

**SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Missouri Synod**

**August 3, 2025 10:30AM**

**Welcome, Guests!** *We are so happy to have you join with us in worship this morning. We pray that you might experience God's blessing through His Word and the Christian fellowship that we share. If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to consider joining us here at Shepherd of the Hills. Please, come again soon – and often!*

**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated in our fellowship in the confession and glad confidence that as our Lord Jesus Himself says, He gives us to eat and to drink not only bread and wine, but also His very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who have been baptized, who trust in His words, who repent of all sin, and who set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Holy Scripture urges those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood to first examine themselves that they may partake in full understanding and a shared confession of Christian faith. In loving concern for those who desire to partake, we encourage those who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or who hold to a confession differing from that of this congregation of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, to first make an appointment to visit with Pastor Rust. For further study, please see Matthew 5:23ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-24.

**Preparation for Communion:** Communicants are encouraged to review "Christian Questions with Their Answers," found on pages 329-330 in the *Lutheran Service Book*. You will also find prayers for use before and after communing inside the front cover of the hymnal. May yours be a joyful and blessed communion!

*The mission of Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is to make known the love of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, by word and deed. (Ephesians 4:26; Colossians 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18)*

## **Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church**

**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**  
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***Eighth Sunday After Pentecost    August 3, 2025***

**Prelude/Welcome**

# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation 842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion.  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
Free - ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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.**

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

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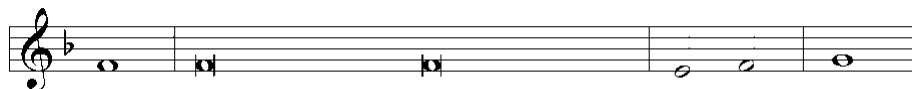
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

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**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



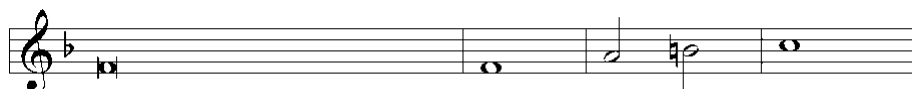
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



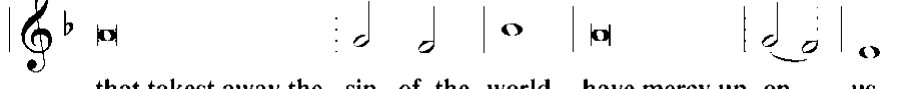
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



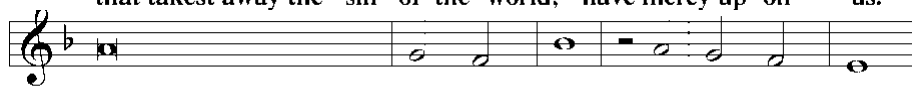
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



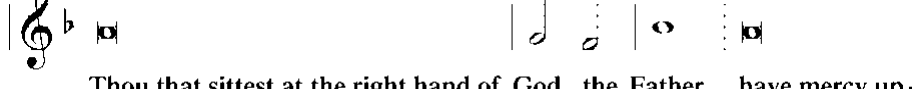
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



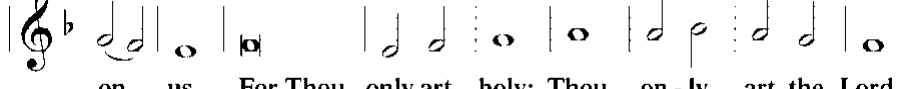
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



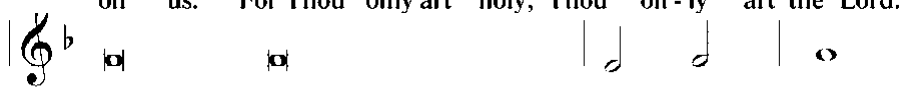
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



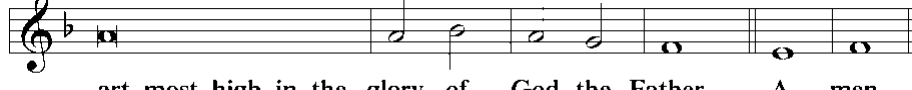
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



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.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; 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*

## Old Testament Reading

*Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of

gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual (spoken responsively)

*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,  
who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

**Their voice has gone out to all the earth,  
and their words to the ends of the world.**

## Epistle

*Colossians 3:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse of the Day

*Colossians 3:23–24a*

**Alleluia. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,  
knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.  
Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:13–21*

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

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

<sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’

<sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,**



the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life T everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day 782 "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,  
Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

## Sermon

*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.

*Sit*

## Gathering of Tithes and Offerings Blessings for the School Year

*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, 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 saying:

## Sanctus

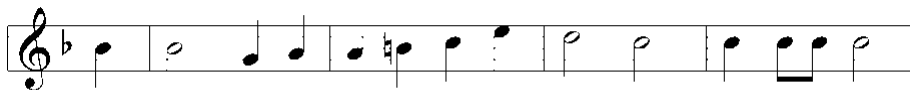
LSB 195



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

LSB 196

**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.**

## 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

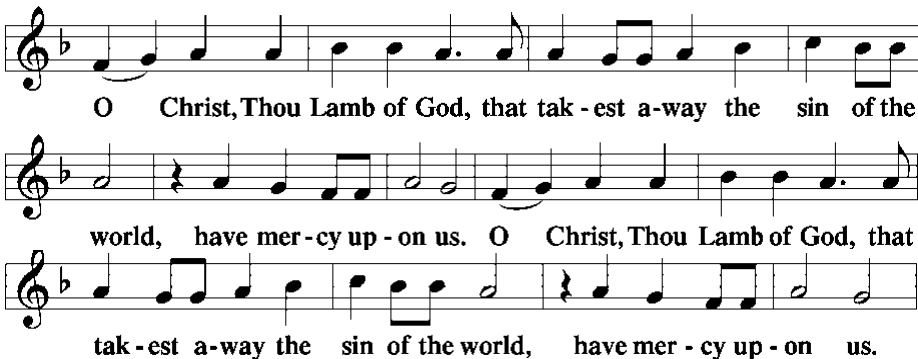
## Pax Domini

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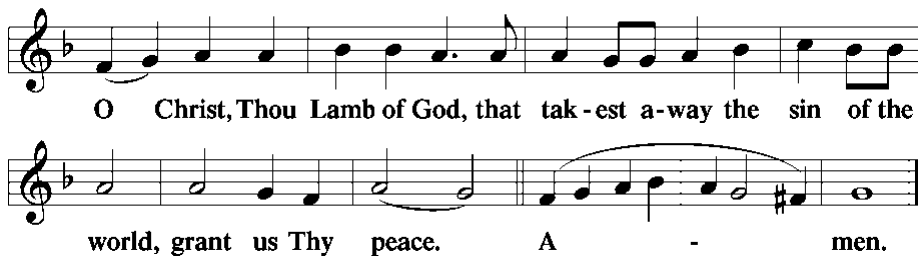
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## 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.



*Sit*

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's

wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of

lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

## Distribution Hymn 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



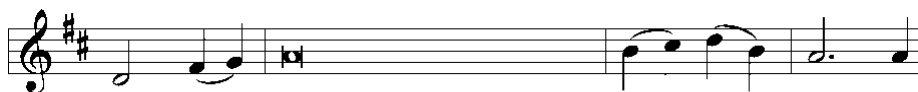
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
 Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.  
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.  
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a-against my God.

## Distribution Hymn 730 "What Is the World to Me"

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### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*



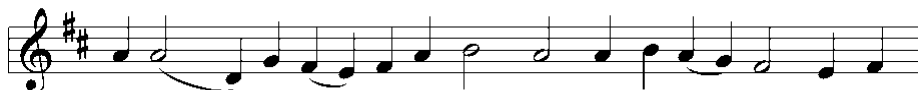
**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



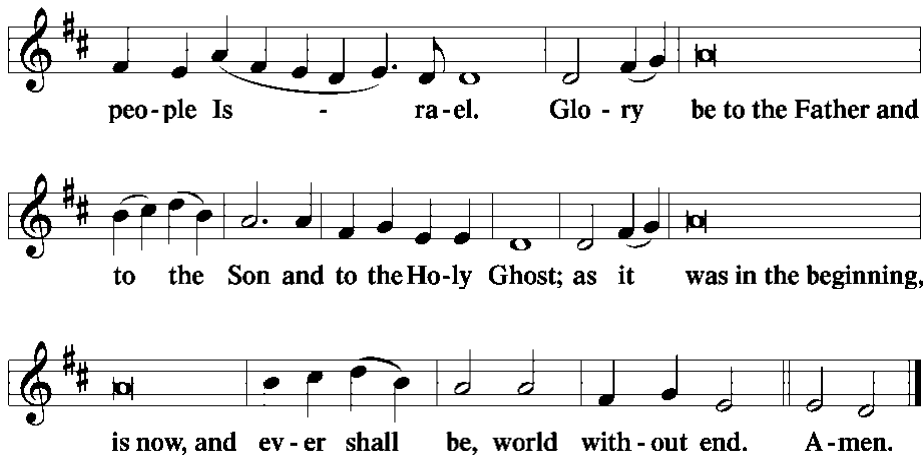
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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



## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C **and His mercy endureth forever.**

A Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve 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.**

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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn 791 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
 3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy  
 Δ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
 aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
 joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His  
 is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times  
 heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.  
 doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
 name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.  
 an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

## Announcements/Postlude

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