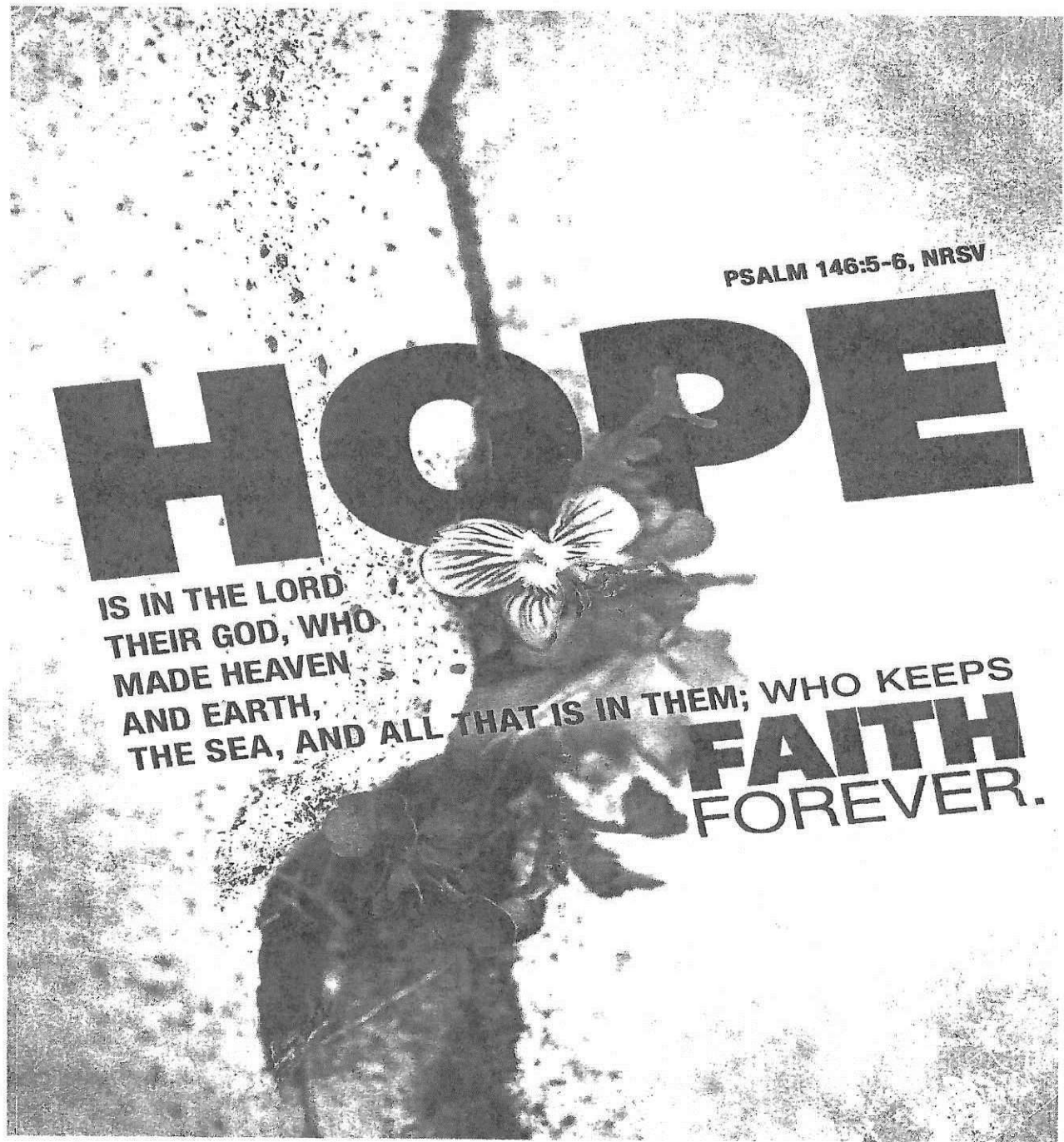


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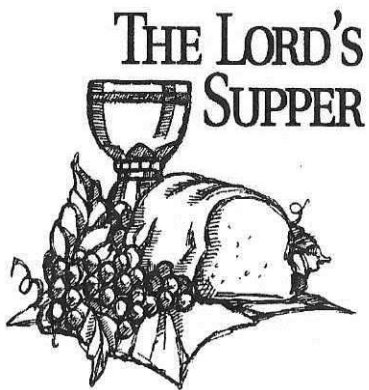
16th Sunday after Pentecost

LIVING FOR ETERNITY

September 25, 2022

TODAY'S MESSAGE: LIVING FOR ETERNITY

God commands us to avoid placing our trust and confidence in the words, the things and the riches of this world. Instead, He invites us to listen to His Word in the Holy Scriptures and through them, to receive real and abundant life, even eternal life, through the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. In today's Gospel Reading, Jesus tells us about a rich man who lived very well in this world but ended up in hell, and He tells us about a poor beggar named Lazarus who suffered much in this world but was received into the eternal kingdom of heaven. What remedy does Jesus give so that we can avoid receiving the same eternal fate as the rich man who went to hell? Jesus invites us to listen to His Word, the words that are written for us in the Bible, and through His Word, He calls on us to repent, to believe and to "live for eternity".



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 who are not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, cross your arms 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 also 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 – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904

**Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, we are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love You solely.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight, lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till Your Spirit breaks our night, with the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us. You must work all good within us.**

**Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding.
Open now our heart and mind. Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises. Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

**Father, Son and Spirit, Lord, praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word, confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, till we sing Your praises yonder.**

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.

Psalms 124:8

C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

Psalms 32:5

C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name, he has called them the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. *John 1:12; Mark 16:16*

ALL: Grant this, Lord, to us all.

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

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 146

P: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever.

C: Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

P: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

C: The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

P: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

C: Praise the LORD!

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

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.

Kyrie (*sung*)

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis (*sung*)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

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

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Heavenly Father, through Moses and the prophets you proclaimed the way of everlasting life. Speak to us through your Word and grant us the fullness of your grace that we may obtain your promises and partake of your heavenly treasures; 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]

Amos 6:1-7

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence?

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.

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

Epistle Reading [ESV]

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

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Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 16:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’”

“But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house – for I have five brothers – so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’”

“But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

“What is the World to Me”

LSB 730

**What is the world to me, with all its vaunted pleasure,
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord, my soul’s delight shall be.
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks to be praised, and honored by the mighty,
Yet never once reflects, that they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize, above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks after wealth, and all that mammon offers,
Yet never is content, though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good, content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!**

**What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure.
My life, my health, my wealth. My friend, my love, my pleasure.
My joy, my crown, my all. My bliss eternally.
Once more then, I declare: What is the world to me!**

Sermon

LIVING FOR ETERNITY

Baptism of Frank Webb

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C: Yes, I believe 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.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: Yes, 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.

Baptism Hymn

"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

LSB 590

**Baptized into Your name most holy, O Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, Your Spirit now shall live within.**

**My loving Father, here You take me, to be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me, the fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me, when threat'ning clouds around I see.**

**My faithful God, You fail me never. Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever, if words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled. Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.**

**All that I am and love most dearly – receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely. Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own, serve any will but Yours alone.**

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

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.

Receiving of a New Member

Carl Perry

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.

Psalms 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, 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 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

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

LSB 575

**My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant and blood, support me in the raging flood.
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before His throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.**

“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.**

“Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

LSB 743

**Jesus, priceless treasure. Fount of purest pleasure. Truest friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish, shall my spirit languish, yearning, Lord for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine! I will suffer naught to hide Thee.
Naught I ask beside Thee.**

In Thine arms I rest me. Foes who would molest me, cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash and thunders crash. Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee. Death, I now decry thee. Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me, nor thy threats alarm me, while I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r guards ev'ry hour. Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure. Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story, told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss, or shame or cross, shall not from my Savior move me,
Since He designs to love me.

Evil world, I leave thee. Thou canst not deceive me. Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me, get thee far behind me, come not forth again.
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r. Sinful life, thy bonds I sever.
Leave thee now forever.

Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, though the storms may gather, still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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.

Psalms 107:1

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

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.

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

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

P: Bless we the Lord.

Psalms 103:1

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

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

"I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

LSB 729

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee.
Trusting Thee for full salvation, great and free.**

**I am trusting Thee for pardon, at Thy feet I bow.
For Thy grace and tender mercy, trusting now.**

**I am trusting Thee for cleansing, in the crimson flood.
Trusting Thee to make me holy, by Thy blood.**

**I am trusting Thee to guide me. Thou alone shalt lead.
Ev'ry day and hour supplying, all my need.**

**I am trusting Thee for power. Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me, must prevail.**

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus. Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever, and for all.**