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AS WE GATHER: DO NOT BE ANXIOUS

Sometimes one simple word can have two meanings that are complete opposites. The word anxious is one of them. In English, it comes from the old Latin verb "angere," which means to "take hold of" or "to give pain." When Jesus says, "Do not be anxious," He is inviting us to let go of that which causes us pain and to trust in God's complete and loving care. And yet the flip side of "angere" describes a positive sense of eagerness. In the Advent hymn "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" (*LSB* 350), we pray to our Savior: "Come, Thy beauty let us see; anxiously we wait for Thee" (st. 1). May our faithful worship reflect that hopeful kind of anxiety as we celebrate the presence of the Lord among us.

+ PREPARATION +

750 IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE

sts. 1-5



4 God knows full well when times of glad-ness Shall be the 5 Nor think a - mid the fi - ery tri - al That God hath



Him through all thy ways, ceas - ing moans and sighs? hope, with heart con - tent need - ful thing for thee. cast thee off un-heard,

He'll give thee strength, what-e'er be -What can it help if thou be take what - e'er To thy Fa - ther's When He has tried thy soul with That he whose hopes meet no de -



And bear thee through the tide thee, vil days. Who trusts in e wail thee O'er each dark mo - ment it flies? as Our cross and plea-sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to ni - al Must sure - ly be of God pre-ferred. Time pass - es



God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move. The tri - als do but press heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness. in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own. all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care. and much change doth bring a bound to And sets ev - 'ry - thing.

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INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Matt. 17:20b; Psalm 34:1-4, 8, 22

- P 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.
- P I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- C My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
- P Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!
- C I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!
- C The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with others. We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, to lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P God is faithful and keeps His promises of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness for those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +



INTROIT Psalm 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7

- L Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills. He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry. His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- L Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

SALUTATION

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PSALM 33:12-22

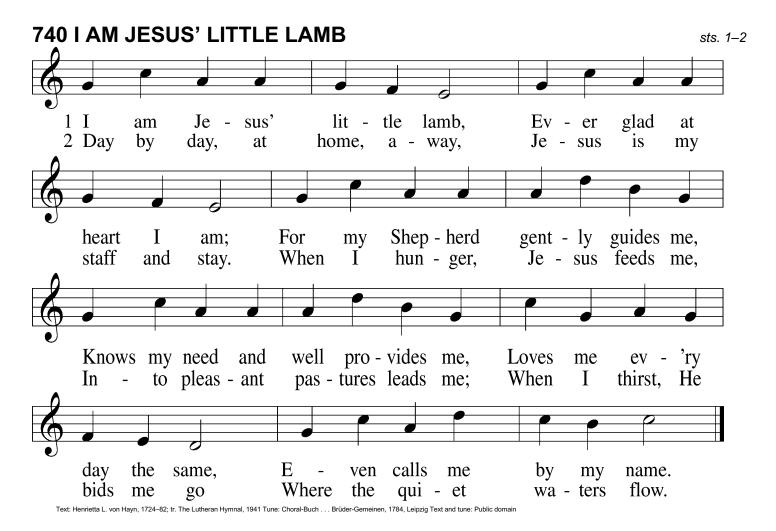
Psalm 33:12-22

L ¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! ¹³The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; ¹⁴from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, ¹⁵he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. ¹⁶The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. ¹⁷The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.

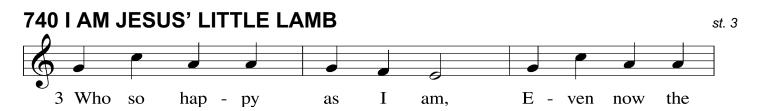
¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, ¹⁹that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. ²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. ¹For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. ²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

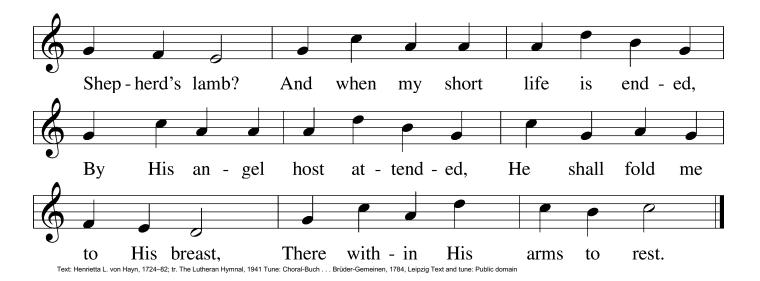
PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE





OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:1–16

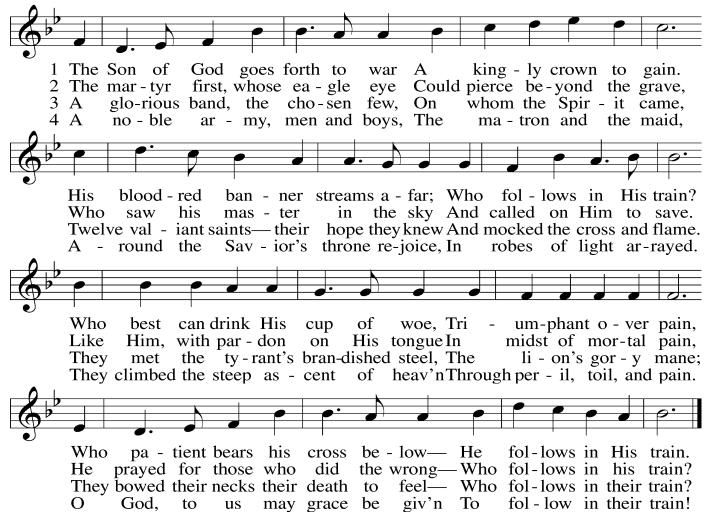
¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance.

And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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



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VERSE Luke 12:32

C Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 12:22–40

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you. O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 35"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 39But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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

- L Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

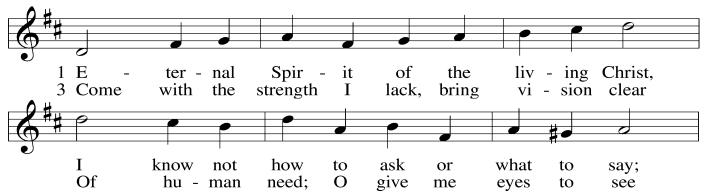
L Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- L Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Bless our ministry expansion campaign, that it may strengthen our congregation's mission to love, serve, share, and care in Christ's name. Guide the planning and development of our Early Childhood Education committee, that they may have success in planning and implementation of a place that will share the joy of your gospel to the little ones of our community. Provide a generous and timely buyer for our current property, and bless our partnership with our friends at The Summit, that together we may bring glory to Your name in this community. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- L We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

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

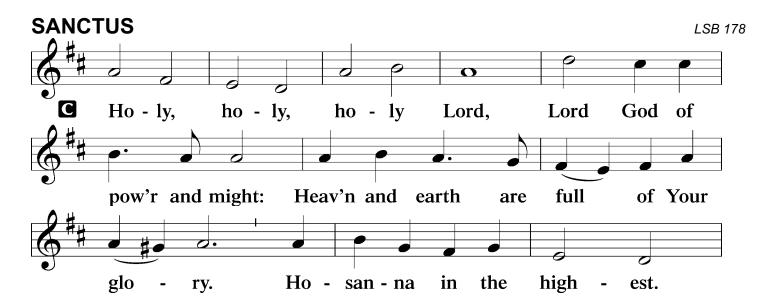
P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

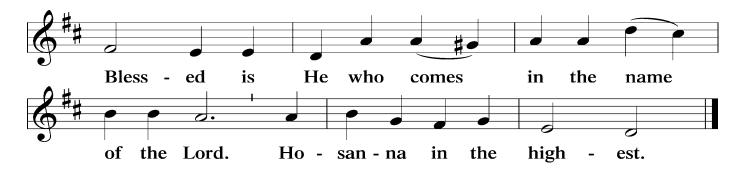
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, Lord our God. Holy are You and great is the majesty of Your glory. You did so love the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer. By His sacrificial life, He has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. Pour upon us now the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord with true devotion. Grant us a foretaste of the feast to come, heavenly Father, that we may with increased faith joyfully await a blessed eternity in Your glorious presence.
- C Amen.





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We give thanks to You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. Invited by Your grace and supported by Your love, we come to Your Table with thanksgiving and praise. Grant that we with true faith and trust in Your words of promise receive the bread and wine; that is, the very body and blood of Christ as a guarantee of the salvation that He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death on the cross. Receive our prayers and praises and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

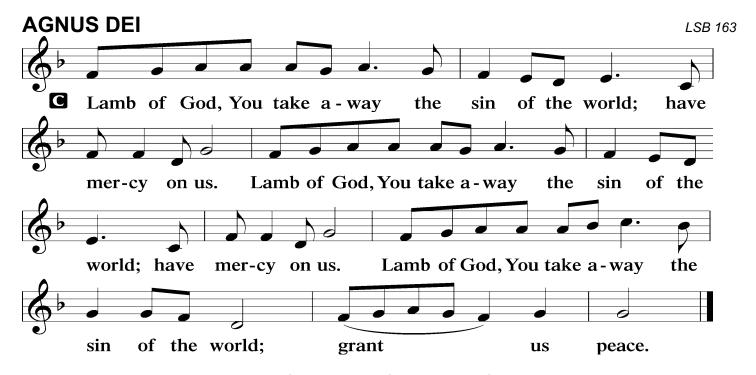
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed 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

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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THE FATHER'S HOUSE (video)

Cory Ashbury

Sometimes on this journey, I get lost in my mistakes.

What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength.

And my story isn't over, my story's just begun.

And failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does.

Failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does.

Ooh, lay your burdens down, Ooh, here in the Father's house.

Check your shame at the door, It ain't welcome anymore.

Ooh, you're in the Father's house. Yeah, you're in the Father's house.

Arrival's not the end game, the journey's where You are.

You never wanted perfect, You just wanted my heart.

And the story isn't over, if the story isn't good.

And failure's never final when the Father is in the room.

Failure's never final when the Father is in the room.

Ooh, lay your burdens down, Ooh, here in the Father's house.

Check your shame at the door, 'Cause it ain't welcome anymore.

Ooh, you're in the Father's house.

Prodigals come home. The helpless find hope.

Love is on the move When the Father's in the room.

Prison doors fling wide. The dead come to life.

Love is on the move When the Father's in the room.

Miracles take place. The cynical find faith.

And love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.

The Jericho walls are quakin'. Strongholds now are shakin'.

Love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.

Love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.

Ooh, lay your burdens down, Ooh, here in the Father's house.

Check your shame at the door, it ain't welcome anymore.

Ooh, you're in the Father's house.

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Micah Tyler

I SEE GRACE

I've seen shame, The kind that comes from mistakes The kind that won't go away.

When I turned around They were right there to remind me.

I've seen regret, The kind that messes with your head

The failures and the can't forgets.

But standing here now I'm thanking God, it's behind me.

'Cause I've seen nail-scarred hands

Reach out and wipe it all away.

Now I see grace. Hallelujah, I stand amazed.

I'm staring at an empty grave And the stone that You rolled away.

When I was a prodigal, You saw a son.

When I left the 99, You saw the one.

And just like that, All my past has been erased.

When I look back, I see grace

I still hurt, Fall short of what You say I'm worth.

And that devil says I don't deserve What You did on the cross.

And he's right 'cause I don't, But You did it anyway.

I see grace. Hallelujah, I stand amazed.

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When I look back, I see...

Grace, grace, God's grace, Grace that is greater than all my sin.

Thank God almighty, Gonna sing it again

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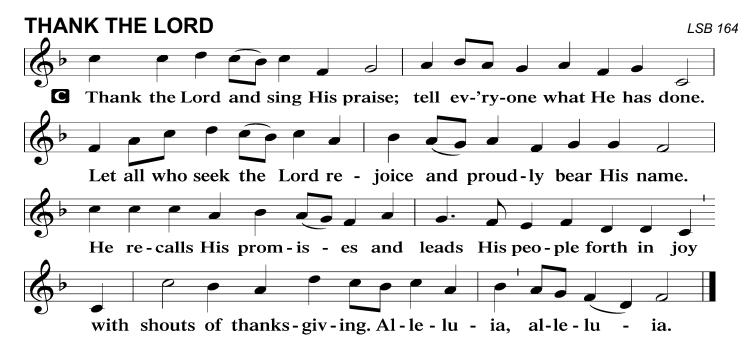
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POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
- C Amen.



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. Grant that Your Son's body and blood, O Lord, which You have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us; and let no stain of sin remain in us, whom this pure and Holy Sacrament has refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P 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.



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

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CLOSING PEACE

- L Go in Peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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