

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20th, 2025



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Welcome to the Lord's Table at First Lutheran

We celebrate the Lord's Supper in glad confidence that our Lord Jesus, as He says, gives His very body and blood under the bread and wine for us Christians to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord, those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, set aside any refusal to forgive, and forgive as He forgives us. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and so are unable to receive the Sacrament, are invited to come to the altar with their arms crossed to receive a blessing, or may remain in their seats to meditate on God's Word during the distribution and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

What must I do to be prepared for Communion?



- Recognize that you are a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.
- Trust in the words of Jesus that His body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine.
- Share in the confession of faith with the members of this community, which is that of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and its fellowship church bodies. If you are unsure if this is you or not, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

If you are in need of gluten free wafers or non-alcoholic wine please notify the Elder or Pastor and we will gladly provide these alternative options for you.

“Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven” Matthew 19:14.

Whether your child is calm or crazy, quiet or loud, we love children in the Divine Service, where worship revolves around the Word and the Word serves everyone! We invite you to grab a busy bag from the Narthex, a children's bulletin and sit as close to the front as you are comfortable. Please feel free to come and go from the Sanctuary as needed. A Cry Room is situated just outside in the Narthex for your convenience. We would like you to know that your children are a blessed part of our service.

Please take a moment to sign in on our red attendance books at the end of each pew.
Alternatively, you may check in using this QR code.

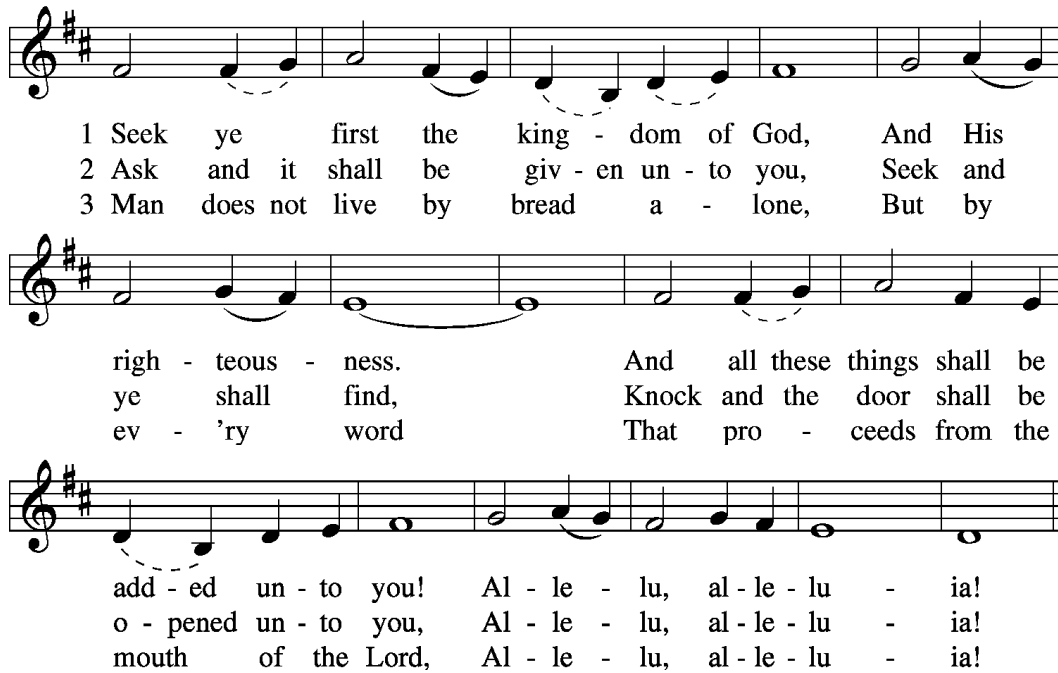


Prelude

Hymn of Invocation

Seek Ye First

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1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by

righteous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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Divine Service, Setting One (LSB pg. 151)

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 119:57-60, 64; antiphon: Psalm 119:105

- P** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
C The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words.
P I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.
C When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;
P I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.

- C** The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

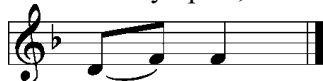
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:1–14

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
C The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
C my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.
P Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;
C though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.
P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
C that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.
P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
C he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
P And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
C I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
C be gracious to me and answer me!
P You have said, "Seek my face."
C My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."
P Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
C O you who have been my help.
Cast me not off, forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
P For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
C but the LORD will take me in.
P Teach me your way, O LORD,
C and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
P Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
C for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.
P I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
C in the land of the living!
P Wait for the LORD;
C be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle

Colossians 1:21–29

²¹ You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68





Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38–42

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



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

The Lord Is My Light

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The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, The Lord is the



strong - hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my



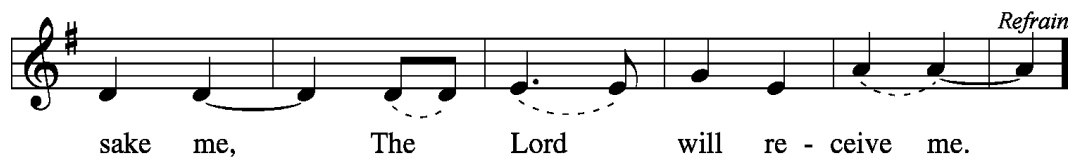
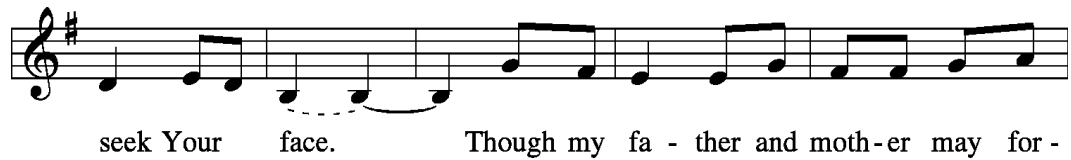
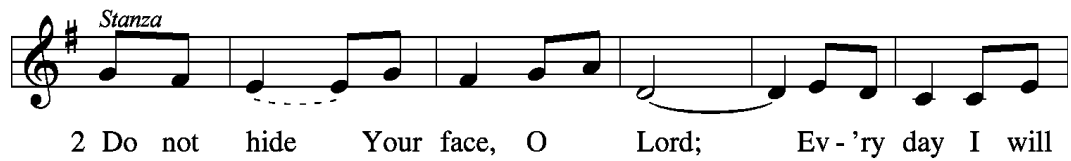
strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?



1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His



house for - ev - er, To gaze on the beau - ty of the



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Sermon

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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Reception of Members by Profession of Faith

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Gathering of Gifts and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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

C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Songs

Here I Am to Worship

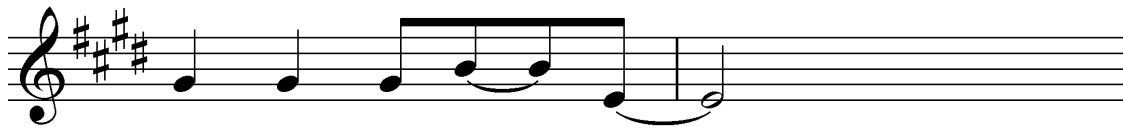
Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness,
O - pened my eyes, made me see.
Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

Here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
say that You're my God. You're al - to-gether



love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er



won - der - ful to ____ me. ____



King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - al - ted,



Glo - rious in hea - ven a - bove. _



Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,



all for love's sake be came ____ poor.

(repeat chorus)



I'll nev - er know how much ____ it ____ cost to see



____ my sin ____ up - on that ____ cross.

(repeat 3x)(chorus 2x)

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How love ly__ is Your dwell ing place, O Lord Al might

- y.___ For my soul__ longs and

ev - en___ faints for___ You.___

For here my__ heart is sat - is - fied

with - in Your pres - ence.___ I

sing be - neath the shad - ow__ of Your_ wings.___

Chorus:

Bet-ter is one day in Your courts, bet-ter is

one day in Your house, bet-ter is one day in Your courts than thou-sands

else-where. Bet-ter is one day in Your courts, bet-ter is

one day in Your house, bet - ter is

Chorus:



one day in Your courts than thou-sands else-where.



One thing I___ ask, and I would seek:



to see Your beau - ty,___ to



find You_ in the place Your glo - ry___ dwells.__

(chorus)



My heart and flesh cry out for You, the liv - ing God.



Your Spir - it's wa - ter to my___ soul._____



I've tast-ed and I've seen; come once a - gain to me.__



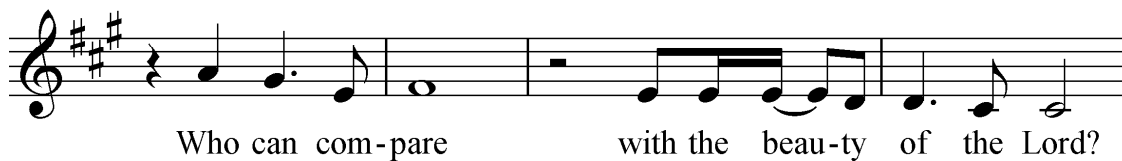
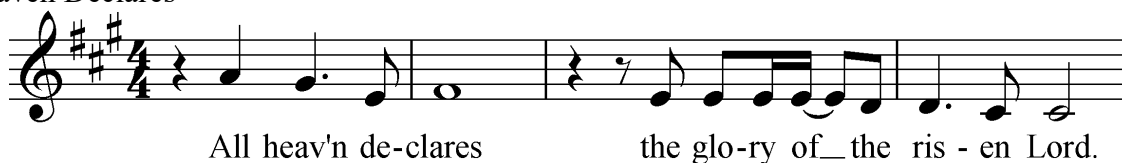
I will draw near to__ You, I will draw near to___ You.__

(chorus 2x)

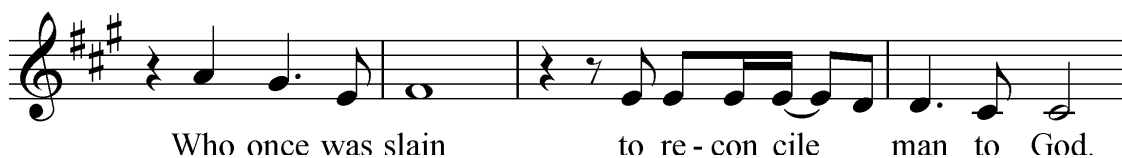
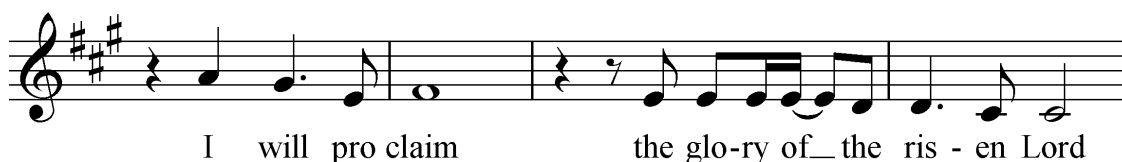


Thou - sands else - where._____

All Heaven Declares



Chorus (1st line):



(back to 2nd line of chorus)

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Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord





Post-Communion Collect

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 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.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

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.



Closing Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,

Soon bears us all away;

We fly forgotten as a dream

Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come,

Be Thou our guard while troubles last

And our eternal home!

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Postlude

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