



*I Do, and  
I Ask God  
to Help Me!*



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## *Welcome to Holy Trinity*

We're glad you came today to join us in worshipping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a **visitor** with us today, please sign the "GUEST" cards in the pews and give them to the ushers or pastor. If you want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Members of Holy Trinity, please fill in the side marked "MEMBER."

A **Parents' Room** is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child. Inside the Parents' Room you can still see, hear and participate in the worship service.

**Wheelchair accommodations** are found on the organ side of the church. If you do not use a wheelchair, be careful to leave space in these wheelchair accessible pews for the benefit of those who need them and their families.

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.

### *A Note to All Our Guests:*

During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Since this sacrament is the Lord's Supper and not ours, we are careful to follow our Lord's instructions. In particular, we take to heart these important truths:

1. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus truly gives us His body and blood together with the bread and the wine. Jesus says, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28).
2. In the Lord's Supper, we express a unity of faith with one another. "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).
3. Our Lord urges us to practice this unity with great love and care. "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27,29).

Because we take these truths seriously, we invite all communicant members of our congregation or of a sister congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to commune with us today. However, we ask that those who are not members of a sister congregation refrain from taking the Lord's Supper with us at this time. In doing this, we are not judging anyone's faith. Out of love for our Lord and all people, we simply desire to discuss the Bible's teachings with our guests before communing together. We want all who commune to receive the Lord's Supper for their benefit and in a way that follows our Lord's instructions. If you have any questions about this or any other teaching of the Bible—or if you would like information about how to join our congregation—please feel free to speak to our pastor.

## THE DIVINE SERVICE

### RITE TWO

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#### Hymn • “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

*[CW93 294]*

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| <p>1. Baptized into your name most holy,<br/>O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,<br/>I claim a place, though weak and lowly,<br/>Among your saints, your chosen host,<br/>Buried with Christ and dead to sin.<br/>Your Spirit now shall live within.</p> | <p>3. My faithful God, you fail me never;<br/>Your promise surely will endure.<br/>Oh, cast me not away forever<br/>If words and deeds become impure.<br/>Have mercy when I come defiled;<br/>Forgive, lift up, restore your child.</p> |
| <p>2. My loving Father, there you took me<br/>To be henceforth your child and heir.<br/>My faithful Savior, there you let me<br/>The fruit of all your sorrows share.<br/>O Holy Spirit, comfort me<br/>When threat'ning clouds around I see.</p>   | <p>5. All that I am and love most dearly—<br/>Receive it all, O Lord, from me.<br/>Let me confess my faith sincerely<br/>And help me your own child to be!<br/>Let nothing that I am or own<br/>Serve any will but yours alone.</p>     |

– Stand –

#### Invocation

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

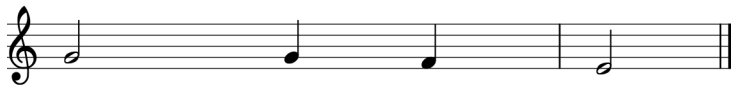


**G** A - men.

#### Confession and Absolution

**P** *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

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



**C** Who made heav'n and earth.

**P** *I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;*



**C** And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**A LL** **O** almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

**P** *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C** Amen.

## **Psalm 119**

**P** *Your Word is a lamp to my feet*

**C** and a light for my path.

**P** *Oh, how I love your law!*

**C** I meditate on it all day long.

**P** *I have more insight than all my teachers,*

**C** for I meditate on your statutes.

**P** *I have more understanding than the elders,*

**C** **for I obey your precepts.**

**P** *I have kept my feet from every evil path*

**C** **so that I might obey your Word.**

**P** *I have not departed from your laws,*

**C** **for you yourself have taught me.**

**P** *How sweet are your words to my taste,*

**C** **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

**A** **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.**

## Prayer of The Day

**P** *Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word. We ask You to grant our confirmands and us the zeal to further learn and study the Scriptures. As we do, continue to send Your Holy Spirit to point us to Your Son, Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



-Be seated-

## First Reading • Joshua 1:7-9

*Be strong and courageous.*

“Just be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

**Second Reading • Ephesians 6:10-18***Put on the full armor of God.*

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, <sup>15</sup> and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. <sup>16</sup> At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. <sup>17</sup> Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints.

*-Stand-***Gospel Acclamation***John 17:3*

☐ *Alleluia. This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. Alleluia.*



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Gospel • John 8:31-32***Hold on to Jesus' teaching.*

☐ *The holy Gospel is written in the eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the thirty-first verse.*



☐ Glo - ry be to You, O Lord!

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples.<sup>32</sup> You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

¶ *Here ends the Gospel.*



☐ Praise be to You, O Christ!

### **Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed**

☐ **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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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.**

-Be seated-

## Chief Hymn • 427, “Let Me Be Thine Forever”

1. Let me be Thine forever,  
 Thou faithful God and Lord;  
 Let me forsake Thee never  
 Nor wander from Thy Word.  
 Lord, do not let me waver  
 But give me steadfastness,  
 And for such grace forever  
 Thy holy name I'll bless.

2. Lord Jesus, my Salvation,  
 My Light, my Life divine,  
 My only Consolation,  
 O make me wholly Thine,  
 For Thou hast dearly bought me  
 With blood and bitter pain.  
 Let me, since Thou hast sought me,  
 Eternal life obtain.

3. And Thou, O Holy Spirit,  
 My Comforter and Guide,  
 Grant that in Jesus' merit  
 I always may confide,  
 Him to the end confessing  
 Whom I have known by faith.  
 Give me Thy constant blessing  
 And grant a Christian death.

## Sermon • 1 Corinthians 1:8

[God] will ... keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**I Do, and I Ask God to Help Me!**

-Stand-

## Offertory Psalm



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it





with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your presence and take not Your



Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it. A - men.

-Be seated-

## Offering

### Rite of Confirmation

☐ *Dear brother and sister in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*You are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

*Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.*

☐ *Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?*

**I do.**

☐ *Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?*

**I do.**

☐ *Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?*

**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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall 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.**

☐ *Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?*

**I do.**

☐ *Do you believe that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?*

**I do.**

☐ *Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?*

**I do, and I ask God to help me.**

☐ *Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?*

**I do, and I ask God to help me.**

☐ *Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die. Let us pray.*

☐ *Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in the hearts of these young people and gave them a new birth as members of your family. Help them remember their baptisms every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave them or forsake them. Lord in your mercy,*

**☑ hear our prayer.**

☐ *Give them strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within them so that each day their faith may triumph in their living and loving and in their words and actions. Lord, in your mercy,*

**☑ hear our prayer.**

☐ *Lead them to see and believe that in the word of the gospel they find forgiveness for their sins and relief for their guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive them to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide them as they live for you and others. Lord, in your mercy,*

**☑ hear our prayer.**

☐ *Protect them from Satan when he tempts them to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy,*

**☑ hear our prayer.**

☐ *Empower them by the gospel of your Son to live in their world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,*

**☑ hear our prayer.**

☐ *Help us provide fitting examples of faithfulness to your Word and sacraments. Lead us to encourage and admonish them in wisdom and love even after they have left our homes and made new homes for themselves. Lord, in your mercy,*

**☑ hear our prayer.**

**P** *When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, have compassion on us despite our sins and accept us as eternal dwellers in your royal rooms, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy,*

**G** **hear our prayer. Amen.**

**P** *Dear brother and sister in Christ, what we as a Christian congregation have here asked our heavenly Father to confer on all of you, we now ask him to give each of you individually.*

*(The Confirmands receive a blessing.)*

**P** *Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son † and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.*

### **Hymn • 184, “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”**

**1. My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!**

**3. While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my Guide.  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.**

**2. May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!**

**4. When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!**

## Preface

**P** *The Lord be with you.*



**C** And with your spir - it.

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** *Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.*



**C** It is good and right so to do.

## Preface for the Season

**P** *It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty co-equal. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy name and join their glorious song:*

## Sanctus



**A** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth; Heav'n and



earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



high-est. Blessed is He, blessed is He, bless-ed is He who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est.

## Lord's Prayer

☐ *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 pow'r and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er A - men.

## Words of Institution

☐ *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## Pax Domini

☐ *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*



**C** A - - - men.

## Agnus Dei



**A** O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world,



have mercy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



take a-way the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. A - - - men.

-Be seated-

## Distribution

*Guests, please read and take note of the explanation of our Communion practice on page 2 in this service folder.*

*Confirmands and their families will commune first.*

### Hymn • “Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink”

[CW93 405]

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| <p><b>1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink</b><br/> <b>Though pressed by many a foe,</b><br/> <b>That will not tremble on the brink</b><br/> <b>Of poverty or woe,</b></p> | <p><b>4. That bears unmoved the world's dread</b><br/> <b>frown</b><br/> <b>Nor heeds its scornful smile,</b><br/> <b>That sin's wild ocean cannot drown</b><br/> <b>Nor Satan's arts beguile,</b></p> |
| <p><b>2. That will not murmur nor complain</b></p>                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

Beneath the chast'ning rod,  
 But in the hour of grief or pain  
 Can lean upon its God,

3. A faith that shines more bright and  
 clear  
 When tempests rage without,  
 That, when in danger, knows no fear,  
 In darkness feels no doubt,

**Hymn • 513, “My Maker, Be Though Nigh”**

1. My Maker, be Thou nigh  
 The light of life to give,  
 And guide me with Thine eye  
 While here on earth I live.  
 To Thee my heart I tender  
 And all my pow'rs surrender;  
 Make it my one endeavor  
 To love and serve Thee ever.  
 Upon Thy promise I rely;  
 My Maker, be Thou nigh.

5. A faith that keeps the narrow way  
 Till life's last spark is fled  
 And with a pure and heav'nly ray  
 Lights up the dying bed.

6. Lord, give us such a faith as this,  
 And then, whate'er may come,  
 We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss  
 Of an eternal home.

2. My Savior, wash me clean  
 With Thy most precious blood,  
 That takes away all sin  
 And seals my peace with God.  
 My soul in peace abideth  
 When in Thy wounds it hideth.  
 There I find full salvation  
 And freedom from damnation.  
 Without Thee, lost, defiled by sin,  
 My Savior, wash me clean.



3. **My Comforter, give pow'r**  
**That I may stand secure**  
**When in temptation's hour**  
**The world and sin allure.**  
**The Son to me revealing,**  
**Inspire my thought and feeling,**  
**His Word of grace to ponder**  
**Nor let me from Him wander.**  
**On me Thy gifts and graces shower:**  
**My Comforter, give pow'r.**

4. **O Holy Trinity,**  
**To whom I all things owe,**  
**Thine image graciously**  
**Within my heart bestow.**  
**Choose me, though weak and lowly,**  
**To be Thy temple holy**  
**Where praise shall rise unending**  
**For grace so condescending.**  
**O heav'nly bliss, Thine own to be,**  
**O Holy Trinity!**

**Hymn • 514, “Our Lord and God, O Bless This Day”**

*[Tune: CW93 599]*

1. **Our Lord and God, O bless this day**  
**And hear us, we implore Thee;**  
**None of Thy children turn away**  
**Who now appear before Thee.**  
**We come before Thy face**  
**And pray: Let Thy rich grace**  
**Descend from heav'n above**  
**In all Thy wondrous love**  
**And keep us by Thy Spirit.**

3. **When they their vows today renew,**  
**Accept them with Thy favor;**  
**And when they promise to be true,**  
**May they forget it never!**  
**But they are weak and frail**  
**When Satan's hosts assail;**  
**O arm them with Thy might**  
**And grant that in the fight**  
**They unto death be faithful!**

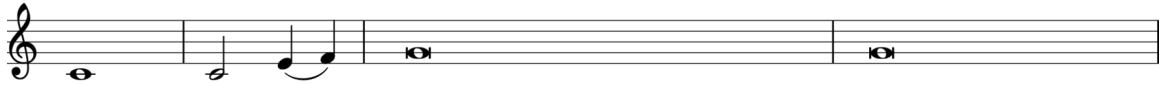
2. **O bless Thy Word to all the young;**  
**Let them, Thy truth possessing,**  
**Bear witness true with heart and tongue,**  
**Their faith and ours confessing.**  
**From mother's arms Thy grace**  
**With love did them embrace;**  
**Baptized into Thy name,**  
**As Thine Thou didst them claim.**  
**O Lord, as Thine now own them!**

4. **And when they leave their childhood**  
**home,**  
**When Satan comes alluring,**  
**May their baptismal grace become**  
**A refuge reassuring!**  
**Blest they who then can say:**  
**“God's cov'nant stands for aye.”**  
**They ne'er shall be undone**  
**Who trust in God alone—**  
**God is their mighty Father!**

-Stand-

**Nunc Dimittis**

**A** Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in peace ac - cord-ing to Your



word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have pre -



pared be - fore the face of all people, A light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry



be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it



was in the beginning, is now, and ev-ershall be, for - ev-ermore. A - men.

**Communion Verse**

**P** *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.*



**C** And His mercy en - dures for-ev - er.

## Collect of Thanksgiving

**P** *O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness 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. 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. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

**P** *The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace †.*



**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

-Be seated-

## Closing Hymn • “May God the Father of Our Lord”

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| <p><b>1. May God the Father of our Lord,<br/>Who called you by his holy Word,<br/>Perfect, establish, settle you,<br/>Keep you through faith forever true.</b></p> | <p><b>3. The Holy Spirit give you pow’r,<br/>The strength of prayer in ev’ry hour,<br/>The wisdom, knowledge, fear of God,<br/>That lifts above his chast’ning rod.</b></p> |
| <p><b>2. In Jesus Christ may you be blessed<br/>And brought to his eternal rest.<br/>The work he has in you begun,<br/>He will perform till all is done.</b></p>   | <p><b>4. May God the Father, God the Son,<br/>And God the Spirit, Three in One,<br/>Preserve you blameless till in grace<br/>You stand before his holy face.</b></p>        |

**Notes**

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