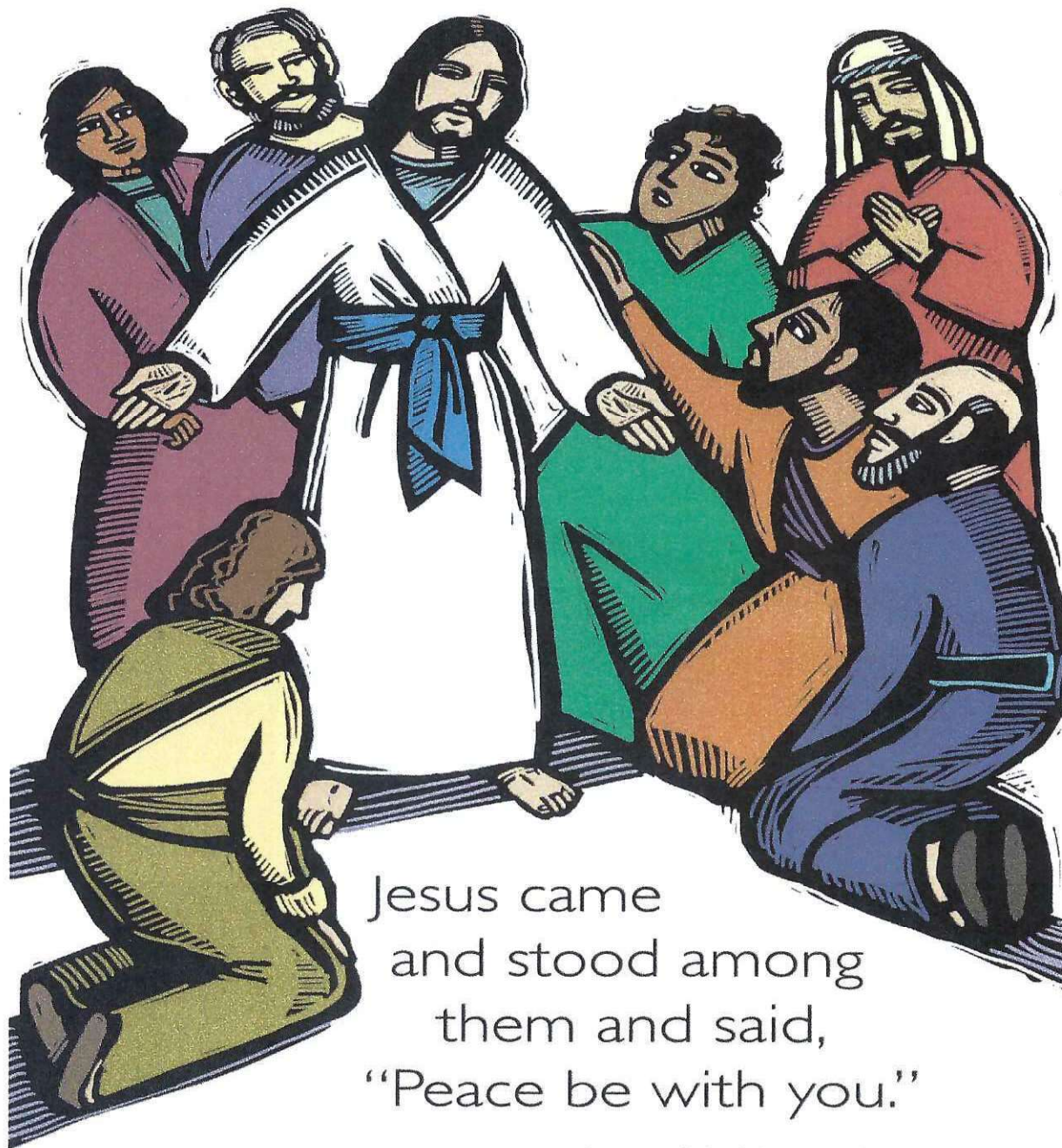


# Christ Lutheran Church

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Jesus came  
and stood among  
them and said,  
“Peace be with you.”

John 20:19, NRSV

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
**PEACE, LIFE AND JOY**  
April 12, 2026

## TODAY'S MESSAGE: PEACE, LIFE AND JOY

In today's reading from John, chapter 20, Jesus appears to His disciples on the evening of the day that He rose from the dead. His first words to them were, "Peace be with you." He showed them His hands and His side that had been pierced by the nails and a spear, and the reading tells us that they were "glad (the NIV says 'overjoyed') when they saw the Lord." One week later, Jesus appeared to them again, He assured doubting Thomas that He had truly risen from the dead, and John tells us that all these things (in the Gospel of John and in the entire Bible) were written so that everyone would believe in Jesus and have life in His name. As He did for His disciples then, Jesus comes to us today to give us peace, life and joy.



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 before 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 Three" from LSB p.184]

*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

"This is the Day the Lord has Made"

LSB 903

**This is the day the Lord has made. He calls the hours His own.  
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.**

**Today He rose and left the dead, and Satan's empire fell.  
Today the saints His triumphs spread, and all His wonders tell.**

**Hosanna to the anointed King, to David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord, descend and bring, salvation from Your throne.**

**Blessed is He who comes to us, with messages of grace.  
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us, to save our fallen race.**

**Hosanna in the highest strains, the church on earth can raise.  
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns, shall give Him nobler praise.**

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

*Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9*

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord. *Psalm 124:8*  
C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord. *Psalm 32:5*  
C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**ALL: 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 punishment now and forever. 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, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and His 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 of all of 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 16*

P: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C: **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

P: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.  
The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply.

C: **Their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

P: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C: **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

P: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C: **I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

C: **For you will not abandon me to the grave, or let your Holy One see corruption.**

**ALL: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**In you is gladness, amid all sadness, Jesus sunshine of my heart.  
 By you are given, the gifts of heaven. You the true Redeemer are.  
 Our souls are waking. Our bonds are breaking.  
 Who trusts you surely, has built securely, and stands forever. Alleluia!  
 Our hearts are pining, to see your shining.  
 Dying or living, to you are cleaving, now and forever. Alleluia!**

**If he is ours, we fear no powers, not of earth or sin or death.  
 He sees and blesses, in worst distresses. He can change them with a breath.  
 Wherefore the story, tell of his glory.  
 With hearts and voices, all heav'n rejoices, in him forever. Alleluia!  
 We shout for gladness, win over sadness.  
 Love him and praise him, and still shall raise him, glad hymns forever. Alleluia!**

## Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

## Opening Prayer

**ALL: Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, you are alive and you are with us today and forever. Increase our faith and inspire our witness. Fill your people with the power of your resurrection that we would labor faithfully in joy until every tongue confess, "My Lord and my God"; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading [ESV]

Acts 2:14a. 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know – this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'"

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ. That he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to our RISEN Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**

### Epistle Reading [ESV]

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to our RISEN Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**

### Gospel Reading [ESV]

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

LSB 470 (v.1, 4-8)

**O sons and daughters of the King, whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**That night the apostles met in fear. Among them came their master dear,  
And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**When Thomas first the tidings heard, that they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**"My pierced side, O Thomas see, and look upon My hands, My feet."  
"Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied. He saw the feet, the hands, the side.  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## Confession of Faith

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

“He is Arisen! Glorious Word”

LSB 488

**He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord. The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die, and Satan's arrows broken lie, destroyed hell's fiercest weapon. O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, rising glorious, life is giving. He was dead but now is living!**

**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 with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalm 136*

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death and by his rising to life again he has restored to us 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 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.**

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 . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. *John 20:19*

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

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

*John 1:29*

**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.**

Distribution Hymns      “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

LSB 720

**We walk by faith and not by sight, no gracious words we hear,  
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe Him near.**

**We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod.  
But in His promise we rejoice, and cry “My Lord and God!”**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief. And may our faith abound  
To call on You when You are near, and seek where You are found.**

**For You, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine:  
Beneath the water and the Word, beneath the bread and wine.**

**Lord, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light,  
We may behold You as You are, with full and endless sight.**

“Rejoice, My Heart, be Glad and Sing”

LSB 737

**Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheerful trust maintain.  
For God, the source of everything, your portion shall remain.**

**He is your treasure, He your joy, your life and light and Lord.  
Your counselor when doubts annoy, your shield and great reward.**

**Why spend the day in blank despair, in restless thought the night?  
On your Creator cast your care. He makes your burdens light.**

**Did not His love and truth and pow'r, guard ev'ry childhood day?  
And did He not in threat'ning hour, turn dreaded ills away?**

**He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down.  
And all your sins He casts aside, in ocean depths to drown.**

**His wisdom never plans in vain, nor falters nor mistakes.  
All that His counsels may ordain, a blessed ending makes.**

**Upon your lips, then lay your hand, and trust His guiding love.  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand, here and in heav'n above.**

**“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”**

**LSB 741**

**Jesus Christ, my sure defense, and my Savior, now is living!  
Knowing this, my confidence, rests upon the hope here given,  
Though the night of death be fraught, still with many an anxious thought.**

**Jesus, my Redeemer, lives. Likewise I do to life shall waken.  
He will bring me where He is. Shall my courage then be shaken?  
Shall I fear, or could the Head, rise and leave His members dead?**

**No, too closely I am bound, by my hope to Christ forever.  
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found, grasped it, and will leave it never.  
Even death now cannot part, from its Lord the trusting heart.**

**I am flesh and must return, to the dust, whence I am taken.  
But by faith I now discern, that from death I shall awaken,  
With my Savior to abide, in His glory, at His side.**

**Glorified, I shall anew, with this flesh then be enshrouded.  
In this body I shall view, God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded.  
In this flesh I then shall see, Jesus Christ eternally.**

**Then take comfort and rejoice, for His members Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, they will hear His voice. Dying, they will never perish.  
For the very grave is stirred, when the trumpet's blast is heard.**

**Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave, and at death no longer tremble.  
He, the Lord, who came to save, will at last His own assemble.  
They will go their Lord to meet, treading death beneath their feet.**

**O, then, draw away your hearts, from all pleasures base and hollow.  
Strive to share what He imparts, while you here His footsteps follow.  
As you now still wait to rise, fix your hearts beyond the skies!**

**Nunc Dimittis** (*sung*)

*Luke 2:29-32*

**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.**

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

*Psalm 107:1*

**C:** (*sung*) **And His mercy endureth forever.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**ALL:** **God our Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness  
sent your 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 be enabled  
to serve you constantly; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C:** (*sung*) **And with thy spirit.**

**P:** Bless we the Lord.

*Psalm 103:1*

**C:** (*sung*) **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

**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.**

**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.**

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