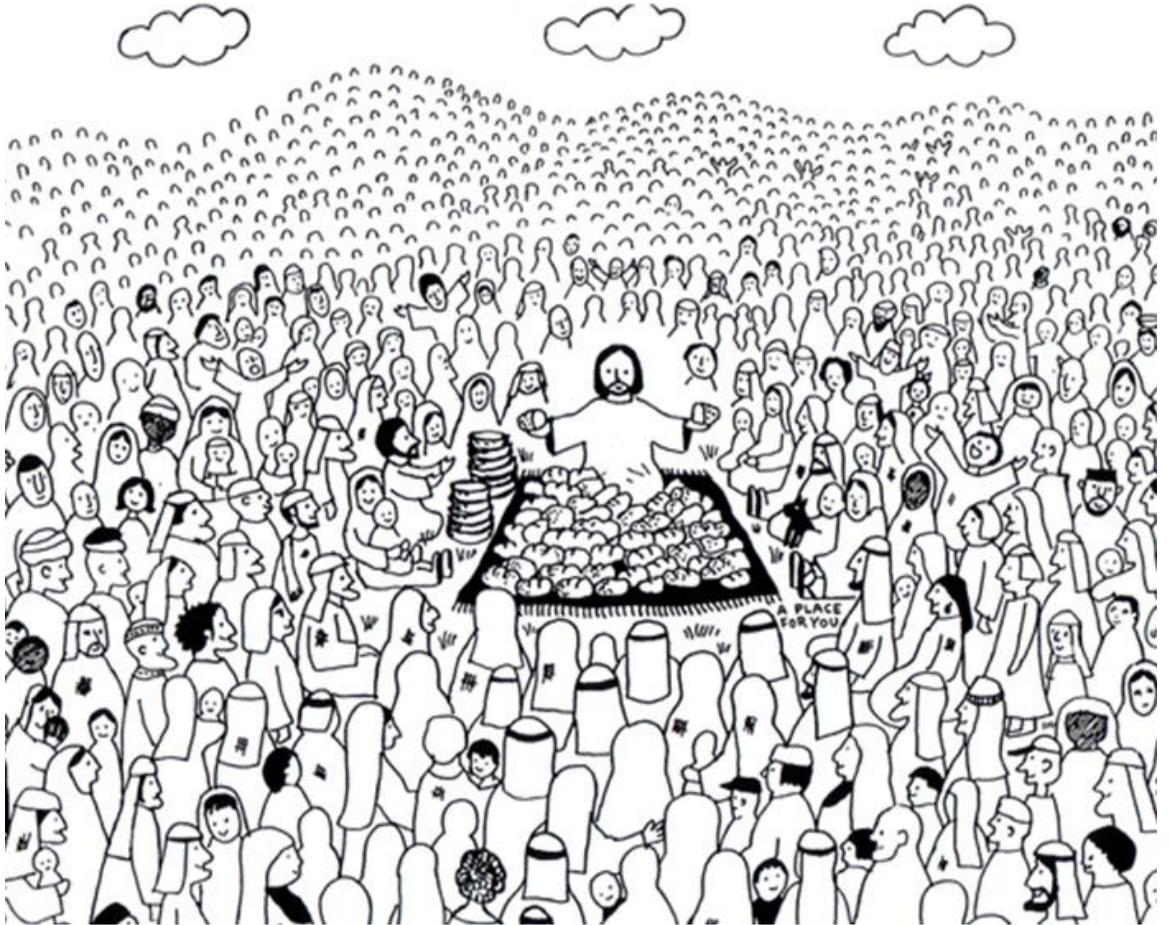


The Place Where Jesus Had Given Thanks



Thanksgiving Eve
Wednesday, November 23, 2016

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,

Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

NURSERY

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

SERVING TODAY

8:00 a.m.

10:45 a.m.

<i>Elder:</i>	<i>Bob Souza</i>	<i>Paul DeLassus</i>
<i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i>	<i>Matt Messmer</i>	<i>Jack Warneke</i>
<i>Acolytes:</i>	<i>Katie Kreamer, Nathan Faitsch</i>	<i>Allyson Adams</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Morrie Cook, Joe Souza, Craig Johnsen</i>	<i>Scott Mundrick, Diane Mundrick</i>
<i>Lay Readers:</i>	<i>Thor Peplow, Tony Young</i>	<i>Claudine Rayos, Jack Warneke</i>
<i>Greeters:</i>	<i>Dawn Werfelmann, Mike & Sue Bandman</i>	<i>Norm Balliet, OPEN</i>
<i>Fellowship:</i>	<i>Kreamer family</i>	
<i>Nov. Altar Guild:</i>	<i>D. Mundrick, D. Wuethrick,</i>	<i>M. Tatgenhorst</i>
<i>Nov. Counters:</i>	<i>Monte Stoltzman</i>	<i>Bill & Kathy Schwartz</i>

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:

Morrie and Carol Cook in celebration of Lana's birthday (11/25).

PSALM SERVICE

This service uses portions of the Psalms as the parts of the liturgy.
The Psalms are the hymnbook of the Bible and help us form our worship today.

Opening Hymn

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

LSB 893



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

Invocation and Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 92)

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

P: O Lord, it does us good to give you thanks,

C: **to fill our lungs with the name of the Most High,**

P: To start the morning off with good news of your love,

C: **and to close the day with thanks for your faithfulness,**

P: You made us find joy in what you have done, O LORD.

C: **We will sing joyfully about the works of your hands.**

P: How spectacular are your works, O LORD!

C: **How very deep are your thoughts!**

Confession and Absolution (Based on Isaiah 55 and Psalm 130)

P: The Lord's thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways the Lord's ways.
Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the sinners abandon their ways,
and the unrighteous turn away from their thoughts;
Return to the Lord, for he will have compassion on you,
Return to our God, for he will forgive generously.

C: *Yes, let us return to the Lord and confess our sin.*

P: Out of the pit we call you, Lord;

C: *please, Lord, hear us;*

P: Though our voices are faint let them reach your ears

C: *and touch your heart of mercy.*

P: Lord, if you keep a tally of all our sins,

C: *then who could survive?*

P: But Lord, you have the power to forgive;

C: *So we worship and honor you.*

P: His word is our only hope;

C: *We wait on the Lord, we wait in our souls,*

P: eager as any watchman waits for the morning.

(Silence for reflection on personal sins and need for forgiveness).

P: You wait for the Lord, because his love for you will never run out,
and because he has the power to set you free;
Only he will save you from your sins,
Only he has sent his son to die for you
and rise again to give you new life.
Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Song of Thanks

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 806

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the
Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__ Je - sus
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en__
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be - cause of
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the
weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am
rich," _____ Be - cause of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 65(ESV)

¹Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

²O you who hears prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

³When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

⁴Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

⁶the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might;

⁷who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,

⁸so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.

You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Old Testament Prophet

Joel 2:18–27 (ESV)

¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

¹⁹The LORD answered and said to his people,

“Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied;

and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.

²⁰“I will remove the northerner far from you,
and drive him into a parched and desolate land,
his vanguard into the eastern sea, and his rear guard into the western sea;
the stench and foul smell of him will rise, for he has done great things.

²¹“Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

²²Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit; the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³“Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;
he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵“I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent among you.

²⁶“You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

“And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“We, Thy People Praise Thee”

Adult Choir

- Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

Refrain *We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!*

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

1 *Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light
tell thy goodness, tell thy mercies, tell thy glorious might.*

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!

2 *For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing,
songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.*

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!

Holy Gospel

John 6:1–27 (ESV)

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

²²On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of the Day

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

LSB 892



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
 There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781 sts. 1–2

(Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

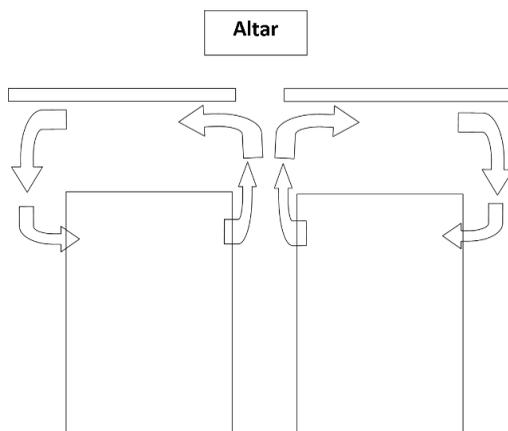
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

(Based on Psalm 98)

P: Sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**C: *The LORD has made His salvation known
and revealed His righteousness to the nations.***

P: He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**C: *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;***

P: make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

Proper Preface (Prayer) and the Lord's Prayer

P: Most High God, we owe You great thanks that in the sacred mystery of the Supper You feed us with the body and blood of Your Son. May we approach this heavenly meal with true faith, firmly convinced that this body we eat is the one given into death for us and that the blood we drink is the blood shed for our sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

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

C: *And also with you.*

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

First Distribution Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Second Distribution Hymn

All Glory Be to God Alone

LSB 948



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.

5 You only are the Holy One
And over all are Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
With Him You evermore shall be
One in the Father's majesty.

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Prayer

P: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction (Based on Psalm 67 and Numbers 6)

P: God is good to us, he is blessing us,

C: **The face of God is shining down on us,**

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: **Let all the peoples praise You.**

P: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

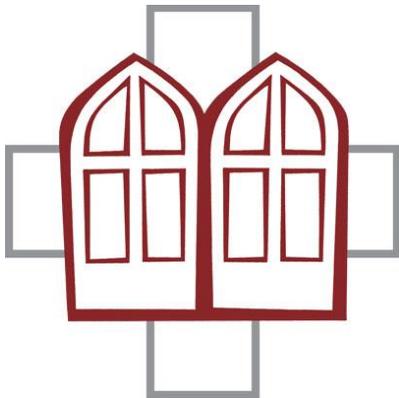
C: **God, our own God, shall bless us.**

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

Praise and Thanksgiving

LSB 789



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - som and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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