

THANKSGIVING EVE

"What If I'm NOT Thankful?" – Luke 17:15-16a

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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available -- please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Did you give thanks for your last meal? Most people—even Christians—often “forget” to give thanks. When we do not give thanks, we are like the rich fool of the parable, thinking it was his work that brought the grain, when in fact it was God who gave it to Him. When we do not give thanks, we become fools, forgetting who gave us what we have and all we are. Have you been foolish? That is what Jesus calls the rich man. Give thanks always—that is the advice of Paul. Above all, give thanks for the cross and the empty tomb, which opens heaven to us.

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Confession and Absolution

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

LSB 892



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har-vest home.

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Please stand.

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20], Psalm 136:1–4

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever;

Leader: to Him who alone does great wonders,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 14:1; Romans 3:12; Psalm 136:1

Leader: The fool says in his heart,

People: "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none who does good.

Leader: We want to think it is other people David refers to in this verse. Yet Paul puts us all in the same category when he writes to the Romans,

People: "All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one." Forgive us, Lord, for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed. We deserve Your punishment, both now and for eternity.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: I have the best news for you as we celebrate and give thanks to God for all He has done this year. He has given us the greatest thing to be thankful for today—the forgiveness of all our sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever." Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. We share the peace of Christ with those around us.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains a series of notes corresponding to the lyrics: 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29
printed music found in LSB on p. 187*

Leader: Glory be to God on High,

ALL: and on earth peace, goodwill 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, heav'nly 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.

Thanksgiving Eve

**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 and Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, grant that we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.** *Please be seated.*

Anthem Hymn

We Praise You, O God

arr. by C. Jennings

Congregation joins in on third stanza.

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 O God of our fathers and mothers, we bless You;
Through trouble and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O God, our struggles we win.
- 3 **With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

"The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land."

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks

of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 65

Leader: Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed.

People: O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come.

Leader: When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.

People: Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!

Leader: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

People: By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

Leader: the one who by His strength established the mountains, being girded with might; who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,

People: so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at Your signs.

Leader: You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

People: You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it.

Leader: You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

People: You crown the year with Your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

Leader: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,

People: the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-9, 19-20

“Let your requests be made known to God.”

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you...

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Reader: Please stand in reverence to the Gospel. *Stand.*

Alleluia

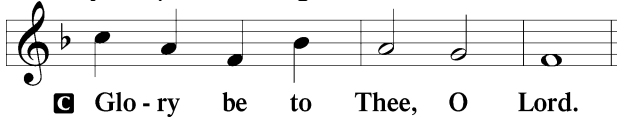


Holy Gospel

Healing of the ten lepers

Luke 17:11-19

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



Pastor: On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



First Article of the Apostle's Creed

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

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

LSB 893



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

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Sermon

“What If I’m NOT Thankful?”

Luke 17:15-16a

Offering *During this time, we invite you to sign and pass the Friendship Book. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.”*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

† *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

Please stand.

Offertory

Create in Me

printed music found in LSB on p. 192

**ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Psalms 51:10-12

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Pastor: With great thanksgiving for all God has given us, we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and all people according to their needs.

People: **We come before the Lord with thankful hearts for all He has done. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, we come before You on this great day of Thanksgiving, confessing that You have given us all we have,

People: **yet we often foolishly think what we have is of our doing. Forgive us for our foolishness. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We remember those in our church family and those we know who are sick and suffering, *[especially . . .]*.

People: **We lift them up to the great heavenly physician, asking You, dear Lord, to bring healing and health, bringing remedies as only You can and according to Your will. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We recall that You have called us in Scripture to pray for kings and all in authority that we might live peaceful lives.

People: **We lift up every ruler in every land; especially this day, we lift up our President, Congress, and all government officials. Guide all by Your Holy Spirit to accomplish Your will on this earth, that Your kingdom may truly come. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We are also reminded by Your Word to pray for those who are persecuted.

People: **We ask that You would be with them in their hour of trial; strengthen their faith and remind them of their great reward. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Each year, Your people of old would recall who they were because of Your blessings.

People: **We, like them, are nobody apart from You. Through the cross and empty tomb, You make us Yours by faith, members of Your family, for which we give You thanks. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Your Word calls us to remember the poor and those in need.

People: **By Your Holy Spirit, open our eyes that we may see those who are poor and in need that we can serve them. Lord, hear our prayer.**

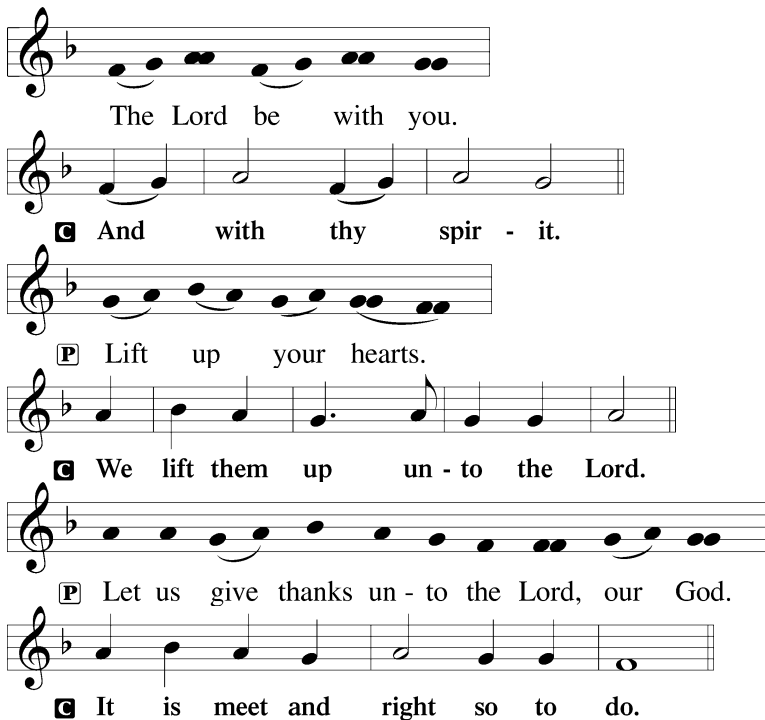
Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You have sent Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, by which we have believed Your Word and are members of Your kingdom,
People: but we know there are those who do not believe in You. Use us by Your Spirit, according to Your will, that these ripe fields may bring a great harvest for Your glory. Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We lift these and all the prayers of our hearts before Your throne, almighty God.
People: We pray in the name of Jesus, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]



The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: 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, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

printed music found in LSB on p. 195

ALL: 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.

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

*Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for "heavenly hosts."
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning "save us now."*

Lord's Prayer *The first section is spoken by the pastor.*

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor: 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.



The Words of Our Lord

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Pastor: 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 ✠ body 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 cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19

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



Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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ALL: 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. Amen.

John 1:29

Distribution *Please be seated. If you are communing, please come forward at the bidding of the ushers.*

Distribution Hymn

For the Fruits of His Creation

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1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har-vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh-bor, God's will is done. In our
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Song of Simeon

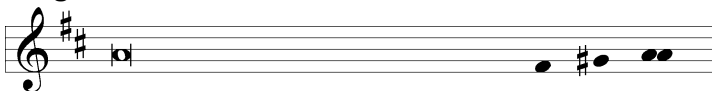
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ALL: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face
of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory 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.**

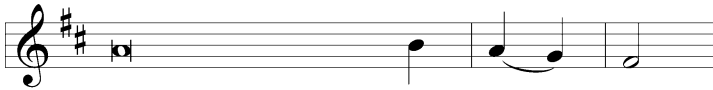
Luke 2:29-32

Thanksgiving

Psalms 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

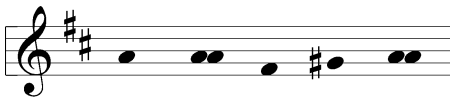
Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: We give You thanks, almighty God, that through Your wisdom You sacrificed Your Son, and through His death and resurrection, we now have peace with You. Help us not act as fools, scorning our salvation or considering it a trite thing, but to be wise and receive the great gifts of life and salvation now and for the age to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

2 Timothy 4:22



A Bless we the Lord.

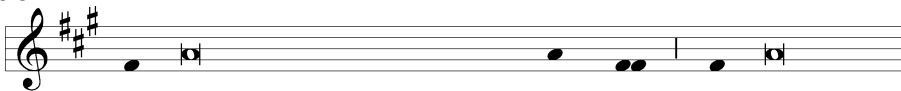


C Thanks be to God.

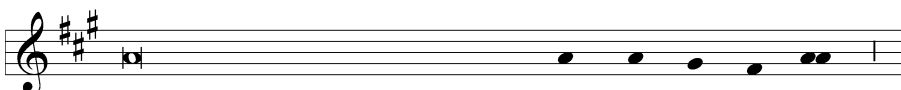
[Psalm 103:1]

Benediction

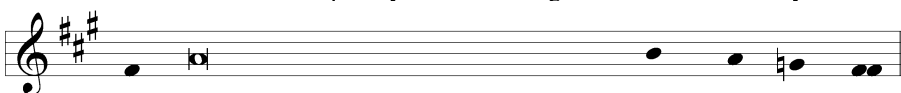
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,

2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,

△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;

With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us,

The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way

And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed

The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.

And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

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Silent Prayer/Postlude

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