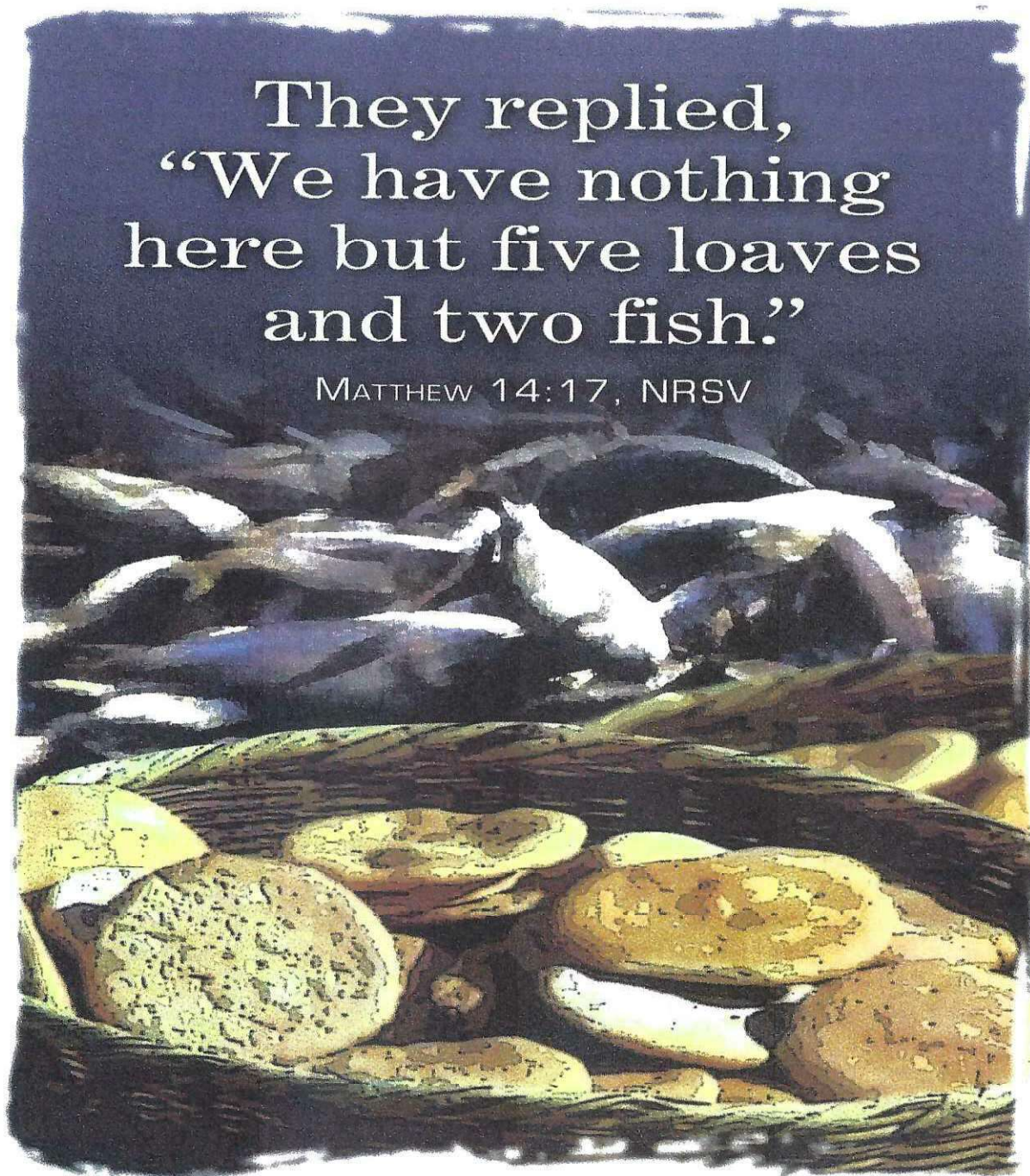


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They replied,
“We have nothing
here but five loaves
and two fish.”

MATTHEW 14:17, NRSV



10th Sunday after Pentecost

LIVING IN COMPASSION

August 2, 2026

TODAY'S MESSAGE: LIVING IN COMPASSION

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus miraculously feeds 5,000 men plus women and children with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. The reading tells us that "they all ate and were satisfied". Instead of sending the people away to find food for themselves, Jesus feeds them. We trust in the Lord to provide for all of our physical needs, including food. But the most important food that Jesus provides for us is Himself. Jesus is the "bread of life" who provides food for our bodies and forgiveness for our hungry souls. We come to Jesus weary from our sins and our struggles against the temptations of this world. And Jesus never sends us away to find forgiveness for ourselves. Jesus miraculously feeds us through His Word, bread (His body) and wine (His blood). He fills us with His love and mercy, and He forgives all of our sins.



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

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. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✝ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✝

[“Divine Service: Setting One” from LSB p.151]

Please silence – or turn off – your phones and refrain from using them during the service.

Welcome

Psalm 118:24

P: This is the day the LORD has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

LSB 901

**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!**

**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!**

**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.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken. Let me keep Thy gift divine.
How so e’er temptations thicken, may Thy Word still o’er me shine.
As my guiding star through life. As my comfort in all strife.**

**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.**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Confession of Sins

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.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

ALL: **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.**

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 the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 145:8-16

P: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: **The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

C: **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

ALL: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

P: The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

C: **The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

P: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

C: **You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

ALL: **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.**

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer, for all things living, created good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Bless Lord the labor, we bring to serve you, that with our neighbor, we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you, harvesting, milling, for daily bread.**

**Father providing, food for your children, by your wise guiding, teach us to share,
One with another, so that rejoicing, with us all others, may know your care.**

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

ALL: **Gracious Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve your goodness, still you provide for all of our needs of body and soul. Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit to help us acknowledge your goodness and give thanks for all of your blessings, and use us to provide for those in need; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Isaiah 55:1-5

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live. And I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4

I am speaking the truth in Christ – I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit – that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

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Gospel Reading [ESV]

Matthew 14:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “this is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

REFRAIN

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest.
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

REFRAIN

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth.
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow.
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

REFRAIN

**Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

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 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 of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory (*sung*)

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.

Prayers

✚ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✚

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
C: *(sung)* **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*
C: *(sung)* **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 *(sung)* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

ALL: 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.

Words of Our Lord *Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

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 $\oslash$ 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 is my ✠ blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

John 20:19

C: *(sung)* A - men.

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 623

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray, that we may feast on You today.
Beneath these forms of bread and wine, enrich us with Your grace divine.**

**Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, the certain joys of heirs of heav'n.**

**By faith Your Word has made us bold, to seize the gift of love retold.
All that You are we here receive, and all we are to You we give.**

**One bread, one cup, one body we, rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come, to bring Your scattered loved ones home.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day,
When each will be Your welcomed guest, in heaven's high and holy feast.**

"Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread"

LSB 625

**Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, may I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed, in hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord, and, humbly by my prayer implored,
Give me Your grace and mercy.**

To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, to restful waters lead me.
Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick and weak, refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.

O bread of heav'n my soul's delight, for full and free remission,
I come with prayer before Your sight, in sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me, that I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.

I do not merit favor, Lord. My weight of sin would break me.
In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me, that You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB 636

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness. Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor. There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded, this amazing banquet founded.
He, though heav'nly, high and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him, and with loving rev'rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal, He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him, saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, that I nevermore will leave You.

He who craves a precious treasure, neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven, God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, none could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, and His blood, for you once given.

Now in faith I humbly ponder, over this surpassing wonder,
That the bread of life is boundless, though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven, Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation!

**Jesus, source of lasting pleasure. Truest friend and dearest treasure.
Peace beyond all understanding. Joy into all life expanding.
Humbly now, I bow before You. Love incarnate, I adore You.
Worthily let me receive You, and so favored, never leave You.**

**Jesus, sun of life, my splendor. Jesus, friend of friends, most tender.
Jesus, joy of my desiring. Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker, let me be a fit partaker,
Of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, Your glory, given.**

**Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your 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 Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.**

**Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited, be Your love with love requited.
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me, as Your guest in heav'n receive me.**

Song of Thanksgiving "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"

LSB 774

**Feed Thy children, God most holy. Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, may our souls in graces flourish.
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor, at Thy feast due thanks we render.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of the feast to
come in this holy supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true
faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of his coming, we may,
together with all your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in his
kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C: *(sung)* A - men, A - men, A - - men.

Closing Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

LSB 922

**Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you. You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing. You are My Own.**

**Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story. Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you. Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.
Go, My children, I will keep you, and give you peace.**



TO OUR VISITORS

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope and pray that you have been comforted and strengthened in your faith by the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please fill out a *Welcome to Worship* card (w/ address) and place it in the offering or give it to an usher. The peace of Jesus be with you always and come again!

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