#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to welcome and unite God's people to nurture faith through the Gospel, and provide opportunities and commitment to serve Christ through our Ministry within the congregation and the community.

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If you are in need of prayer or pastoral care, please contact pastor or your assigned elder. Rev. Jonathan Moyer jmoyer@faithhighland.com 248-887-5550

No office business hours during shelter in place order - messages are monitored daily

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## **Announcements**

**RESUMING IN-PERSON WORSHIP – MAY 31**<sup>st</sup> – In March, after prayerful and deliberate consideration, it was decided to suspend gatherings at Faith Lutheran Church to support efforts to slow person-to-person spread of the novel coronavirus and prevent overwhelming area healthcare systems. During this time essential services were permitted and even required to remain open. Now past the peak of infection and with no immediate threat to our healthcare capacity, as Christians we yearn for the essential food that endures to eternal life and as our Lord bids us to gather in His name. (You may benefit from considering the <a href="thoughtful article my colleague at St. Mark's has published">thoughtful article my colleague at St. Mark's has published</a>) While the Governor's Executive Orders have exempted churches from penalty we will still be following appropriate and responsible precautions for your health and safety:

- Above all: If you are not feeling well or experiencing cold/flu symptoms please stay home.
- We are requiring all persons able to do so to wear face coverings while inside our facilities. Let us know if you need one. Families with children who can not endure a face mask are asked to attend the 11:00 service.
- Parishioners should expect to use the upper level doors only and apply hand sanitizer upon entry. (Please give preferential upper-level parking to those in need of it) We are closing off the entire lower floor and coffee room. Upper bathrooms will be open to use.
- Continue to practice social distancing. We will be limiting seating to every other pew. Avoid physical contact with those from other households. Wash hands thoroughly and frequently. This is by far the most effective measure you can take.
- All necessary elements printed in a disposable bulletin. Use of hymnals, shared books, children's activity kits avoided. (Plan to bring such items from home, if needed)
- Offering and attendance will be taken at entry to avoid passing of plates/fellowship record.
- Communion will be offered at every service for the time-being. Instructions for communion will be given prior to worship.
- If you are at-risk or unready to return, services will continue to be <u>posted online</u> for anyone who is not able to gather with us. As always immediate pastoral care is available upon request.
- Please practice patience and grace with each other as we all adapt to these changes.
- Your elder will be contacting you to communicate the above guidelines.

As many of us have different opinions about practices during these trying times, please call your elder or Faith Lutheran 248-887-5550 with questions or concerns. May the Lord grant us his mercy and peace.



**SEEN GOD LATELY?** - We'd still love to hear from you! God is truly at work in the world as unstable as it is. We just don't always notice. Think about His presence in your life. Where have you seen God at work?

<u>PORTALS OF PRAYER</u> are available at church. There is a box outside the main entrance. Wash your hands and help yourself! Also available online: <u>Portals of Prayer in Times of Trouble</u>

**STEADFAST IN THE WORD**: While at home, spend some time in prayer and in God's Word and try to grow in some faithful disciplines and habits. Here are some online resources to incorporate into your time with God:

- Daily Prayer for Individuals and Families
- Lutheran Life Spring Issue: On Apologetics
- Loving Your Neighbor in Time of Pandemic
- Prayers for Times of Turmoil
- **Midweek Connection** watch your inbox for opportunities to participate in LIVE Bible Study and fellowship
- Concordia Publishing House has started a <u>daily Bible Study</u>. Join Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb as he takes you on Paul's Missionary Journeys through the Book of Acts.

**CONFIRMATION HOUSEHOLDS:** Continue to gather your family regularly around God's Word in prayer (see links above!) Also check out this **tool to help you with memory work**. Have questions? Contact Pastor: he loves hearing how you are doing!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES:** We've witnessed many creative ways during this unusual time for Jesus-sharing with our youngest disciples. This week, try some of these or share your favorite ideas!

- Children's Bulletin
- Happy Times Preschool Magazine
- <u>"My Devotions"</u> Daily Readings for Young Christians (March-May)
- <u>Family Time Devotions</u>



**NOT ONLINE? NOT A PROBLEM!** If you know someone who cannot access online resources let them know that on Sunday Mornings an LCMS worship service is broadcast on the following channels. Check listings for exact times.

Comcast—channel 399
Direct TV—channel 377
Over-the-air Digital Channel—18.4

<u>THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE</u> continues to be active despite our virtual environment. As many of you know we had planned to have 2 service events for this spring, both were donation drives. The plan was to fill a shelf with Mac-n-Cheese for **Community Sharing** for the month of April. Additionally we were planning our annual Diaper Drive between Mothers Day and Fathers Day for **Cross Roads Pregnancy Center**. Given we are unable to be together to do collections for the events, our team decided to still provide support to these organizations through monetary donations. We have already received notes of thanks from these organizations. As you can imagine the need is great and we didn't feel we could wait to be of some assistance.

We continue to stand ready and able to help our congregation family, if you know of any need that we can assist with please reach out through a committee member or the church office.

Be safe and Be Well - Your Faith Family and Community Outreach Committee

**DO YOU NEED A MASK?** – We are all being asked to wear a mask when we go out of our homes now. If you're in need of a mask, Connie Redman has been making masks and would like to give you one. If you are interested, please give her a call at 248.887.4475. Thank you, Connie, for your loving generosity! God bless you.



**CAN YOU HELP?** These days are filled with opportunities to share God's love and serve our neighbor. We pray the Lord prepares your household to be like the light of a city on a hill in these gray and latter days. As you are able, consider supporting our partners in ministry.

- The Luke Project 52 Clinic is still endeavoring to serve expectant moms with prenatal care and the love of Jesus and they the Body of Christ's ongoing support. Click here to learn more.
- MEALTRAIN FOR BURGER FAMILY Amanda has re-started treatment Monday through Friday and Kevin is back to work. During this time, we want to reduce the stress on the family and meals are such a blessing. You can sign up at <a href="https://mealtrain.com/8g0468">https://mealtrain.com/8g0468</a> Thank you for considering to help. We suggest texting when dropping off the meal so that you can leave it on the porch and it will be brought in immediately. We want to reduce the risk of infection to the family, so we will do our best to provide good nutritional meals and no-touch delivery. Please feel free to include activities for the kids, cards, or notes of encouragement for the family.
- **FLOOD BUCKETS AND HYGIENE KITS NEEDED** The District's Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) are asking congregations/ministries to consider organizing a Flood Bucket or Hygiene Kit project for your families to either do at home or gather materials for assembling them when we are able to gather together in smaller groups. We have several organizations in our state that are in need of buckets/kits. We have volunteers who are able to pick up assembled buckets/kits the third week in June. Click here for the lists of materials to collect.





<u>CONNECT WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY</u> – Continue to reach out and express care and concern for each other. We hope many of you are already in regular contact via phone, text or email. If not, this is a wonderful opportunity to reach out and contact someone you haven't talked to in a while or maybe even someone in

our directory you may not know. Just a little note or call to say you are thinking of them. When we do see each other again, how much closer will we be as a "family" that we took the time and let our "family" know they are on our hearts and on our minds? May God bless each of you with the love and the hope and the peace that is found in Jesus Christ, Our Lord!



Newsletter Deadline – Our next newsletter deadline is **Tuesday, May 26**. Thank you for getting your info to me by this date. God bless you all, Linda ©

## **Birthdays this week**

25 Aaron Swackhamer30 Guy York

## **Anniversaries this week**

Tim & Katie Holland (5-25-1996) Scott & Renae Behr (5-27-1989) Tom & Connie Heger (5-27-1972) Frank & Connie Redman (5-27-1961)





<u>Holy Baptism</u> - Today **Evelyn Mae Bruursema** will be baptized into our Faith family. Evelyn is the daughter of Benjamin & Stacey (Wilson). Her godparents are Matthew Wilson and Stephanie Richardson. Proud grandparents are Keith & Diane Wilson. Blessings on this new little lamb of Jesus.

### Consider phoning or mailing those who do not have the means to join in online worship—

Marilyn DicksBarbara SteeleGail LoweJack & Leah NicholasJean DonleyRuby RichardsMarjorie Cannon & BettyJoe HostmanVirginia McDonnellChoppYvonne PirozekSandy Searcy

## Please Remember in Your Prayers—

Beccie Oltesvig Virginia McDonnell Guy Moore
Larry & Connie House Lori Flores Theresa Erfourth
Jean Donley Chuck & Mary Jo Behr Andrea Blumberg

Lily Pierce (daughter of Eric & Chrissy Pierce – heart valve replacement surgery on June 2 – Lily is 10 years old).

Our deepest condolences and Christian compassion to Neil Hornbacher and family at the passing of his Aunt Rhoda

#### As well as our family, friends & neighbors—

John CarltonMadeline McGrathWhiteyRon CarrRev. Al EppenAshlee EddieVic QuigleyLaurie KaraskaAdam HassigAmanda Burger – in treatmentTim NolanTerry

Steven Winters John Harada Cyı Stephanie Edmonds Rev. Rich Tino Pai John Koke **Gregg Steigerwalt** Deb Noonan Kristen White Stefanie Clifford Rick Prueter Marvin Petsch Dale Mabel Stephanie Ron Flora Pat Avery

The congregations of our LCMS circuit have committed to praying for our households directly affected by coronavirus: for healing, thanksgiving for recovery, and consolation of the bereaved.

## **Thanksgiving for Recovery**

Jean Donley (Faith, Highland)
John and Joan Freeman (St. Mark's, West Bloomfield)
Carol and Bill Brower (Christ, Milford)

#### A WORD OF CAUTION

With much of our lives being carried out online, scammers are using this moment to increase their efforts and pose as charities or even people from your contact lists. Some of Faith's members have already reported suspicious activity. Please be vigilant especially when responding to unsolicited texts, emails, and phone calls. Don't share personal information, especially if being pressured to do so and always verify the authenticity of an organization before conducting any transaction. The FCC has more information on protecting yourself from fraud.

# Order of Worship

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

- $\blacksquare$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- 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.
- Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- L I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Word

## **Collect of the Day**

**L** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C Amen

## First Reading: Acts 1:12-26

**L** A reading from Acts, chapter 1.

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it';

"'Let another take his office.'

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 68:1-10

and

<sup>1</sup>God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! <sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;

as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! <sup>3</sup>But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy! <sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him! <sup>5</sup>Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. <sup>6</sup>God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land. <sup>7</sup>O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, <sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. <sup>9</sup>Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; <sup>10</sup>your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

## Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

L A reading from 1 Peter, chapters 4 and 5.

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And

"If the righteous is scarcely saved,

what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"

<sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little

while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel: John 17:1–26

L A reading from John, chapter 17.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

<sup>20</sup>"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Apostles' Creed**

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

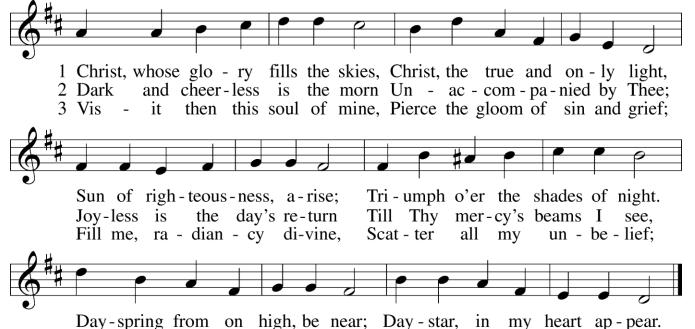
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the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

→ everlasting. Amen.

## 873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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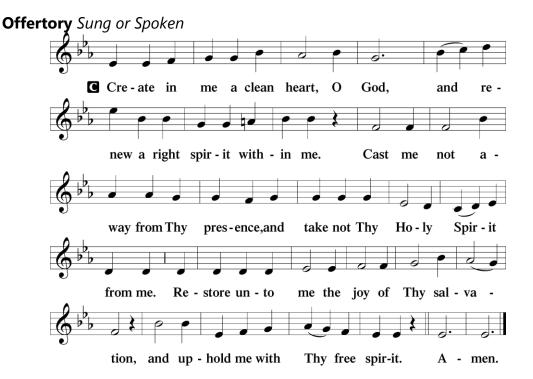
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## **Offering** - <u>faithhighland.com/give</u>

In thanksgiving to the Lord's provision and as you are able, please consider contributing your regular tithe and offering to the ongoing ministry of Faith Lutheran Church.



## **Prayer of the Church**

Guard Your people, O Lord, and grant us unity of faith and singleness of heart as we come to You in prayer.

#### Brief silence

Lord, You have promised not to abandon Your people but to be with us always. Grant us grace to hear Your Word with faith and receive Your Holy Sacrament with repentant hearts, and to keep what we hear and receive upon our lips in holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord, You have delivered the saints from fiery trial and raised up the martyr from the darkness of death to everlasting life. Give us courage, that we may give bold witness to the truth in our own day and proclaim Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord, You have pledged to us Your Spirit and promised to supply Your Church with pastors who will preach and teach Your Word. Give us ears to hear and hearts to believe Your Word. Raise up those who will serve Your Church in generations to come, that we may never be without the aid of those to serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord, You have power over all things and appoint an order on earth for the protection of the weak, the punishment of evildoers and the encouragement of virtue. Bless Donald, our president; Gretchen, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Give them wisdom for the challenges

of our times, and preserve them from self-serving concerns. Give us grace, that we may honor the gift of liberty and be good citizens and neighbors to all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord, You have compassion upon all who suffer. Give grace to the sick, to those with mental illness, to the dying in their last hours and to those who grieve. Hear us especially for (*see names above*) and those we name in our hearts before You. Grant them patience in their afflictions, and deliver them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord, You are the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Bless those who teach, those who learn and especially those who graduate this year. Be the hope of those whose plans have been disappointed, and grant that all graduates would find good employment. Guide them in the pursuit of Your Word and truth, to live honorable lives in worthy vocations, that in all things You may be glorified. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord, You have given us Your own Son as our Savior and Redeemer. He has set His table among us in the presence of our enemies, that we might be fed upon the body of Christ and drink His blood. Restore to us participation in this communion and guard the unity of this table, that we would confess Him with one voice and receive this blessed Sacrament with one faith, and hear our prayers for all for whom gathering has been made difficult. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord, You have daily and richly supplied us with all things for this body and life. Give us grateful hearts, that we may receive Your gifts with thanksgiving and bring to You our tithes and offerings. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord, we rejoice in the Savior's promise to guard the people who wear Your name by Baptism and faith. Until we are with You in Your presence forevermore, guard us against the devil who prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking those whom he might devour. Grant us the power to resist him and trust in You without fear; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

## **Lord's Prayer**

- **L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

#### **Benedicamus**

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

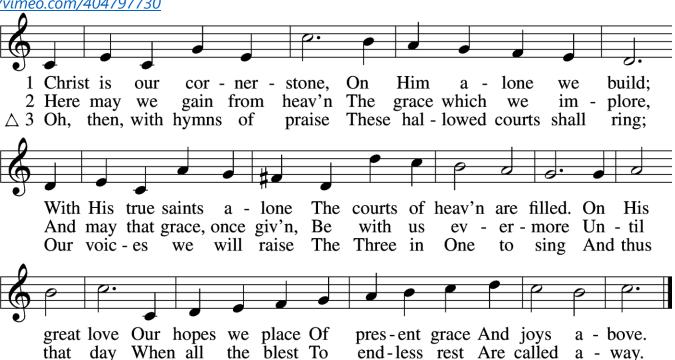
#### **Benediction**

- The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the 

  → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- Amen.

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