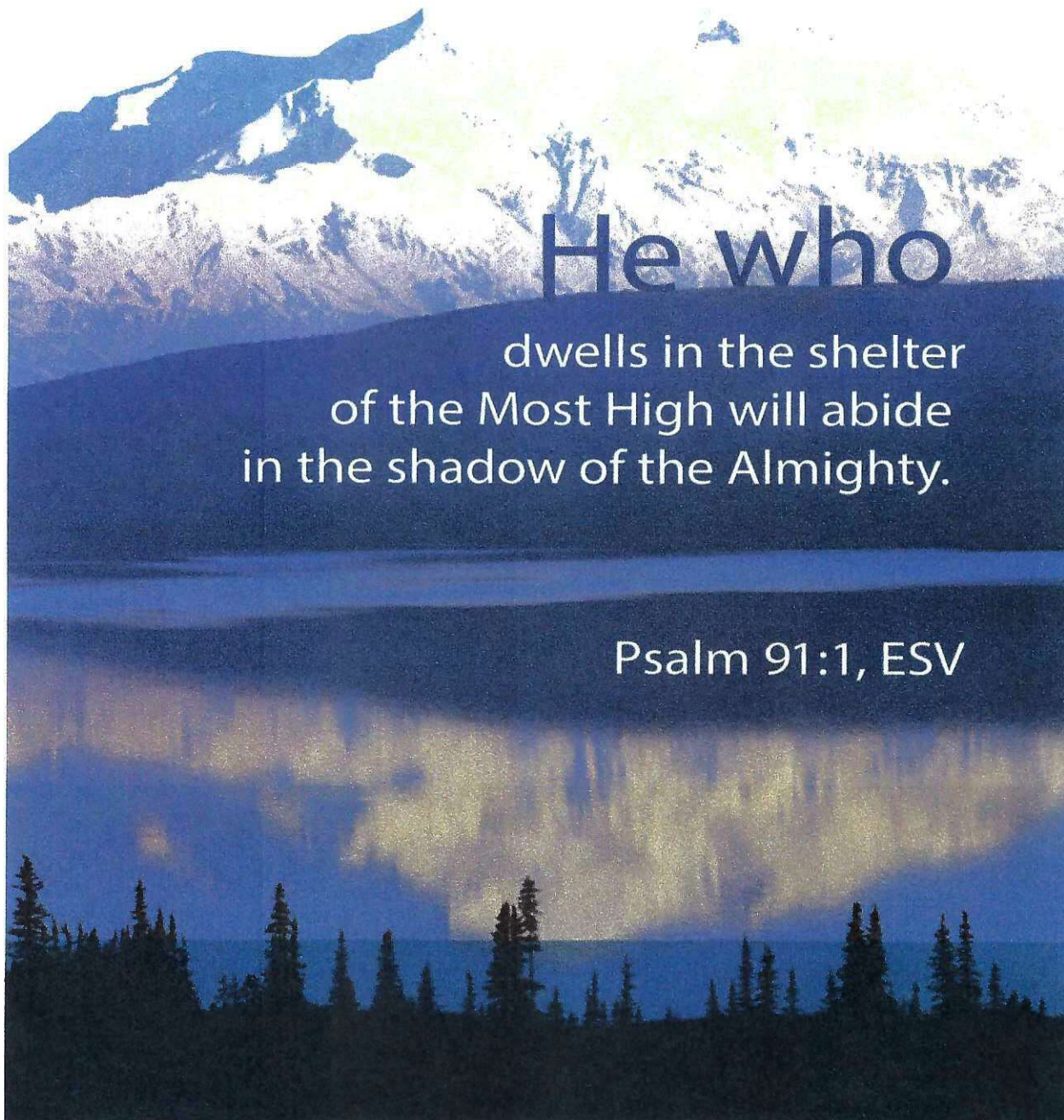


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He who

dwells in the shelter
of the Most High will abide
in the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalm 91:1, ESV

Father's Day
FIRM IN THE FAITH
June 21, 2026

TODAY'S MESSAGE: FIRM IN THE FAITH

The work of a father is not easy. Fathers work to provide for their family. Fathers fix things around the house. Fathers grill burgers and hot dogs for their family and friends. Fathers go fishing and play sports with their children. And so much more. Above all, Christian fathers are called to be examples and to be teachers of the faith. Today's readings from God's Word remind us that it is not easy to stand up for God's Word, to live and to speak our faith – not in our world and sometimes not even in our homes. But that same Word of God reminds us that we do not have to be afraid, that the Lord is with us, and that the Holy Spirit speaks through us. Fathers and all of God's people in Christ are called to stand firm in the faith.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

"O God Forsake Me Not"

LSB 731

**O God, forsake me not! Your gracious presence lend me.
Lord, lead Your helpless child. Your Holy Spirit send me.
That I my course may run, O be my light, my lot,
My staff, my rock, my shield – O God, forsake me not!**

**O God, forsake me not! Take not Your Spirit from me.
Do not permit the might, of sin to overcome me.
Increase my feeble faith, which You alone have wrought.
O be my strength and pow'r – O God, forsake me not!**

**O God, forsake me not! Lord, hear my supplication!
In ev'ry evil hour, help me resist temptation.
And when the prince of hell, my conscience seeks to blot,
Be then not far from me – O God, forsake me not!**

**O God, forsake me not! Lord, I am Yours forever.
O keep me strong in faith, that I may leave You never.
Grant me a blessed end, when my good fight is fought.
Help me in life and death – O God, forsake me not!**

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 91

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C: **I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

P: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

C: **You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

P: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

C: **Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place – the Most High, who is my refuge – no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**

P: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

C: **You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

P: "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name."

C: **"When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."**

ALL: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Hymn of Praise

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LSB 790 (v.1-3, 5)

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, now to His temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen, all that is needful has been, sent by His gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief, ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the "Amen", sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him!**

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Heavenly Father, our refuge and protector, take away our indifference and fear, so that we will be faithful in the confession of your name both in our families and to all people everywhere; 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]

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him."

But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading [ESV]

Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading [ESV]

Matthew 10:16-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

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

[Jesus said to his disciples:] “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

“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."**

Sermon

FIRM IN THE FAITH

Baptism Hymn

"Father Welcomes"

LSB 605

REFRAIN

**Father welcomes all His children, to His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation. Life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me, for My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin.**

REFRAIN

**Father welcomes all His children, to His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation. Life forever has been won.**

**In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe, shall be born again.**

REFRAIN

**Father welcomes all His children, to His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation. Life forever has been won.**

**Let us daily die to sin. Let us daily rise with Him.
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord. Live in the peace of God.**

REFRAIN

**Father welcomes all His children, to His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation. Life forever has been won.**

Baptism of Nicholas Joseph Davis

Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: **I do renounce them.**

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 Blessing, Candle and Prayer

Welcome to the Newly Baptized

P: Through baptism, God has added Nicholas Joseph Davis to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of the darkness and into his marvelous light.

C: **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, as a child of the same Heavenly Father, to work with us in his kingdom.**

Welcoming of New Members

Scott and Marianne Davis, Noah and Nicholas
David and Cassie Fowler

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

Offering Prayer

Prayers

✝ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✝

VISITORS and MEMBERS

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

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

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

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

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

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

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name . . .

Sanctus (*sung*) *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

ALL: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my $\text{\textcircled{X}}$ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my $\text{\textcircled{X}}$ blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

John 20:19

C: *(sung)* A - men.

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

John 1:29

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

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

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

Distribution Hymns "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.**

**Children of the heav'nly Father, safely in His bosom gather.
Nestling bird nor star in heaven, such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish. In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them. In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever, from the Lord His children sever.
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh.
His the loving purpose solely, to preserve them pure and holy.**

**Our Father, who from heav'n above, bids all of us to live in love,
As members of one family, and pray to You in unity.
Teach us no thoughtless words to say, but from our inmost hearts to pray.**

**Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, in purity to keep Your Word,
That to the glory of Your name, we walk before You free from blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert. All poor deluded souls convert.**

**Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain, and Your eternal righteous reign.
The Holy Ghost enrich our day, with gifts attendant on our way.
Break Satan's pow'r, defeat his rage. Preserve Your Church from age to age.**

**Your gracious will on earth be done, as it is done before Your throne,
That patiently we may obey, throughout our lives all that You say.
Curb flesh and blood and ev'ry ill, that sets itself against Your will.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and let us all be clothed and fed.
Save us from hardship, war and strife. In plague and famine, spare our life.
That we in honest peace may live, to care and greed no entrance give.**

**Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, that they may trouble us no more.
We, too, will gladly those forgive, who hurt us by the way they live.
Help us in our community, to serve each other willingly.**

**Lead not into temptation, Lord, where our grim foe and all his horde,
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand. Help us resist. Help us to stand.
Firm in the faith, a mighty host, through comfort of the Holy Ghost.**

**From evil, Lord, deliver us. The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death, and when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release, and take our souls to You in peace.**

**Amen, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in You, that we,
May doubt not but with trust believe, that what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word, we say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"**

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

LSB 774

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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.**

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.

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner. It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry, His army He shall lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus. The trumpet call obey.
Stand forth in mighty conflict, in this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him, against un-numbered foes.
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus. Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor. Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus. The strife will not be long.
This day the din of battle. The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming, their crown of life shall see,
And with the King of Glory, shall reign eternally.**

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