

# 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## DIVINE SERVICE III SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 9:00 A.M.

THEME OF THE DAY: As sinners, we do not weather our miseries well. We crave physical comfort and readily complain to our spiritual leadership. Our belligerent refrains are sometimes futile, for they cannot alter the will of God. In the midst of our displeasure, God sends prophets and preachers to rebuke, correct, and instruct. In prayer and song, Jesus' words should be our constant refrain so that we do not wander from truth or cause others to fall into sin.

### PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH:** "LORD, I love the habitation of Your House and the place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD." (145)

**BEFORE WORSHIP:** "O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen." (146)

## ✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠

INVOCATION (*Please Stand*) ..... [LSB: pg. 184]

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*  
**C** Amen.

EXHORTATION ..... [LSB: pg. 184]

**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. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the Name of the LORD.  
**C** Who made Heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**C** And You Forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

CONFESSION OF SINS ..... [LSB: pg. 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: pg. 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. Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*  
**C** Amen.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ..... [LSB: 700]

1.  
Love Divine, all Loves excelling,  
Joy of Heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble Dwelling,  
All Thy Faithful Mercies Crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all Compassion,  
Pure, unbounded Love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy Salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2.  
Breathe, O breathe Thy Loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee Inherit;  
Let us find Thy Promised Rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of Faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at Liberty.

3.  
Come, Almighty, to Deliver;  
Let us all Thy Life Receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy Temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy Perfect Love.

4.  
Finish then Thy New Creation,  
Pure and Spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy Great Salvation  
Perfectly Restored in Thee,  
Changed from Glory into Glory,  
Till in Heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our Crowns before Thee,  
Lost in Wonder, Love, and Praise!

GLORIA PATRE ≈ *Glory be to the Father* ..... [LSB: pg. 186]

**C** (Sung) **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.**

KYRIE ≈ *LORD, Have Mercy* ..... [LSB: pg. 186]  
*Mark 10:47*

**C** **LORD, have Mercy upon us.  
Christ, have Mercy upon us.  
LORD, have Mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ≈ ..... [LSB: pg. 187]  
*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**P** Glory be to God on High,  
**C** and on earth Peace, Goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy Great Glory. O LORD God, Heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O LORD, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O LORD God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have Mercy upon us. For Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the LORD. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most High in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY ..... [Pg. 189]

**P** (Sung) The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Everlasting Father, Source of every Blessing, Mercifully Direct and Govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have Prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD,  
☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

*"Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, 'Oh that we had meat to eat!' <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But*

*now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . . <sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, 'Why have You dealt ill*

with Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup> Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in Your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that You swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup> Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup> I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup> If You will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in Your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness. <sup>16</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the Tent of Meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . . <sup>24</sup> So Moses went out and told the people the Words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people

and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. <sup>26</sup> Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the Tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' <sup>28</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, 'My LORD Moses, stop them.' <sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit on them!'"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

INTROIT : Psalm 135:1–3, 13–14; antiphon: v. 13

**R** Your Name, O LORD, Endures For- | ever,\*  
Your Renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

**C** Praise the LORD! Praise the Name | of the LORD,\*  
give praise, O servants | of the LORD,

**R** who stand in the House | of the LORD,\*  
in the Courts of the House | of our God!

**C** Praise the LORD, for the | LORD is Good;\*  
sing to His Name, for it is | Pleasant!

**R** Your Name, O LORD, Endures For- | ever,\*  
Your Renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

**C** For the LORD will vindicate His | People\*  
and have Compassion on His | Servants.

**C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be Forever. | Amen.

**R** Your Name, O LORD, Endures For- | ever,\*  
Your Renown, O LORD, throughout all | ages.

EPISTLE READING: James 5:1–20

"Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. <sup>2</sup> Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup> Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the LORD of hosts. <sup>5</sup> You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup> You have

condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you. <sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the LORD. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the LORD is at hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the Name of the LORD. <sup>11</sup> Behold, we consider those blessed who remained

*Steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the LORD, how the LORD is Compassionate and Merciful. <sup>12</sup> But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by Heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. <sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of Faith will save the one who is sick, and the LORD will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will*

*be Forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a Righteous person has Great Power as it is working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and Heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. <sup>19</sup> My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the Truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will Save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins."*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 6:68* ..... [LSB: pg. 190]

**C** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 9:38-50*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter

**C** (*Sung*) **G**lory to You, **O** LORD.

*"John said to [Jesus], 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your Name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in My Name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me. <sup>40</sup> For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. <sup>42</sup> 'Whoever causes one of these little ones who Believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to*

*enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>49</sup> For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at Peace with one another.'"*

**C** This is the Gospel of our LORD.

**C** Praise to You, **O** Christ.

CREEDAL STATEMENT: NICENE CREED (*Please stand as we confess our faith*) ..... [LSB: pg. 190]

**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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: "LORD, Whose Love Through Humble Service" ..... [LSB: 848]

1.  
LORD, Whose Love through Humble  
Service Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the Cross, Forsaken,  
Offered Mercy's Perfect Deed,

We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to Your Purpose  
Ev'ry Gift that You Impart.

2.  
Still Your Children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O LORD, Your deep Compassion  
Healed the sick and Freed the soul,  
Use the Love Your Spirit Kindles  
Still to Save and make us whole.

3.  
As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till Your Love's Revealing Light  
In its Height and Depth and Greatness,  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your Compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving,  
Your Abundant Life to Share.

4.  
Called by worship to Your Service, Forth in Your Dear Name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That Your Servants, LORD, in Freedom May Your Mercy know and live.

SERMON

OFFERTORY ..... [LSB: pg. 192]  
*Psalm 57:10-12*

**C** *(Sung)* Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation, and uphold me with Thy Free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING ..... [LSB: 193]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH [*1 Timothy 2:1-4*] ..... [LSB: pg. 193]

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *(Sung)* ..... [LSB: pg. 194]

**P** The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*  
**C** We lift them up unto the LORD.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. *Psalm 136*  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE ..... [LSB: pg. 194]

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... To You alone, O Father,  
be all Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** Amen.

SANCTUS ≈ *Holy, Holy, Holy* ..... [LSB: pg. 195]

**C** <sup>7</sup> Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy Glory. Hosanna,  
hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the  
Name of the LORD. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER ..... [LSB: pg. 196]  
*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** *(Sung)* 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.  
**C** For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD ..... [LSB: pg. 197]  
*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
 Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-25*

**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 **✠** 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 **✠** 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 ≈ *The Peace of the LORD* ..... [LSB: pg. 197]  
*John 20:19*

**P** The Peace of the LORD be with you always.      **C** (*Sung*) Amen.

AGNUS DEI ≈ *Lamb of God* ..... [LSB: pg. 198]  
*John 1:29*

**C** (*Sung*) **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy Peace. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “*Soul Adorn Yourself With Gladness*” ..... [LSB: 636]

1.  
 Soul, adorn yourself with Gladness,  
 Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
 Come into the Daylight's Splendor,  
 There with Joy your praises render.  
 Bless the One Whose Grace Unbounded  
 This Amazing Banquet Founded;  
 He, though Heav'nly, High, and Holy,  
 Deigns to Dwell with you most lowly.

2.  
 Hasten as a Bride to meet Him,  
 And with loving reverence greet Him.  
 For with Words of Life Immortal  
 He is knocking at your portal.  
 Open wide the gates before Him,  
 Saying, as you there adore Him:  
 Grant, LORD, that I now receive You,  
 That I nevermore will leave You.

3.  
 He who craves a Precious Treasure  
 Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
 But the Priceless Gifts of Heaven  
 God to us has Freely Given.  
 Though the wealth of earth were  
 proffered, None could buy the Gifts  
 here offered: Christ's True Body, for  
 you riven, And His Blood, for you once  
 Given.

4.  
 Now in Faith I humbly ponder  
 Over this Surpassing Wonder  
 That the Bread of Life is Boundless  
 Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
 With the Choicest Wine of Heaven  
 Christ's Own Blood to us is Given.  
 Oh, most Glorious Consolation,  
 Pledge and Seal of my Salvation!

5.  
 Jesus, Source of Lasting Pleasure,  
 Truest Friend, and Dearest Treasure,  
 Peace beyond all understanding,  
 Joy into all life expanding:  
 Humbly now, I bow before You;  
 Love Incarnate, I adore You;  
 Worthily let me receive You  
 And, so favored, never leave You.

6.  
 Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor,  
 Jesus, Friend of friends, Most Tender,  
 Jesus, Joy of my Desiring,  
 Fount of Life, my soul Inspiring:  
 At Your feet I cry, my Maker,  
 Let me be a fit partaker  
 Of this Blessed Food from Heaven,  
 For our Good, Your Glory, Given.

7.  
 LORD, by Love and Mercy driven,  
 You once left Your Throne in Heaven  
 On the Cross for me to languish  
 And to Die in bitter anguish,  
 To forego all Joy and Gladness  
 And to Shed Your Blood in sadness.  
 By this Blood Redeemed and Living,  
 LORD, I praise You with Thanksgiving.

8.  
 Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray You,  
 Let me gladly here obey You.  
 By Your Love I am Invited,  
 Be Your Love with Love required;  
 By this Supper let me measure,  
 LORD, how vast and deep Love's  
 Treasure. Through the Gift of Grace  
 You Give me As Your Guest in Heav'n  
 Receive me.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “*O Worship the King*” ..... [LSB: 804]

1.  
O worship the King, All-Glorious  
Above. O gratefully sing His Pow'r and  
His Love; Our Shield and Defender, the  
Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in Splendor  
and girded with praise.

3.  
This earth, with its store of wonders  
untold, Almighty, Thy Pow'r hath  
founded of old, Established it fast by a  
Changeless Decree, And round it hath  
cast, like a mantle, the sea.

5.  
Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to  
fail. Thy Mercies, how Tender, how  
Firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender,  
Redeemer, and Friend!

2.  
O tell of His Might, O sing of His Grace,  
Whose Robe is the Light, Whose canopy  
space; His Chariots of Wrath the deep  
thunderclouds form, And dark is His  
path on the wings of the storm.

4.  
Thy Bountiful Care what tongue can  
recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in  
the Light, It streams from the hills, it  
descends to the plain, And sweetly  
distills in the dew and the rain.

6.  
O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
While angels delight to hymn Thee  
above, Thy humbler creation, though  
feeble their lays, With true adoration  
shall sing to Thy praise.

THE DISMISSAL ..... [LSB: pg. 199]

- P** The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to Life  
Everlasting. Depart ☩ in Peace.  
**C** Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS ..... [LSB: pg. 199]

- C** *(Sung)* LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in Peace according to Thy Word, for mine  
eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light  
to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the  
Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING ..... [LSB: pg. 200]

- A** O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is Good,  
**C** *(Sung)* and His Mercy endureth Forever.

*Psalms 107:1*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT ..... [LSB: pg. 201]

- 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.  
**C** *(Sung)* Amen.

CONCLUDING COLLECT ..... [LSB: pg. 201]

- P** Blessed LORD, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so  
hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy  
Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed Hope of Everlasting Life; through Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.  
**C** *(Sung)* Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS ..... [LSB: pg. 201]

- P** The LORD be with you.  
**C** *(Sung)* And with thy spirit.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

- P** Bless we the LORD.  
**C** *(Sung)* Thanks be to God.

*[Psalm 103:1]*

**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.  
**C** (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Son of God, Eternal Savior" ..... [LSB: 842]

1.  
Son of God, Eternal Savior,  
Source of Life and Truth and Grace,  
Word made flesh, Whose Birth among  
us Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, Who, Throned in Glory,  
For Your Own Will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your Love and Pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and Help our need.

2.  
As You, LORD, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your Gifts been Granted;  
Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the Gold and Yours the Silver,  
Yours the Wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your Bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.

3.  
Come, O Christ, and Reign among us,  
King of Love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your Patient years of toiling,  
By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4.  
Son of God, Eternal Savior,  
Source of Life and Truth and Grace,  
Word made flesh, Whose birth among  
us Hallows all our human race:  
By Your Praying, by Your Willing  
That Your People should be one,  
Grant, O grant our Hope's Fruition:  
Here on earth Your Will be Done.

POSTLUDE:

**FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD:** *LORD God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of Power and Peace to Convert those not yet Your Own and to Confirm those who have come to Saving Faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have Promised, Your Word may achieve the Purpose for which You Send it; through Jesus Christ, our LORD.*