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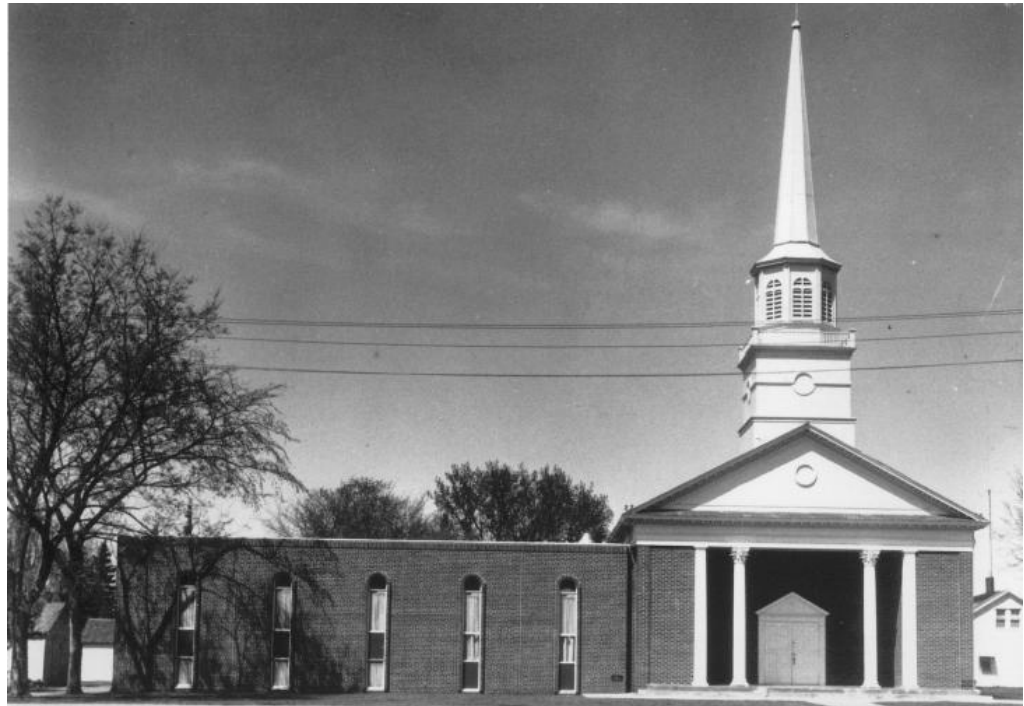
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May God bless your worship with us this day. A new day of salvation!



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## Confession and Absolution

### Stories from Zion's History - Tom Brutscher

#### 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

sts. 1–4, 10

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

#### Invocation

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

#### Exhortation

- 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.**

#### Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- 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.**

#### Absolution

LSB 185

- 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.

LSB 184

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

## Service of the Word

### Introit (Read Responsively)

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house  
**and the place where your glory dwells.**

Blessèd are you, O LORD, the God of Israel  
**our father, forever and ever.**

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,  
**for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.**

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD,  
**and you are exalted as head above all.**

And now we thank you, our God,  
**and praise your glorious name.**

**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.**

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house  
**and the place where your glory dwells.**

### 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.

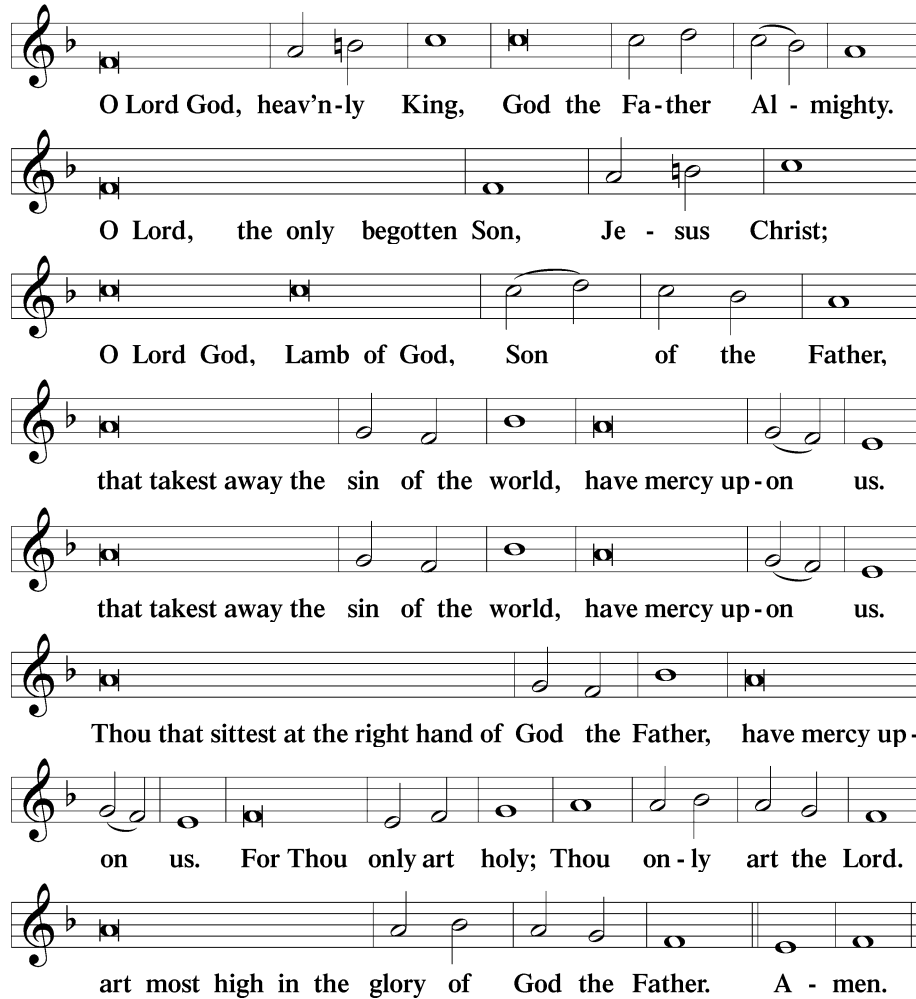
### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

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O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

- P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

*Sit*

**125 Anniversary Choir - "We Come to Say Thank You" by Pepper Choplin**

## Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 8:22–30

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from 1 Kings, chapter 8

<sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, <sup>23</sup>and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>who have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. <sup>25</sup>Now therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ <sup>26</sup>Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father.

<sup>27</sup>“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O LORD my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. <sup>30</sup>And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 John 1:5–10

**A** The Epistle is from 1 John, chapter 1.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia

LSB 190



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 19:1–10*

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup>And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. <sup>4</sup>So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup>And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” <sup>8</sup>And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## 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.**

*Sit*

**Handbell Song - "Faith" by Lynn Hollander**

**Children's Message**

**575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

**Sermon - Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson, Concordia University, St. Paul**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*



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.

*Sit*

**Offering**

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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



**C** 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**

**German**

**English**

**Vater unser im Himmel.**

FAH-ter OON-zer im HIM-mel

Our Father who art in heaven

**Geheiligt werde dein Name.**

geh-HIGH-licht VER-duh дайн NAH-muh

hallowed be thy name.

**Dein Reich komme.**

дайн RYKH KOM-muh

Thy kingdom come

**Dein Wille geschehe,**

дайн VIL-luh guh-SHAY-uh

Thy will be done

**wie im Himmel so auf Erden.**

vee im HIM-mel zo owf AIR-dun

on earth as it was in heaven

**Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.**

OON-zer TAY-gli-khuss BROHT gib oons HOY-tuh

give us our daily bread,

**Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,**

oont fair-GEEB oons OON-zuh-ruh SHOOLT

and forgive us our trespasses

**wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.**

vee owkh veer fair-GAY-bin OON-zern SHOOL-dih-germ

as we forgive those who trespass against us

**Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,**

oont FEW-ruh oons neekht ein fair-ZOO-khoong

and lead us not into temptation

**sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.**

ZON-durn air-LOH-zuh oons fon dame BIR-zun

but deliver us from evil

**Denn dein ist das Reich, und die Kraft, und die Herrlichkeit, in Ewigkeit**

denn дайн ist das RYKH, oont dee KRAHFT, oont dee HAIR- lih-khite, in AY-vikh-kite

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

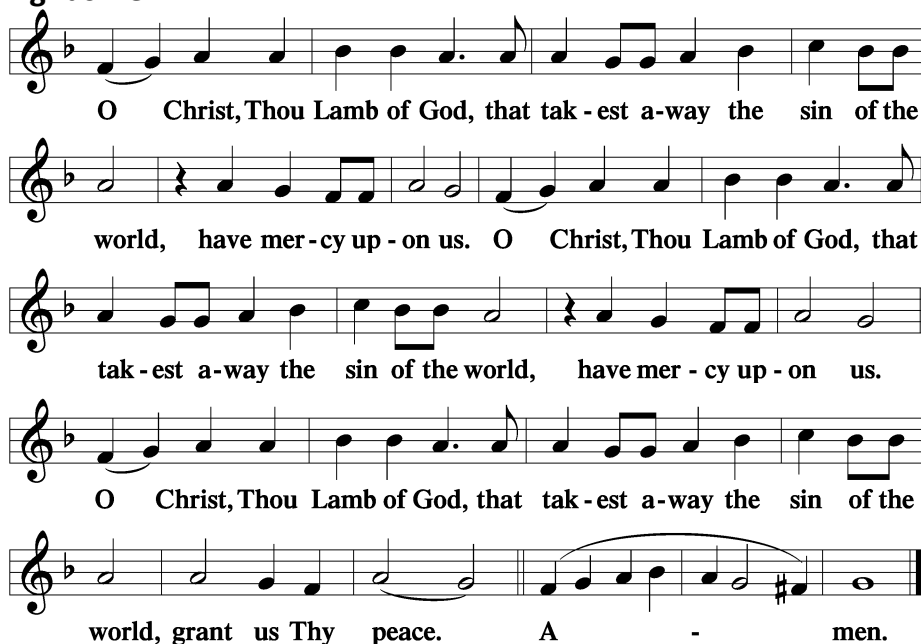
LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## 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*

### ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD'S SUPPER

Here at Zion Lutheran, we believe that Christ's true body and blood are received by everyone in the Lord's Supper (Real Presence). All who participate here believe the same Biblical truths and we practice "Closed Communion."

Visitors, please consult with Pastor Johnson or the Elder before receiving the Lord's Supper.

Only communicant members of Zion or one of our sister LCMS churches are invited to receive the Communion elements. If you do not meet this criterion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by our pastor. Simply fold your hands across your chest when the bread and the wine are distributed, and our pastor will speak a blessing over you. All children are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Our Communion practices are to have four adults (with children standing in front of the adults) on each side of area in front of the chancel (Altar area) as our Pastor and Elder are serving the elements. The Ushers are instructed to limit the communicants to four. Inform the Usher if you desire NOT to be separated from someone and he'll adjust the groupings of four accordingly.

## Distribution

644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1-5

861 Christ Be My Leader

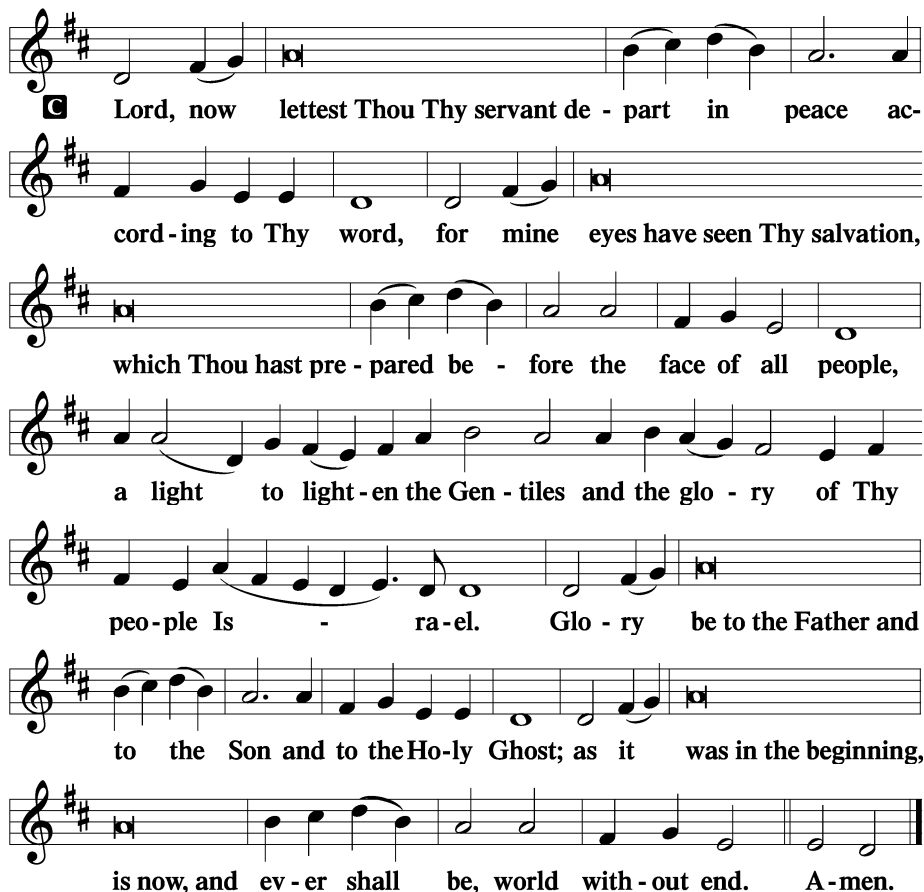
846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Stand

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



**C** 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, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy 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,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**A** 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.

**C** Amen.

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** **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 gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

**657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

*sts. 1–4*

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