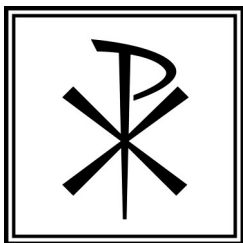




THE LIES

WE BELIEVE:

I NEED YOU TO LIKE ME



Today's Worship

Our Savior Lutheran Church

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Connection card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

You are being lied to. By you. The truth is, no one lies to you more than you do. And when you believe your own lies, you get hurt emotionally and, worse yet, spiritually. Don't believe it? Maybe some of these sound familiar: "I need everyone to like me...I have to succeed at everything that I do...I have no worth apart from my performance...life should be easy." You guessed it. Lies, lies, lies – from the father of lies. In this sermon series, we will look at just a few of these lies that we believe and learn not just to replace them with the truth, but with our Savior, who has freed us from lies with his perfect life and perfect teachings.

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service.

Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR FAMILIES

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for today's service. Ask an usher at the door into the sanctuary.

If your little one needs a moment, there is a speaker and window in our entryway that will allow you to see and hear the service.

Children's Church is a special place for younger children to hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft. You can escort your child to our children's church just before the sermon as noted in the service folder. Children's Church is located in Room 3 and will be on your right as you exit the sanctuary.

INFORMATION

Bathrooms are located at the end of the end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.

Holy Communion will be celebrated as part of this morning's worship service. Here at Our Savior Lutheran Church, we practice "membership communion" and ask that only members come forward to receive the sacrament. On page 156 in the front of the hymnal, there is a "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion" you can use to prepare to receive Christ's true body and blood.

Looking for more information? If you would like to learn more about Our Savior Lutheran Church, You can stay up to date and in the know by connecting with Our Savior online.



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Free WIFI is available if you use an online Bible or Bible app on your phone or tablet. Look for the "OSLC_Guest" connection to get online!

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DIVINE SERVICE

INVOCATION

~Please stand

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

DEDICATION OF GRAND PIANO

L Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to set apart this grand piano to his glory. God has given us the gift of music, and to him we sound our praise.

L Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;

C **it is fitting for the upright to praise him.**

L Sing to him a new song;

C **play skillfully, and shout for joy.**

L For the word of the Lord is right and true;

C **he is faithful in all he does.**

L The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

C **the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

PRAYER

L Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you dwell among angels who praise you continually. You open our mouths to sing salvation's new song. Your Spirit is the breath of such music. Alleluia!

We praise you for giving us this grand piano which we dedicate to your glory alone. Sanctify the art which awakens its harmonies in leading us to worship you. Be with your servants who will use this instrument to make music for your people as you prepare us on earth to sing your praises in heaven, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

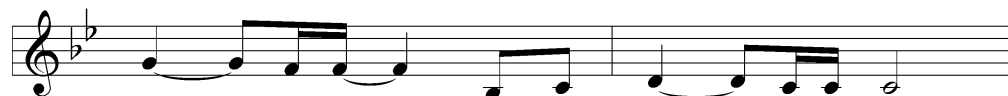
L Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have come together to set apart this church for the worship of almighty God and for the building up of the Body of Christ. We dedicate this grand piano, setting it apart for the worship, honor, praise, and glory of God and for the edification of his holy people, in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.





1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

CONFESSION OF SINS

The use of the keys (the power to forgive sins) is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

L As we prepare to worship God and have our faith fed through Word and Sacrament, 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 forgive us.

C Holy and merciful Father, 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.

Silence for personal confession and reflection

LORD, HAVE MERCY | *Kyrie*

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



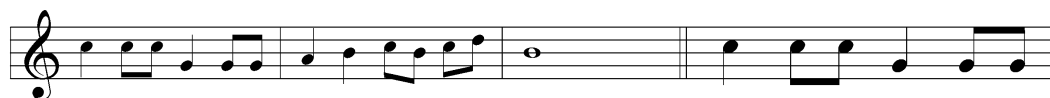
L God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY BE TO GOD | *Gloria in Excelsis*



Glo - ry to God in the



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



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



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



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



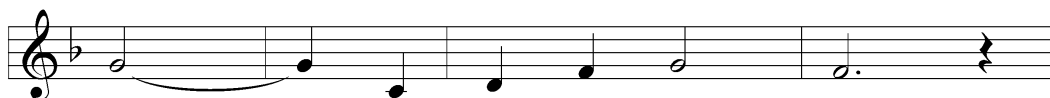
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



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!

SALUTATION

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word and the Sacrament sections of the service.

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray:

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please 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.

~Please be seated





THE WORD

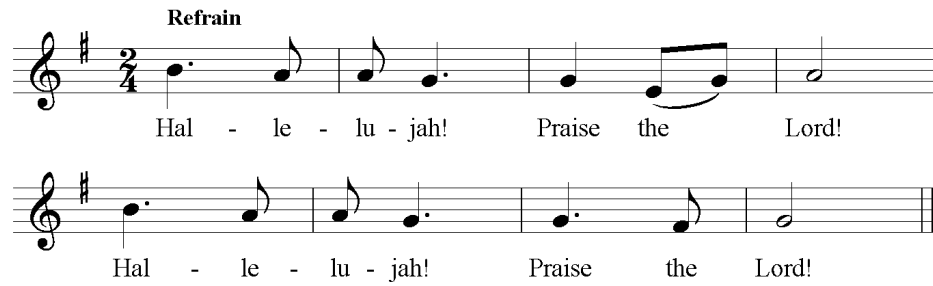
LESSON | *Psalms 118:1-9 (pg. 956)*

Since the Lord is with us, we do not need the help, love, or approval of anyone else.

- ¹ I give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
- ² Let Israel say:
"His love endures forever."
- ³ Let the house of Aaron say:
"His love endures forever."
- ⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say:
"His love endures forever."
- ⁵ In my anguish I cried to the LORD,
and he answered by setting me free.
- ⁶ The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
- ⁷ The LORD is with me; he is my helper.
I will look in triumph on my enemies.
- ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.
- ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

PSALM OF THE DAY | Psalm 146

Soloist: Brianna Nolte



The soloist will introduce the refrain and sing the verses of the song.

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain as indicated.

S Refrain.

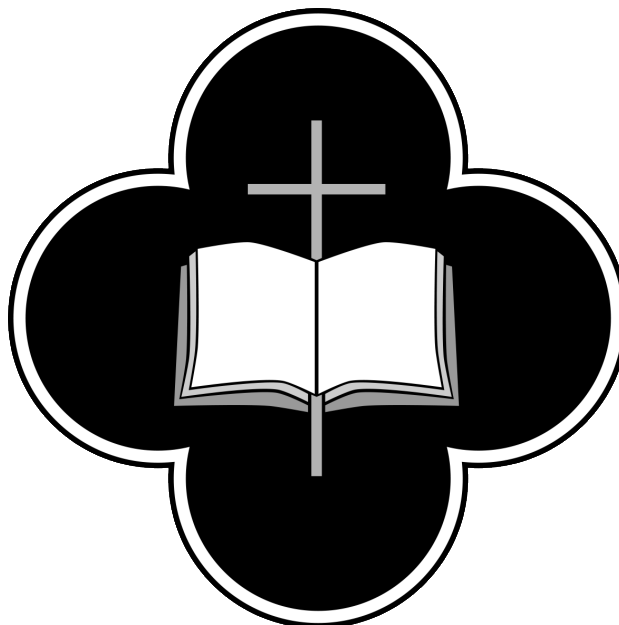
C Refrain.

*O praise the Lord, God's pow'r proclaim, With all your soul, now bless God's name. Go forth to sound
God's praise abroad, And ever bless the Lord, your God. **Refrain.***

*Trust not the temp'ral things that die, But on the living God rely. Trust in the Lord who gave you birth, Who
made the heav'n, the sea and earth. **Refrain.***

*God's truth unchanged shall ever stand, God saves you from the evil hand. In God the sad a helper find,
God feeds the poor, and heals the blind. **Refrain.***

*Yes, God shall reign for evermore; Praise God, O Zion, come, adore. The Lord is heav'n's eternal King, To
God all praise and honor bring. **Refrain.***



The Apostle Paul looked to please God by teaching right doctrine. He was right to protest, "Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God?"

Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—²and all the brothers with me,

To the churches in Galatia:

³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

⁶I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! ⁹As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

¹⁰Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY | *Philippians 2:10-11*

Soloist: Brianna Nolte

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia. Al-le -

lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! (hum)

Last time

☐ Refrain.

☐ At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.

☐ Refrain.

~Please stand

The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the word of Christ, our King.

Jesus was much more interested in his relationship with his Father and teaching the truth, even if it meant losing many disciples

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you?"

⁶² What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

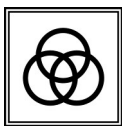
⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

⁷⁰ Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" ⁷¹ (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:





NICENE CREED | *Credo*

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Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christian's composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth 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.

**The original text here reads "catholic," a word meaning "universal." The Church consists of all believers in heaven and earth, of every time in history.*

■ 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, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

~Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the singing of the hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | September 25, 2016



1 Con - si - der how the birds a - bove
 2 The li - lies grow; they do not toil.
 3 Set not your heart on food or drink,
 4 Be on your guard a - gainst all greed,
 5 Be not a - fraid to suf - fer loss
 6 Seek first God's reign, his bound - less grace,



Feed day by day with care - free ease—
 How fair is their fra - gil - i - ty—
 Nor be weighed down by world - ly care;
 For life is more than what we own.
 Of all the things for which you pray;
 His ho - ly name in all you do:



Does God not keep them in his love?
 If God clothes these, which quick - ly spoil,
 A - bout such things the god - less think,
 Our Fa - ther knows our ev - 'ry need
 For he who faced for you the cross
 Christ first and last in ev - 'ry place;



Are we not worth much more than these?
 Will he not clothe both you and me?
 Yet nev - er thank the Lord in prayer.
 Be - fore our needs to us are known.
 Will give you strength to live each day.
 All else will then be giv - en you.

SERMON | Galatians 1:1-10

THE LIES WE BELIEVE: I NEED YOU TO LIKE ME

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

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.

~Please be seated

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances.

~Please stand

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PREFACE

The opening words of the communion liturgy mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshippers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is good and right so to do.

L 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 where 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:

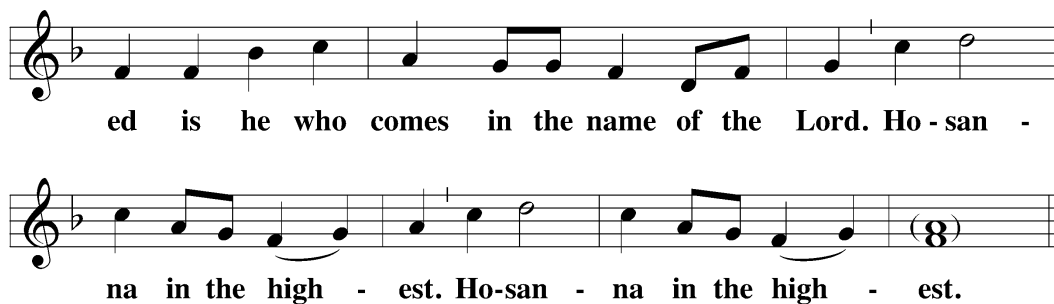
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY | *Sanctus*

"Sanctus" means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

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

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

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

- L** 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."

- L** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



LAMB OF GOD | *Agnus Dei*

Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another who are united around a common confession of faith. Our Savior Lutheran Church asks that only members come forward to receive the sacrament.

There is a Personal Preparation for Communion available on page 156 in the red hymnal.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON | *Nunc Dimittis*

~Please stand

The "Nunc Dimittis" ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a key signature change to one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, and the third staff introduces a new line of music. The fourth and fifth staves complete the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are: "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."

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
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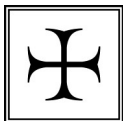
C And his mercy endures forever.

L O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

L The Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

C **Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.**



BLESSING

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" (Numbers 6:27).

L Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.**

~Please be seated

HYMN | #474 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* (verses 3,4)

by
grace
through
faith
Ephesians 2:8



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