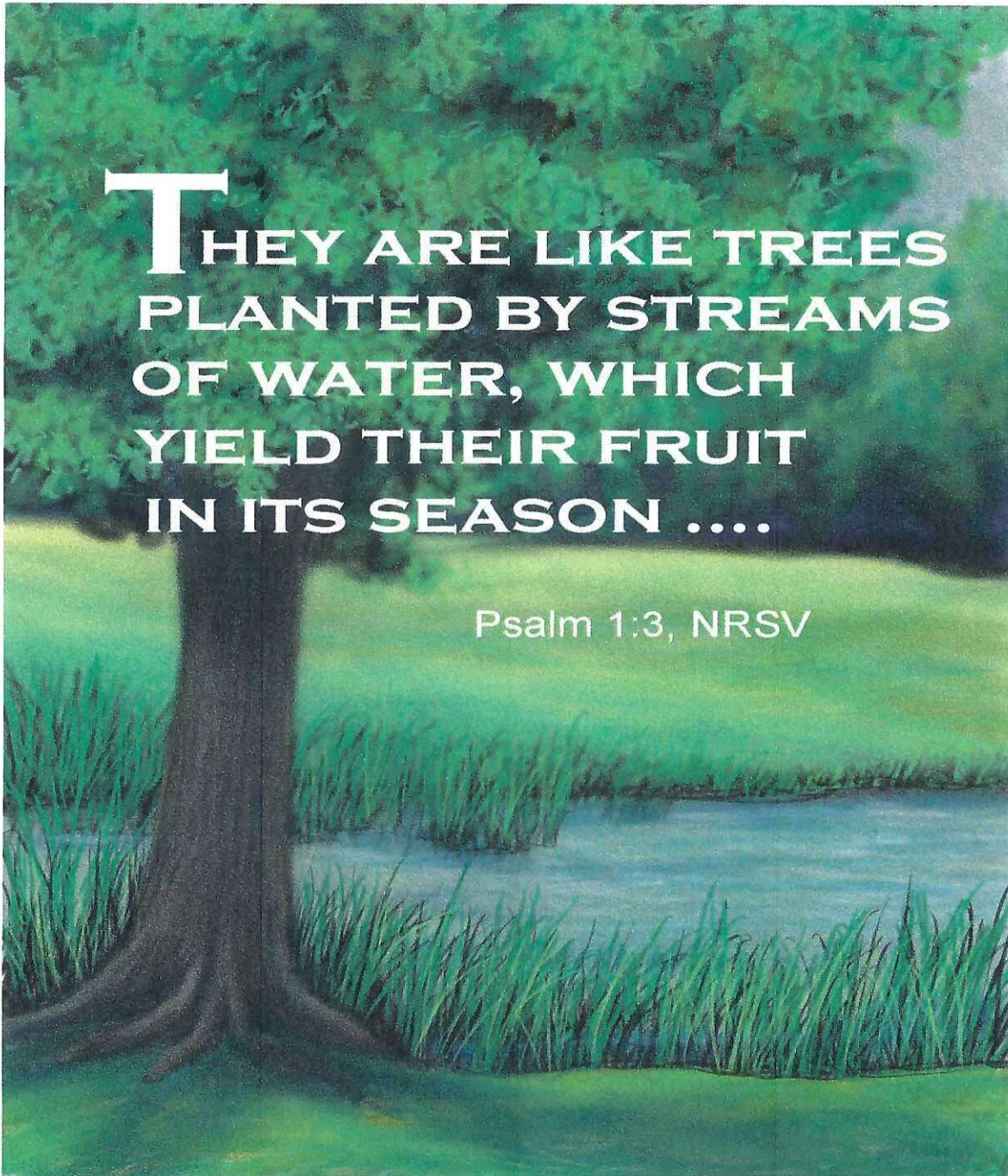


# Christ Lutheran Church

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**T**HEY ARE LIKE TREES  
PLANTED BY STREAMS  
OF WATER, WHICH  
YIELD THEIR FRUIT  
IN ITS SEASON ....

Psalm 1:3, NRSV

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany  
FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING  
February 1, 2026



## TODAY'S MESSAGE: FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus speaks of those who are "blessed": the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers and those who are persecuted for Jesus' sake. Many of the words in Psalm 1 and in today's reading from Micah speak of those who have lived in ways that do not fit Jesus' description of those who are blessed. We do not deserve the title "blessed". We have lived in many ways that do not fit Jesus' description of those who are blessed. And yet, we are those of whom Jesus' speaks. We are blessed because, as Psalm 1 says, we are "planted by streams of water". We are fed and nourished by and with the Gospel of Jesus crucified for our sins and risen to give us eternal life. In Jesus, we are truly blessed!



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

Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

LSB 686

**Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory, fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee. May I still Thy goodness prove.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I’ve come.  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God.  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor, daily I’m constrained to be.  
Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.**

**Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face.  
Clothed then in the blood washed linen, how I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry. Take my ransom’d soul away.  
Send Thine angels soon to carry, me to realms of endless day.**

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 1

P: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.

C: **But his delight is in the law of the LORD and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

C: **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

C: **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

P: Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.

C: **They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in season.**

**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.**

### Hymn of Praise

“Blessed are the Sons of God”

[TLH 391]

**Blessed are the sons of God. They are bought with Christ’s own blood.  
They are ransomed from the grave. Life eternal they shall have.  
With them numbered may we be, here and in eternity!**



**They are justified by grace. They enjoy the Savior's peace.  
All their sins are washed away. They shall stand in God's great Day.  
With them numbered may we be, here and in eternity!**

**They are lights upon the earth, children of a heav'nly birth.  
One with God, with Jesus one. Glory is in them begun.  
With them numbered may we be, here and in eternity!**

### 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 Father, you have blessed us by revealing your love and mercy to us through Jesus, your Son. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to all people and fill our hearts with joy in your gift of salvation; for you live and reign with the Son and with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading [ESV]

*Micah 6:1-8*

Hear what the Lord says. Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord."

"With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading [ESV]

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."



P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: *(sung)* Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children's Message

### Sermon Hymn

"Jesus Sat with His Disciples"

LSB 932

**Jesus sat with His disciples, on a mountainside one day.  
As the crowds of people gathered, He began to teach and say:  
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, heaven's kingdom they will share.  
Blessed are the sad and mourning, joy and comfort will be theirs."**

**"Blessed are the meek and humble, all the earth to them is willed.  
Those who hunger to be holy, they are bless'd and will be filled.  
Yes, the merciful are blessed, mercy will to them be shown.  
And the pure in heart are blessed, they have eyes for God alone."**

**"Blessed are God's sons and daughters, making peace where there is strife.  
Blessed are the persecuted, who for righteousness lose life.  
Their reward is great in heaven, in the kingdom up above.  
So be glad to share My suff'ring, and rejoice to know My love."**

### Sermon

### FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

### 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.**

Doxology (*sung*)      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”      LSB 805

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering (*Take this time to greet those seated near you with a handshake and the words,  
“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, and now we praise you that you sent us your only-begotten Son and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you manifested the fullness of your glory. 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 . . .

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

"Drawn to the Cross"

LSB 560

**Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed, with healing gifts for souls distressed  
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.**

**Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years.  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.**



**Wash me and take away each stain. Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.**

**And then for work to do for Thee, which shall so sweet a service be,  
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.**

**“All Depends on Our Possessing”**

**LSB 732**

**All depends on our possessing, God’s abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart. They who trust with faith unshaken,  
By their God are not forsaken, and will keep a dauntless heart.**

**He who to this day has fed me, and to many joys has led me,  
Is and ever shall be mine. He who ever gently schools me,  
He who daily guides and rules me, will remain my help divine.**

**Many spend their lives in fretting, over trifles and in getting,  
Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure,  
That will bring me lasting pleasure, and that now is seldom found.**

**When with sorrow I am stricken, hope anew my heart will quicken.  
All my longing shall be stilled. To His loving kindness tender,  
Soul and body I surrender. For on God alone I build.**

**Well He knows what best to grant me. All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never.  
As God wills, so be it ever. I commit to Him my way.**

**If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen.  
All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding. Safe I anchor in His grace.**

**“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.



**O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee, my heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed, on me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P:**    Let us pray.

**ALL:** **We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this  
salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us  
through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;  
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**

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

LSB 924

**Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us. O refresh us, trav’ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration, for Your Gospel’s joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation, in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful, to Your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when Your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever, reign with You in endless day.**

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