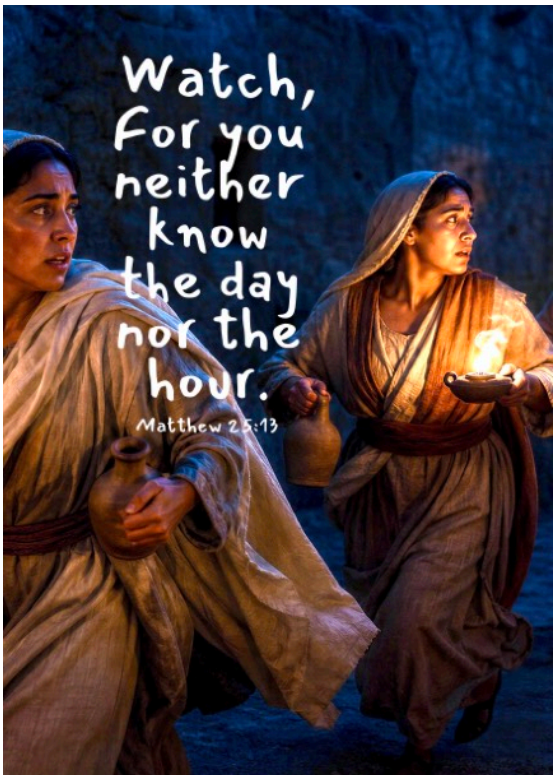
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Prayer Upon Entering Church: O Lord, God the Father, my Maker, Lord Jesus, my Redeemer, Holy Spirit, my Comforter in life and death, I have entered Your house to hear what You will speak to me. Lord, renew now my heart through Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, that from Your Word I learn to grieve over my sins, trust in Jesus in life and in death, and daily to better myself in holy life and conduct. Hear and answer me through Jesus Christ. Amen.

About This Service: The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If you don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Communion Statement: All visitors are asked to speak with Pastor before the service and prior to coming up for communion. We invite those who are active communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS but wish to come receive a blessing, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

Ringing of the Bell - Prelude - Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 59 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.

He comes with succor speedy To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth,
And joy and hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go
And righteousness, in fountains, From hill to valley flow.

Arabia's desert ranger To Him shall bow the knee,
The Ethiopian stranger His glory come to see;
With offerings of devotion Ships from the isles shall meet
To pour the wealth of ocean In tribute at His feet.

Kings shall bow down before Him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all peoples sing;
To Him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend,
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever, — That name to us is Love. Amen.

The Order of Worship, Page 15 *TLH*

Invocation: *TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]*
P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
C: **Amen.**
P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: **Who made heaven and earth.**
P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins *TLH Page 16*
ALL: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution *TLH Page 16*

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

C: *[Sung]* **Amen.**

Introit (P: Pastor **C: Congregation**) *Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*

P: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

C: How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

P: Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

C: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

P: For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

C: O Lord of hosts,
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

Gloria Patri: *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

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

The Kyrie: *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH Pages 17-19 [Sung]*

C: **Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.**
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect *TLH Page 19*

P: The Lord be with you! **C: And with thy spirit!**

(prayed together) **– Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Response: ***[Sung]*** **Amen.**

Schubert Choir Anthem: "Heal Our Land"

Old Testament Reading – Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Epistle Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as
others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God
will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we
who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the
Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the
sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gradual *(Pastor speaks, congregation responds with "Hallelujahs!")*

P: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings… **C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13

1 [Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no
oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became
drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all
those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our
lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go
rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and
those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other
virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel ended, the congregation sings…` **C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!**

The Nicene Creed *TLH Page 22*

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake 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.

Sermon Hymn TLH 609 "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

"Wake, awake, for night is flying," The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices: "Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake! Your lamps with gladness take! Hallelujah!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

Zion hears the watchmen singing And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom; For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious; Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
"Now come, Thou Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Hail! Hosanna!
The joyful call We answer all And follow to the nuptial hall."

Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee, Let men and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone. Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal, We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No vision ever brought, No ear hath ever caught, Such great glory;
Therefore will we Eternally Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee. Amen.

The Sermon

Offertory *TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]*

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.

Prayers *TLH Pages 23-24*

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Preface: *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And with thy spirit.**
P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God … therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus: *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer: *TLH Page 27*

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;
[Sung] **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution: *TLH Page 27*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake 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."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: *TLH Page 27*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: *[Sung]* **A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: *TLH Page 28 [Sung]*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - - men.

The Distribution *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC–MS to commune with us.)*

Distribution Hymns TLH 446 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

Rise, my soul, to watch and pray, From thy sleep awaken;
Be not by the evil day Unawares o'ertaken.
For the Foe, Well we know, Oft his harvest reapeth While the Christian sleepeth.

Watch against the devil's snares Lest asleep he find thee;
For indeed no pains he spares To deceive and blind thee.
Satan's prey Oft are they Who secure are sleeping And no watch are keeping.

Watch! Let not the wicked world With its pow'r defeat thee.
Watch lest with her pomp unfurled She betray and cheat thee.
Watch and see Lest there be Faithless friends to charm thee, Who but seek to harm thee.

Watch against thyself, my soul, Lest with grace thou trifle;
Let not self thy thoughts control Nor God's mercy stifle.
Pride and sin Lurk within All thy hopes to scatter; Heed not when they flatter.

But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing
He will free thee, be thy Stay, Strength and faith increasing.
O Lord, bless In distress And let nothing swerve me From the will to serve Thee.

Therefore let us watch and pray, Knowing He will hear us
As we see from day to day Dangers ever near us,
And the end Doth impend – Our redemption neareth When the Lord appeareth. Amen.

TLH 305 "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, Leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the day-light's splendor, There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded Hath this wondrous Supper founded.
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth, Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him And with loving rev'rence greet Him,
For with words of life immortal Now He knocketh at thy portal.
Haste to ope the gates before Him, Saying, while thou dost adore Him:
Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee, And I nevermore will leave Thee.

He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us hath freely given.
Tho' the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for thee riven, And His blood, for thee once given.

Ah, how hungers all my spirit For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging, Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted, For this cup of life have thirsted,
For the Friend who here invites us And to God Himself unites us.

In my heart I find ascending Holy awe, with rapture blending,
As this mystery I ponder, Filling all my soul with wonder,
Bearing witness at this hour Of the greatness of God's power;
Far beyond all human telling Is the pow'r within Him dwelling.

Human reason, though it ponder, Cannot fathom this great wonder
That Christ's body e'er remaineth Though it countless souls sustaineth
And that He His blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring--
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Thy glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven Thou hast left Thy throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Thy blood in sadness.
By this blood, redeemed and living, Lord, I praise Thee with thanksgiving.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, Let me gladly here obey Thee.
By Thy love I am invited, Be Thy love with love requited;
From this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me As Thy guest in heav'n receive me. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis *TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Thanksgiving: *TLH Page 30*

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer: *TLH Pages 30-31*

P: …through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: *TLH Page 31*

P: The Lord be with you. C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord. C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: *TLH Page 31*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn TLH 201 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appal me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! To Him the throne High o'er heav'n and earth is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
Freely God doth aid dispense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! I know full well Naught from me His love shall sever;
Life nor death nor powers of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be a sure Defense; This shall be my confidence.

Jesus lives! and now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense, Jesus is my confidence! Amen.

Silent Prayer - Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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Hymn #59: Scripture: Psalm 72; Hail to the Lord's Anointed; Author: James Montgomery (1821); Tune: Freut euch, ihr lieben; Composer: Leonhart Schroeter (1587).

Hymn # 609: Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13; Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme; Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying; Author: Phillipp Nicolaid (1599); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863, alt.); Tune: Wachet auf; Composer: Philipp Nicolai (1599).

Hymn #446: Scripture: Matthew 26:41; Mache dich, mein Geist, bereit; Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray; Author: Johann B. Freystein (1697, cento); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863, alt.); Tune: Straf mich nicht; Source: "Hundert Arien", Dresden (1694).

Hymn #305: Scripture: Revelation 19:8; Schmucke dich, Olieb Seele; Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness; Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1858, alt.); Tune: Schmuck dich ; Composer: Johann Cruger, (1649).

Hymn #201: Scripture: Romans 8:11; Jesu lebt, mit ihm auch ich; Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won; Author: Christian F. Gellert (1757, ab.); Translator: Frances E. Cox (1841, alt.); Tune: Jesu, Meine Zuversicht; Composer: Johann Cruger (1656).

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Prior to coming to the altar, one may pray:

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

After returning from the altar, one may pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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Daily Bible Reading:

- **Monday, November 9th**: 2 Samuel 2
- **Tuesday, November 10th:** 2 Samuel 3
- **Wednesday, November 11th:** 2 Samuel 4
- **Thursday, November 12th:** 2 Samuel 5
- **Friday, November 13th:** 2 Samuel 6
- **Saturday, November 14th:** 2 Samuel 7
- **Sunday, November 15th:** 2 Samuel 8

Catechism Recitation for the Week:

Christian Questions with Their Answers

9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. Did the Father also die for you?

He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. How do you know this?

From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

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Prayer for Departing Church: O Lord, I give thanks to You with all my heart. You have taught me Your will that I might perform it. Help me now, my God, by Your Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake, that I may treasure Your Word in a heart unblemished, and fortified in faith, lead a sanctified life after the manner of our forefathers, and therein find solace in life and in death. Amen.