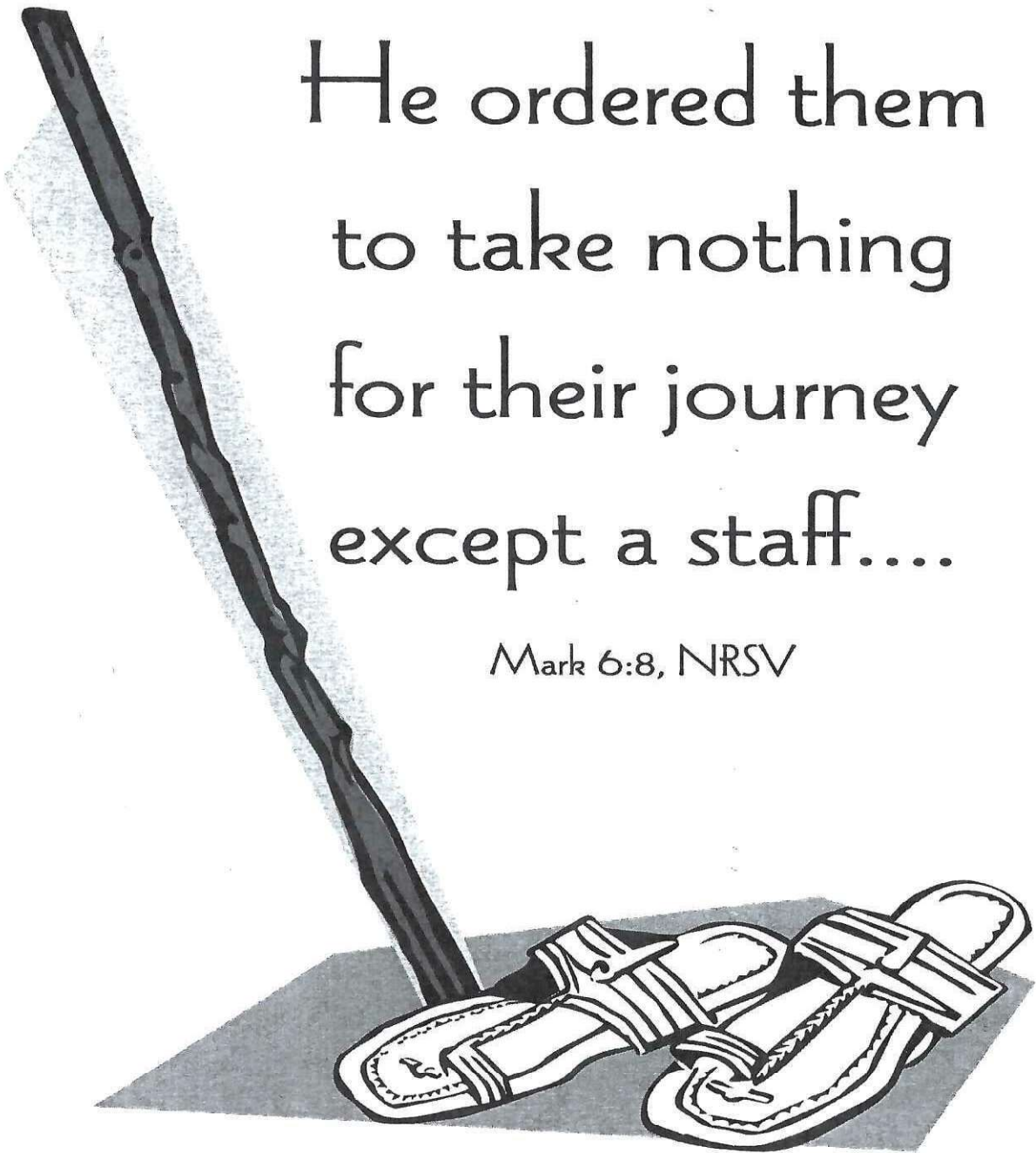


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He ordered them
to take nothing
for their journey
except a staff....

Mark 6:8, NRSV



7th Sunday after Pentecost
GOD'S GRACE IS ENOUGH
July 7, 2024

TODAY'S MESSAGE: GOD'S GRACE IS ENOUGH

The prophet Ezekiel, the apostle Paul and Jesus' first twelve disciples were sent by God to proclaim His Word to His people and to the world. God told them that their work would not be easy and that their message would be rejected. But of great importance and comfort to these men was the fact that their call to faith, their courage to proclaim God's Word (even with the expectation of rejection and persecution), and the power and effectiveness of the message that they proclaimed did not depend on their works or their efforts, but solely and exclusively on God's grace. To them and to us today, God says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." In all things, God's grace is enough!



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 – all phones and electronic devices before and 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

“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.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

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 119:97-104

P: Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

C: **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.**

P: I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

C: **I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

P: I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

C: **I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.**

ALL: **How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

P: Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

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.**

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

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

Gloria in Excelsis *(sung)*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

ALL: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father. Receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

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

Opening Prayer

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, you called your first disciples and you sent them out with the authority of your Word. Help us to dare to believe that you have called us and sent us out with that same authority and that same Word, so that, by your grace, many would come to know the love of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The LORD said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them. And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions. Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. And you shall speak my words to them, whether they hear or refuse to hear, for they are a rebellious house. But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.”

And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe. And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Your words (O Lord) are sweeter than honey.** Psalm 119:103

Epistle Reading [ESV]

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows – and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses – though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me.

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Your words (O Lord) are sweeter than honey.** Psalm 119:103

Gospel Reading [ESV]

Mark 6:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

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

Jesus went away from the Sea of Galilee and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And Jesus went about among the villages teaching. And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in their belts – but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**O Christ, who called the Twelve, to rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways, for ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call, to risk security,
And bound in heart and will to You, find perfect liberty.**

**O Christ, who taught the Twelve, the truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith, the ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray, by Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek, their light, their life, their Lord.**

**O Christ, who led the Twelve, among the desolate,
And broke as bread of life for all, Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways, where hope has nearly died,
And help us climb the lonely hills, where love is crucified.**

**O Christ, who sent the Twelve, on roads they'd never trod,
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim, the nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith, transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains, both life and ministry.**

**O Christ, th' apostles' Lord, the martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King, to whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass, our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, our lives an offering.**

Sermon

GOD'S GRACE IS ENOUGH

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.")*

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.
C: *(sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Psalm 136

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 . . .

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

"How Firm a Foundation"

LSB 728

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid.
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”**

**“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you, I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”**

**“Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove,
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love.
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”**

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

LSB 580

**The Gospel shows the Father’s grace, who sent His Son to save our race.
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died, that we might thus be justified.**

**It sets the Lamb before our eyes, who made the atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed, to come and find eternal rest.**

**It brings the Savior’s righteousness, to robe our souls in royal dress.
From all our guilt it brings release, and gives the troubled conscience peace.**

**It is the pow’r of God to save, from sin and Satan and the grave.
It works the faith which firmly clings, to all the treasures which it brings.**

**It bears to all the tidings glad, and bids their hearts no more be sad.
The weary, burdened souls it cheers, and banishes their guilty fears.**

**May we in faith its message learn, nor thanklessly its blessings spurn.
May we in faith its truth confess, and praise the Lord, our righteousness.**

**By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless. My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.**

**By grace! None dare lay claim to merit. Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth.
His death did for our sins atone, and we are saved by grace alone.**

**By grace God's Son, our only Savior, came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit, that Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace and grace alone, that brought Him from His heav'nly throne.**

**By grace! This ground of faith is certain. As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, what in His Word our God commands.
Our faith in what our God has done, depends on grace – grace through His Son.**

**By grace to timid hearts that tremble, in tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, the Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure, if grace were not my anchor sure?**

**By grace! On this I'll rest when dying. In Jesus' promise I rejoice.
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown, since I am saved by grace alone.**

Song of Thanksgiving

"Thank the Lord"

Psalm 100

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise. Tell everyone what He has done. Let all
who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to
come in the 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

“Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found. Was blind but now I see!**

**The Lord has promised good to me. His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
His grace has brought me safe thus far. His grace will lead me home.**

**Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail, in heaven's joy and peace.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we'd first begun.**