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

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost September 21, 2025

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#### AS WE GATHER - THE TIME IS RIPE

The Divine Service is unlike our other activities during the week; in the marketplace, our place of employment, or our school; where we struggle to be "the people of God" amid the temptations and confusing details of living in a world still disfigured by sin, tragedy, selfishness, and death. By our own fault, we daily fall short of our calling as Christians. We are reminded today of the judgment of God's Law by the prophet Amos against our worry over money and our own needs that distract us from the often-greater needs of others and even our own true need of faith and reliance on God above all. Each day of the week, the demands of the Ten Commandments of God call us back to our need for forgiveness and God's mercy, grace, help, and love. So, we gather here for Divine Service, that is, God attending to our real needs. We come to repent of our sin and failure, and to receive forgiveness and new life and hope. That forgiveness and hope comes solely from the God who "loved the world" so much "that He gave His only Son" to die for you (John 3:16). We do not have to wait and wonder until the Day of Judgment. By your Baptism into Christ, by His mighty and reliable Word of forgiveness spoken over and into you, and by your connection with the body and blood of your crucified and risen Lord Jesus, you are being delivered from all evil, redeemed, restored, and forgiven for everlasting life in the kingdom of God already here and now.

#### + PREPARATION +



3 May ev - 'ry moun-tain height, 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; 5 And when in pow'r He comes, May well Your love de - clare, Each vale and for - est green, Your great Re - deem - er own; Oh, may our na - tive land

bove



world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks And rules the From foes and rest. Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For fears at Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor-ship Him a - lone. Cast down From all tombs Send forth a glo-rious band, A its rend - ing count -



joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King! we bring In For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise grate - ful song. be - fore The Cru - ci - fied. pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow vour throng, With joy sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va-tion's song! to

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#### **INVOCATION**

PIn the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G**Amen.

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 43:4; 113:7

PI will go to the altar of God,

Cto God my exceeding joy.

PThe LORD raises the poor from the dust

**C**and lifts the needy from the ash heap.

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,

Cand nothing will be impossible for you.

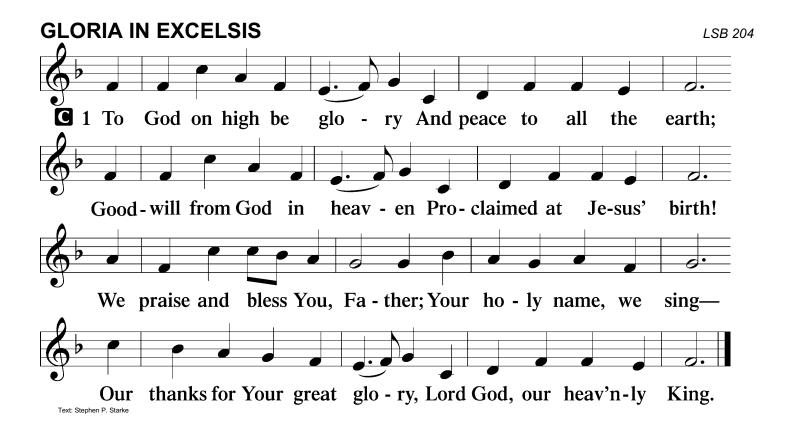
#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

PLet us confess our sins in the light of God's holy Commandments.
Thus says the Lord: "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

- CLord God, we confess to You that we often forget Your Word by allowing other concerns of daily living and our own desires take priority over Your ways of mercy and love. Forgive us, O Lord.
- PThus says the Lord: "You shall not murder."
- **⚠**Lord God, we confess to You that we have hurt and harmed our neighbors, especially by our neglect of the needs of others. Forgive us, O Lord.
- PThus says the Lord: "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."
- ■Lord God, we confess to You our rash words, harsh judgments, and false accusations against our neighbor, but even more our failure to defend and help those who have been wrongfully shamed, abused, or accused. Forgive us, O Lord.
- PGod, our Savior, desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For the sake of the one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, and by His command, I proclaim to you His Word: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

+ WORD +



#### SALUTATION

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

PSALM

Psalm 113; antiphon: v. 3

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! <sup>2</sup>Blessèd be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! <sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! <sup>4</sup>The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! <sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, <sup>6</sup>who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? <sup>7</sup>He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, <sup>8</sup>to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. <sup>9</sup>He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

LO Lord, have mercy on us.

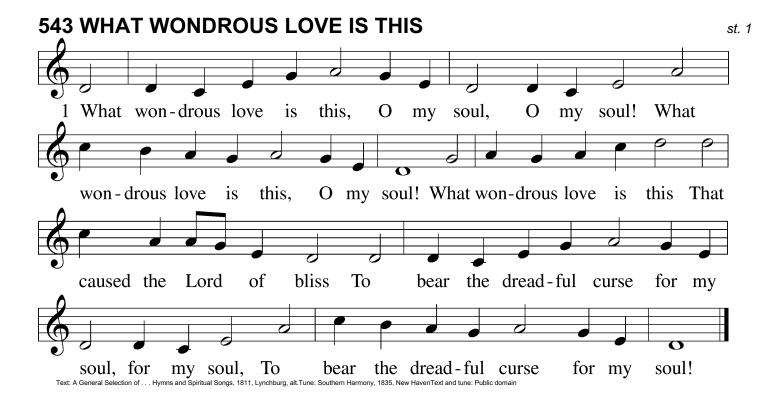
**C** Thanks be to God.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

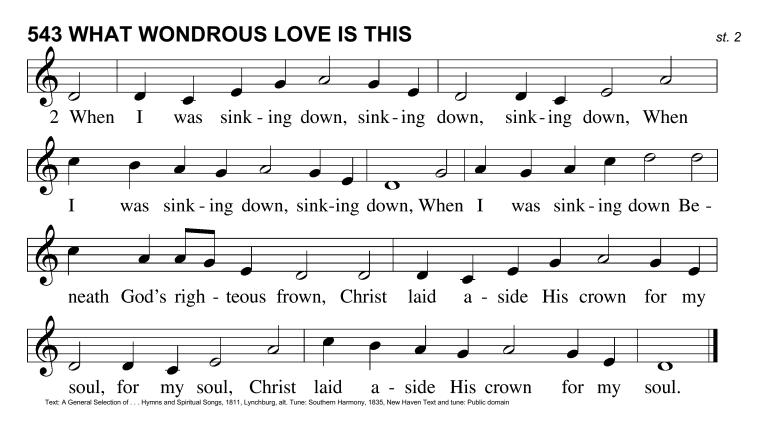
**L**Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.



#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, <sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, <sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" <sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

**L**This is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 2:1–15

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

**L**This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 16:1–15

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

# Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

<sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

**P**This is the Gospel of the Lord.

CPraise to You, O Christ.

**MUSICAL MEDITATION** 

**SERMON** 

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

l 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

Psalm 119:160

**L**Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, "The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your just and righteous decrees endures forever." With hearts renewed by Your gift of true repentance in the light of our sins and true faith in the redemption given through the sacrifice of Your own beloved Son for the life of the world, we give You thanks for Your Word and work of Law and Gospel. Help us to keep Your Word and bring forth its fruit in our daily lives. Guide us to share our faith with those whom we meet, that they too may come to know You and Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

Chear our prayer.

LiWe pray You so to rule and guide Your whole church, blessing all pastors with the spirit of unity in faith and confession. Grant Your blessing also of all here present whose faith is known to You, accepting their prayers and praises as from thankful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### Chear our prayer.

LiWe pray for the health and good will of all who serve in the authority of government in our nation that they may serve according to Your will that we may live in quietness and peace. Bless our own church leadership, or Council, Elders, Building and Early Childhood Committees with wisdom and understanding of Your will for Your church here at Peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

# Chear our prayer.

LComfort and attend to all who are in trouble; those suffering sickness, injury, or fear of death; and especially those who have requested our prayers. Grant them patience and healing of both mind and body. Lord, in Your mercy,

# Chear our prayer.

Libbless our Climbing to the Summit Ministry Expansion campaign that it may be fruitful in expanding the reach of our church with Your gospel in our community. Provide us with generous buyers who will be blessed by our current property that it may continue to bless others. Lord, in Your mercy,

# Chear our prayer.

LRemembering Your holy ones of old, the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, as well as our loved ones of most recent memory, we ask You to include us in their company not on account of any merit on our part but solely because of Your great mercy. Grant all who have died in faith a place of peace and rest. Lord, in Your mercy,

# Chear our prayer.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

# CAmen.

# + SACRAMENT +



#### **PREFACE**

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

PLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

# PROPER PREFACE

PIt 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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** LSB 178  $\mathbf{C}$ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - lv Lord, Lord God of full of Your pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are glo Ho in the high ry. san - na est. **Bless** He ed is who comes in the name

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

the Lord.

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PBlessed 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.

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# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

# PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

PAs often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

# CAmen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PO 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:

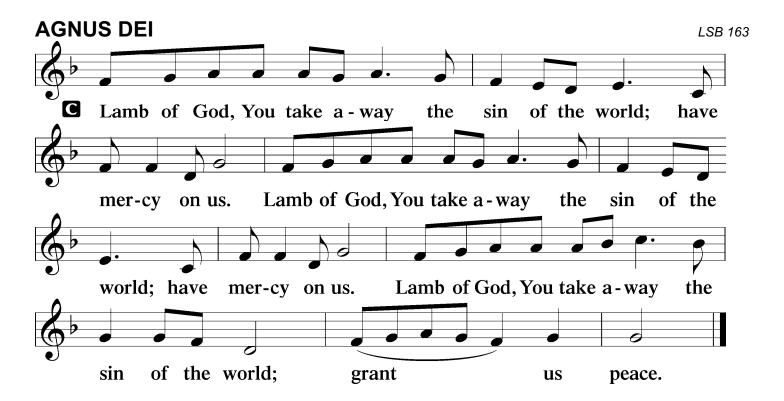
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 read; 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

PThe peace of the Lord be with you always.

CAmen.



# + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

# GOODBYE YESTERDAY (video)

Elevation Rhythm & Gracie Binion

Goodbye, yesterday, I'm livin' in the light of a new day. I won't waste another minute in my old ways.

Praise the Lord, I've been born again.

(repeat above)

(yeah) Oh, I've been born again.

Again and again and again You rescued me out of the mess I was in. You traded my sorrow for something to sing.

Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

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Goodbye, yesterday, I'm livin' in the light of a new day.

I won't waste another minute in my old ways.

Praise the Lord, I've been born again.

Goodbye, yesterday, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.

I've got resurrection in my veins.

Praise the Lord, I've been born.

Again and again and again, You rescued me out of the mess I was in.

You traded my sorrow for something to sing.

Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

(repeat above)

I have decided to follow Jesus;

The world behind, the Cross before, And I won't turn back.

(repeat section)

I have decided (I have decided), To follow Jesus (to follow Jesus).

I'm gonna leave the world behind, The world behind, the Cross before me (And I won't turn back).

I have decided (I have decided), To follow Jesus (to follow Jesus);

(The world behind) the world behind, the Cross before, And I won't turn back.

I won't turn back (I won't turn back).

And I won't turn back (and I won't turn back) No-no, no-no, no,

The world behind and the Cross before And I won't turn back.

I won't turn back (I won't turn back).

And I won't turn back (I won't turn back) No-no, no-no,

The world behind and the Cross before me. (And I won't turn back).

Again and again and again, You rescued me out of the mess I was in.

You traded my sorrow for something to sing.

Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

(repeat section)

Praise the Lord, I've been born again, Praise the Lord, I've been born again.

I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

You ought to dance for the Lord, Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

(Ohh, hey) dancin' on the grave,

Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in,

Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in,

Oh, praise the Lord, I've been born again.

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#### LEFT IT IN THE RIVER (video)

I had burdens on my shoulders all my life I tried and tried to leave 'em all behind But freedom's one thing I could never find, mm

I said a prayer from the banks of a river God met me there, showing me something better (mm) My life was changed when I stepped into the water Ain't seen my chains since I gave 'em to the Father

Hal-le-lu-jah, I've been delivered Where is my guilt? Where is my shame? I left it in the river (river), oh I left it in the river (river), oh

Now, there's nothing that can take this joy I've found He raised me up and I ain't coming down He washed me clean and now there ain't no doubt He turned it all around

My life was changed when I stepped into the water Ain't seen my chains since I gave 'em to the Father

Hal-le-lu-jah, I've been delivered Where is my guilt? Where is my shame? I left it in the river (river), oh I left it in the river (river), oh

I said a prayer from the banks of a river And God met me there, showing me something better I left my wrongs at the bottom of the river I said so long, said goodbye forever

My life was changed when I stepped into the water Ain't seen my chains since I gave 'em to the Father

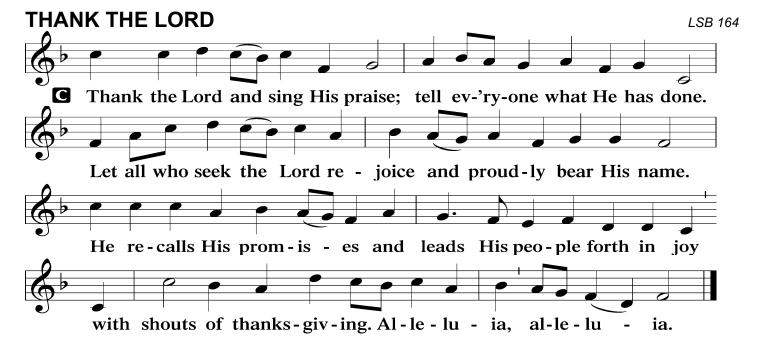
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#### POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL

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



# **BENEDICTION**

- 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.

# 924 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING



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# **CLOSING PEACE**

**L**Go in Peace as you serve the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

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