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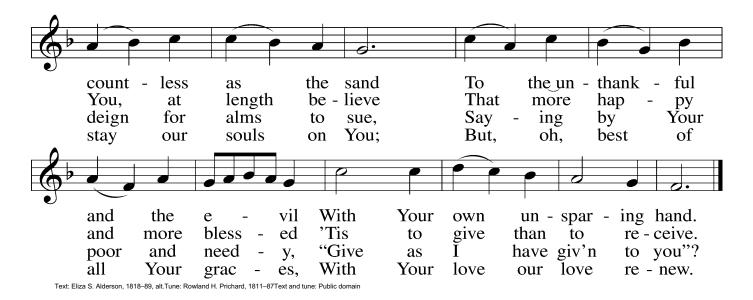
PEACE CONWAY JULY 13, 2025

AS WE GATHER: PUT IN OUR PLACE

"Being put in our place" doesn't usually sound like a good thing, but in today's worship, it's actually the best news we could hear. In Leviticus 19, God lays out what it means to live as His people, including the command: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). That calling can feel overwhelming, especially when we try to define "neighbor" on our own terms. But the truth is, we don't have to, we simply live out the love He's already given us. Here at Peace, God is putting us in our place too, not to shame us, but to claim us. As Paul reminds us in Colossians 1, we have been "qualified to share in the inheritance of the saints in light." That's not just a heavenly hope. That's a present calling. So today, as we gather in worship, God once again puts us in our place, as His redeemed, His followers, His beloved Church. Let's set aside the world's definitions and our own distractions, and rest in the identity He gives us.



+ PREPARATION +



INVOCATION

- **L** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Matthew 17:20b; Psalm 136:1, 23–26

- L For truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move,
- **C** and nothing will be impossible for you.
- L Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever.
- **L** It is He who remembered us in our low estate,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever;
- L and rescued us from our foes,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever;
- L He who gives food to all flesh,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever.
- L Give thanks to the God of heaven,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- Let us approach the throne of mercy, humbly, and in need of forgiveness. We confess, Lord our God,
- C that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We do not reflect Your love, heavenly Father, in the way we treat others. Forgive us.

L We confess, gracious Lord Jesus,

C that we do not always give You the due honor and glory for all that You have done for us in Your life, death, and resurrection. Forgive us.

L We confess, O Holy Spirit,

C that we forget that even our faulty attempts at loving as You have loved us are covered by Your overarching grace and mercy.

■ Our gracious God has done all that was needed for us to be His friends, followers, and family. As a fellow servant of Christ, I announce to you His forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit,

G Amen.



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SALUTATION

A The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

SUFFRAGES

LSB, p. 283

A I cry to You, O Lord;

G in the morning my prayer comes before You.

A Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

G and uphold me with a willing spirit.

A My mouth is filled with Your praise,

G and with Your glory all the day.

A Every day I will bless You

G and praise Your name forever and ever.

PSALM

Psalm 41

- A Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- C the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

A The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;

G in his illness You restore him to full health.

- As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!" My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?" And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad. All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me. They say,
- G "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies." Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

A But You, O LORD, be gracious to me,

G and raise me up, that I may repay them!

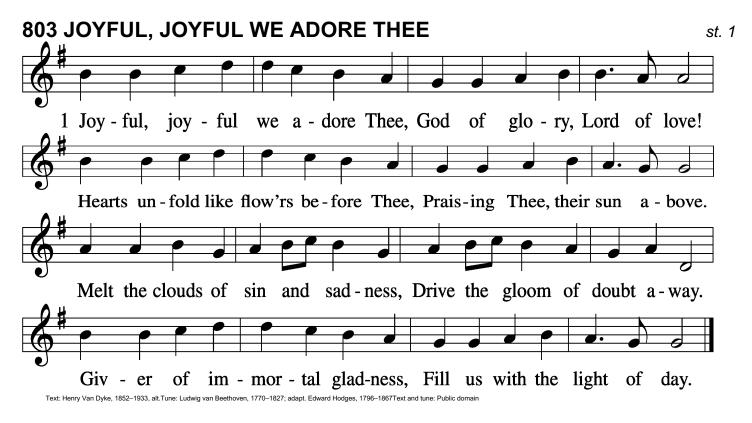
- A By this I know that You delight in me:
- **G** my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- A But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.
- **G** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us.

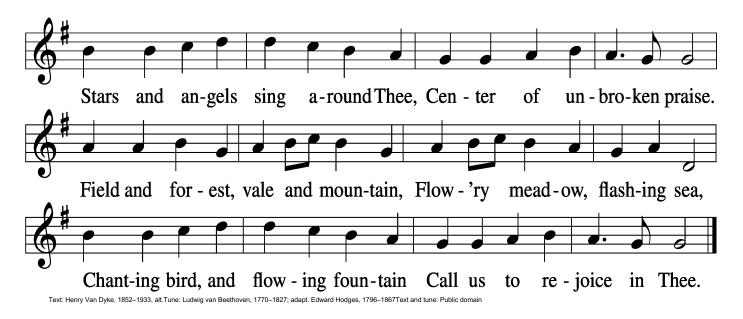
C Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves;

A for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 C Amen.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD...

⁹"When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹"You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³"You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

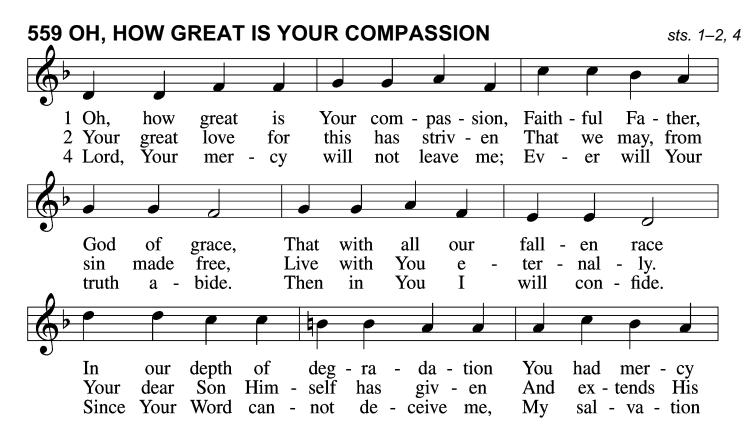
Colossians 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.





HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

I The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord. **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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. 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. Amen.

OFFERING AND VIDEO

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever.
- A That God would guide and protect the leaders of this world, that conflict and warfare might cease, and peace and harmony break out for all people, let us pray to the Lord,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever.
- A That our heavenly Father would so order the rain and snow that crops would grow for the benefit of all who need nourishment and strength, let us pray to the Lord,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever.
- A That our gracious Lord would keep the church around the world in His protective care and provide opportunity for the spread of the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever.
- A That God would enable the caring organizations here and abroad to focus on the needs of the downtrodden, oppressed, and forgotten so that many may give Him praise and glory as they find new opportunity to face each day in confidence and joy, let us pray to the Lord,
- **G** for His steadfast love endures forever.

A That the Lord would bless and guide the ongoing work of our Ministry Expansion Campaign at Peace, that He would grant wisdom and unity to our ECE Committee as they discern future opportunities for early childhood education, and that He would continue to strengthen our partnership with The Summit Church for the sake of the Gospel and community witness, let us pray to the Lord,

G for His steadfast love endures forever.

A That in His perfect timing, the Lord would provide a buyer for the sale of our current property, to further the mission and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church in our new location, let us pray to the Lord,

G for His steadfast love endures forever.

A These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.



+ SACRAMENT +

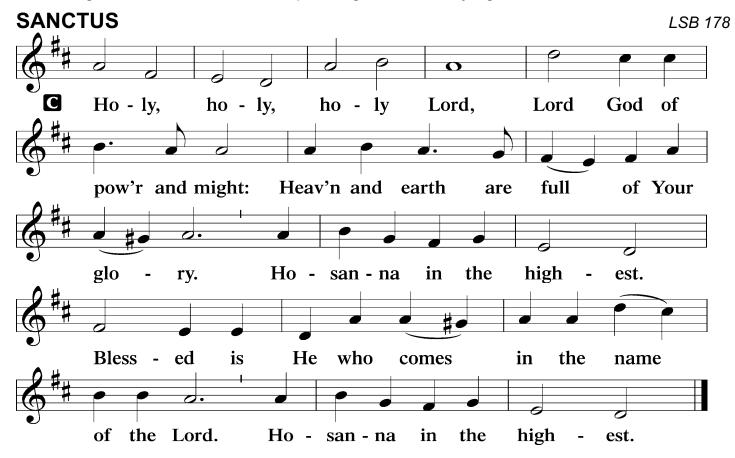
PREFACE

L The Lord be with you.

- **C** And also with you.
- L Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

I 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, 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 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

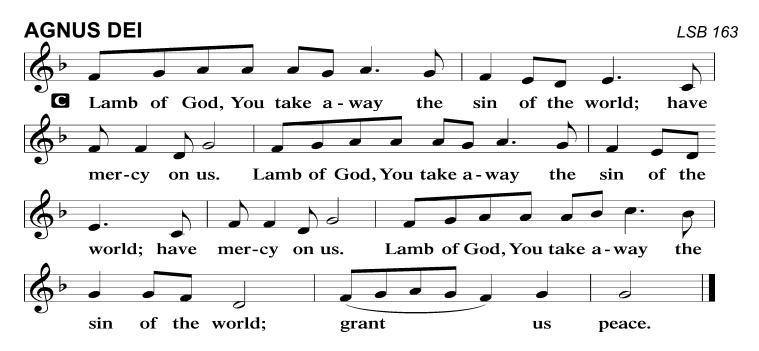
- L As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
 C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- I O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

I The peace of the Lord be with you always. **G** Amen.



+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

GREAT ARE YOU LORD (video)

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love You bring light to the darkness You give hope, You restore Every heart that is broken And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only *(repeat section)*

All the earth will shout Your praise Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing Great are You, Lord *(repeat section twice)*

It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise It's Your breath in our lungs So we pour out our praise to You only *(repeat section)*

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COME TO THE TABLE (video)

We all start on the outside, The outside looking in. This is where grace begins. We were hungry, we were thirsty With nothing left to give. Oh the shape that we were in.

And just when all hope seemed lost, Love opened the door for us. He said

Come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed. Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.

Come meet this mightly crew of misfits. These liars and these thieves There's no one unwelcome here.

That sin and shame that you brought with you, You can leave it at the door And let mercy draw you near.

So, come to the table. Come join the sinners who have been redeemed. Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free. Come to the table, Come to the table. To the thief and to the doubter, To the hero and the coward To the prisoner and the soldier, To the young and to the older

All who hunger, all who thirst, All the last and all the first All the paupers and the princess, All who fail, you've been forgiven

All who dream and all who suffer, All who loved and lost another All the chained and all the free, All who follow all who lead

Anyone who's been let down, All the lost you have been found All who have been labeled right or wrong, To everyone who hears this song

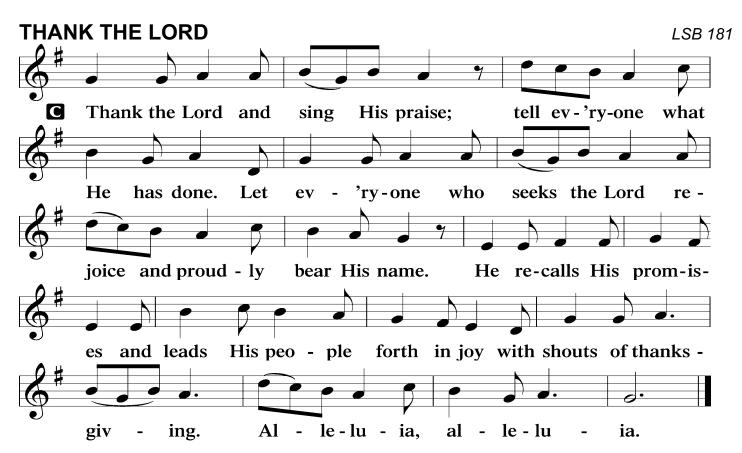
Come to the table. Come join the sinners, you have been redeemed Take your place beside the Savior. Sit down and be set free.

Oh, Sit down and be set free, Come to the table. Come to the table. Sit down and be set free, Come to the table.

POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C Amen.



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten 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 may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ SENDING TO THE LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING + SEBASTIAN BRUENGER

ADDRESS

I Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today we send Sebastian Bruenger as he prepares to travel to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We give thanks to God for his willingness to grow in faith, serve others, and represent our congregation in this joyful gathering of Lutheran youth from across the country.

(To Sebastian)

- L Sebastian, through your Baptism, you were made a child of God and a member of Christ's holy Church. As you go out from this place to be part of the National Youth Gathering, you do not go alone. Christ goes with you. The Holy Spirit strengthens you. And we, your church family, send you with our prayers and encouragement.
- L Go with God's Word in your heart, the love of Christ on your lips, and the power of the Spirit in your actions.
- **C** May your time at the Gathering strengthen your faith and may you be a bold witness to Jesus Christ.
- Let us pray: Lord of the Church, bless Sebastian as he travels to the National Youth Gathering. Keep him safe, deepen his faith, and bring him home with new joy in Christ and a heart eager to serve.
- C Amen.
- I Almighty God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Go in peace, serve the Lord with gladness, and walk always in the light of His grace. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- **L** Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.
- **C** Amen.

BENEDICTION (AARONIC)

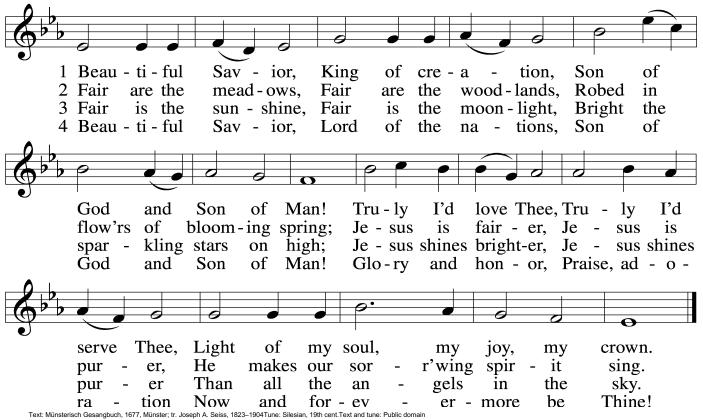
I The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR



GUIDING STATEMENT

• Peace Conway is a loving Christian family, faithfully serving all people by sharing the good news of Jesus and caring for people in need.

CLOSING PEACE

L Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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