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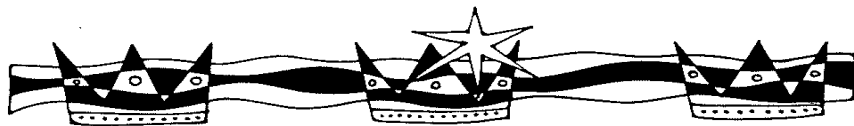
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## Second Sunday After The Epiphany

### **WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS 1/14 AM**

ELDERS: Bob Olson and Dave Brehmer

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WEDNESDAY ELDER: Ron Rieth

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READER: Ed Polzin

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**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is the way Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. Through this Sacrament, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. In accordance with Jesus' teachings, we practice *closed communion*. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

**BULLETINS** can be found on our website under the News Tab, Newsletter/bulletins. Select the appropriate service.

**TO THOSE VIEWING ONLINE:** If you are a member of St. Martin, please "Register" by clicking one of the "Like" button on Facebook. We are trying to gauge how many of our members are worshipping virtually.

**LIVE STREAMING**—is now available in the social hall and in room #7.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**—If you are hospitalized, please be sure to update your admittance records indicating your religious preference and if you would like the hospital to call St. Martin.

**IF YOU REQUIRE PASTORAL CARE** or would like to learn more about Jesus Christ and St. Martin Lutheran, please contact the church office at 920/849-4421 or [stmartinlcms@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinlcms@gmail.com) or Pastor Thomas K. Schmitt at 920/418-1559 or [stmartinlsmc.pastor.com](mailto:stmartinlsmc.pastor.com).

**JAN-MAR** Portals of Prayer are available; donations are appreciated.

**JAN/FEB CALENDARS** are available in the narthex and social hall.

**JAN ALTAR GUILD:** Judy Hacker and Rose Kirchner

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN. 1/14	9:00A Worship with Holy Communion 10:10A Fellowship 10:15A Bible Study 10:20A Sunday School 2:00P Rural Church Meeting-Manitowoc
MON. 1/15	9:00A Rural Chrrch Meeting -Manitowoc
TUE. 1/16	9AM-1PM Pastor in Manitowoc 5:45P Board of Elders Meeting 7:00P Church Council Meeting
Wed. 1/17	6:30P Worship with Holy Communion
THU. 1/18	7:00P Dartball home
SUN. 1/21	9:00A Worship with Holy Communion 10:10A Fellowship 10:15A Bible Study 10:20A Sunday School

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### **MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:**

Brenda Boehnlein, Ginny Michael, Kevin Schmitz, Laurie Bennin,  
Makayla Tasch

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

-OUR SHUT-INS: Linda Friederichs, Lucinda Loose, Janet Maile, Simone  
Pagel, Larelda Siebert, Don Michael, Marvin Schommer, Lou Ridder,  
Pastor Novotney, Pat Bailey, Len Sturtz, Doreen Wingers

**ATTENDANCE: Worship 1/7 & 1/10** 94 + 16 = 110  
**Sunday School 1/7** 18 students, \$10.00

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED** in serving as a substitute elder, please speak  
with any elder or the church office with your availability.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**—Pat Bailey wishes to thank everyone who  
sent cards, called, or visited her during the past couple of months. She  
is recovering at home from her past surgeries.

### **BULLETIN COVERS FOR LENT/EASTER ARE AVAILABLE FOR DONATIONS:**

Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, or the  
Palms for Palm Sunday

Please contact Tammy if you are interested in sponsoring.

## THE PARKING LOT RUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

**Total Cash Donations Received to date: \$43,384.00**

**Total Pledges: \$3300**

**Total Funds raised through our fund Raisers: \$20949.00.**

**\$43,337.81 was paid in principal only in November.**

**THE GIFT & MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** has been making progress on the confirmation wall photos in the west hallway. The photos have been removed, the paneling will be taken down, and soon the wall will be painted. Mike Klaeser is in the process of making new frames for the display. Photos and name plates will be redone as needed. Once the frames are completed, and painted they will be installed with a fresh new look. Stay tuned!

Treasurers Report - St. Martin Lutheran Church			
2023 - November Totals			
	Budget	Actual	Difference
Monthly Offerings	\$ 15,673.00	\$ 13,957.00	\$ (1,716.00)
Offerings YTD	\$ 172,403.00	\$ 156,062.00	\$ (16,341.00)
Expenses YTD	\$ 156,193.46	\$ 146,964.18	\$ 9,229.28
Missions YTD	\$ 15,673.02	\$ 15,606.01	\$ (67.01)
Total Expenditures YTD	\$ 171,866.48	\$ 162,570.19	\$ 9,162.27
YTD Actual Offerings less Total Expenditures		\$ (6,508.19)	
Parking Lot Loan	\$122,367.00	\$49,951.44	\$72,415.56 Bal
Five payments of \$1146.61 have been made to LCEF. Plus, a principal only payment of \$43,337.81 as of 11/30/23.			

# EPIPHANY II

## WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

Opening Hymn: 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

- 1    Open now thy gates of beauty;  
      Zion, let me enter there,  
      Where my soul in joyful duty  
      Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
      Oh, how blessed is this place,  
      Filled with solace, light, and grace!
  
- 2    Gracious God, I come before Thee;  
      Come Thou also unto me.  
      Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
      There a heav'n on earth must be.  
      To my heart, O enter Thou;  
      Let it be Thy temple now!
  
- 3    Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;  
      Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
      Let my soul, where it is planted,  
      Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
      So that all I hear may be  
      Fruitful unto life in me.
  
- 4    Thou my faith increase and quicken;  
      Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
      Howsoe'er temptations thicken;  
      May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
      As my guiding star through life,  
      As my comfort in all strife.
  
- 5    Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;  
      Let Thy will be done indeed.  
      May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
      While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
      Here of life the fountain flows;  
      Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Public domain

**↑ Order of Service, Divine Service 4, LSB p. 203**

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis p. 204)

(Music: LSB

- C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- C** To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
- 2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—
- 3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. ... Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

*1 Samuel 3:1–20*

<sup>1</sup>The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”

But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”

But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”

Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, “Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.”

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” And he said, “Here I am.”

<sup>17</sup>And Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, “It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him.”

<sup>19</sup>And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 6:12–20*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ↑ Alleluia and Verse

(Music: LSB p. 205)

**C** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## Holy Gospel

*John 1:43–51*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”



**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Nicene Creed

**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  $\text{✙}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## ↓ Little Lamb's Lesson

Hymn: 688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,

"All in My way abiding;

Deny yourselves, the world forsake,

Obey My call and guiding.

O bear the cross, whate'er betide,

Take My example for your guide.

2 "I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;

I bid you walk as in the day;

I keep your feet from straying.

I am the way, and well I show

How you must sojourn here below.

- 3    “My heart abounds in lowliness,  
       My soul with love is glowing;  
 And gracious words My lips express,  
       With meekness overflowing.  
 My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,  
 To God I yield, on Him I call.
- 4    “I teach you how to shun and flee  
       What harms your soul’s salvation,  
 Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,  
       From sin and its temptation.  
 I am the refuge of the soul  
 And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”
- 5    Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
       And take the cross appointed  
 And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
       In suff’ring be undaunted.  
 For those who bear the battle’s strain  
 The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96; (sts. 1–3, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624–77;  
 (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lobgesänge, 1695 Public domain

## Sermon

### ↑ Offertory and Presentation of the Offerings 956

*LSB*

**C** 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.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For confidence in the Lord’s truth, that we may not fear deceit  
 or opposition, but sing and proclaim His wondrous deeds in  
 Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the Church, that as God called Samuel, Philip and  
 Nathanael into His service, so He would be pleased now to  
 call men into His ministry, let us pray to the Lord

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For Christian households, especially for fathers, mothers and  
 children, that they may serve eagerly according to their  
 station to the honor of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who stand in need of our prayers, especially \_\_\_\_\_, that God would bring healing, comfort, strength, patience and certainty to every need; in thanksgiving for constant watch and merciful kindness; and that in every sorrow and every joy, God would not let our eyes be drawn from the greater marvel of His kindness in Christ Jesus, by whose grace and forgiveness alone we receive every blessing, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who commune this day, that the gift of the Holy Spirit would be renewed in us, working true contrition to lament and abandon our sins, and so come in confident faith to eat Christ's body and drink His blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Holy Lord, mighty God, You have shown us the face of Your mercy in Your Son, through whom all nations may find unity and life. Hear the prayers of Your people and grant what is needful to us and those for whom we pray, that trusting in Your mercy, our hearts may find perfect peace and rest; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

Communion Liturgy:

(Music: LSB pp. 208-212)

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. 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

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.  
As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

- 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

- 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Vobiscum

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

## **Agnus Dei**

- 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

## **↓ Distribution Hymns:**

### **629 What Is This Bread**

- 1 What is this bread?  
Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break,  
This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.**
- 2 What is this wine?  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace  
Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see—the Lord is King.**
- 3 So who am I,  
That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod?  
My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.**
- 4 Yet is God here?  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul  
He makes us whole—  
Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see—the Lord is real.**

- 5 Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe  
That I receive  
His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see—the Lord is good.**

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## **637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.**

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## **↑ Post-Communion Liturgy: LSB p. 211-212**

- 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**
- 2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

**P** 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** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **Closing Hymn: 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

**1 Sent forth by God's blessing,**

**Our true faith confessing,**

**The people of God from His dwelling take leave.**

**The Supper is ended.**

**O now be extended**

**The fruits of this service in all who believe.**

**The seed of His teaching,**

**Receptive souls reaching,**

**Shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**His grace did invite us,**

**His love shall unite us**

**To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.**

**2 With praise and thanksgiving**

**To God ever-living,**

**The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing,**

**In love ever caring,**

**Embracing His children of each tribe and race.**

**With Your feast You feed us,**

**With Your light now lead us;**

**Unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living**

**With praise and thanksgiving**

**Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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