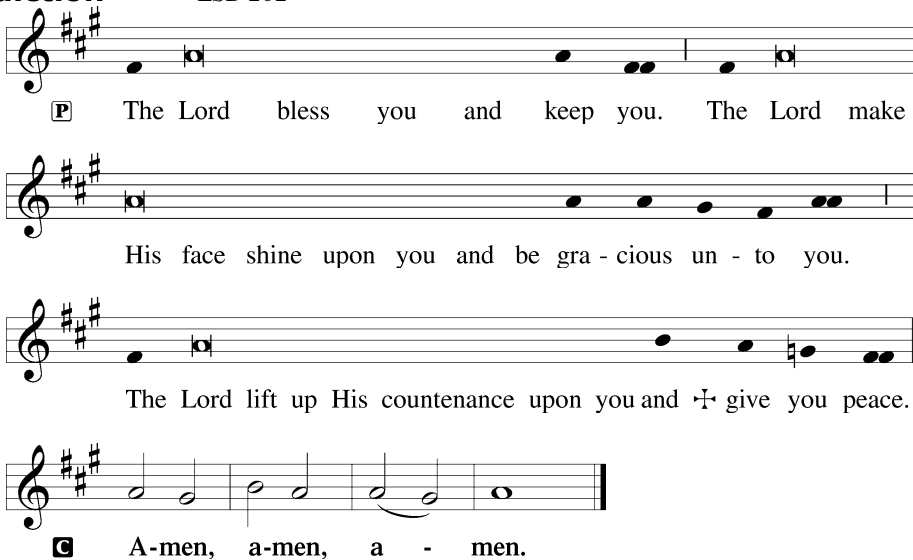
A Bless we the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Late Service: Closing hymn sung by The Lutheran Men's Chorus

Early Service: Closing Hymn 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

- 1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!
- 2 Here the King of all the ages, Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying, Crucified by sin for me.
- 3 O mysterious condescending! O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing, All the sufferings of time!
- 4 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow, Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect man on thee did suffer, Perfect God on thee has bled!

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Silent Prayer Postlude

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