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*In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship –9:00 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – *If the Lord describes Himself in Scripture as our “Shepherd,” it follows that we, as those who belong to Him, are His “sheep.” True to our broken nature, we all wander away from our Shepherd’s provision, wrongly assuming we can find our own way. Not only can we never find our own way to lasting life, but we can find our own way only to everlasting death. We all stand in need of rescue! We all are the lost sheep who have wandered away. Thank the Shepherd for coming to your rescue. His death and resurrection are proof that He never gives up on us! He pursues His wanderers. Finding us and claiming us, He carries us home. And that’s exactly where He gathers us today: at home in His presence so that He, our Shepherd, can fill us, His sheep, with His love and mercy.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC / DUET

“He Shall Feed His Flock”

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♫Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

♫ OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

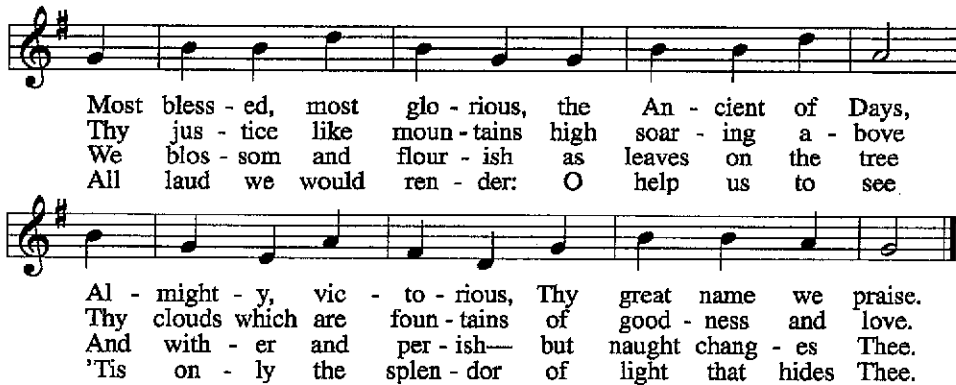
LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** **Amen.**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*
C **But, with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**
P *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
P *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 30:2-5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b

- P** *You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;*
C **O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever!**
P *O Lord my God, I cried to You for help,*
C **and You have healed me.**
P *O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;*
C **You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**
P *Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints,*
C **and give thanks to His holy name.**
P *For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.*
C **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**
All: **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.**

- P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
C O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

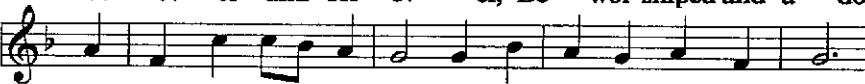
Glory to God in the Highest



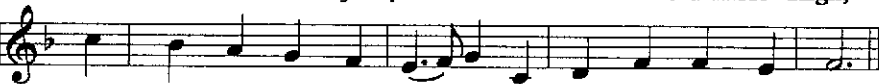
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's SON, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.

All: Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. Without You nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever. Help us to follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Ezekiel 34:11-24

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

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

♩ ALLELUIA

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that
 Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

♩ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609

1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -
 say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5. Oh, how blest it is to know:

Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

6. Now my conscience is at peace;

From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

7. Jesus sinners doth receive;

Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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SERMON

“SAVING PRIVATE RYAN...AND YOU”

Luke 15:1-10

- I. In the movie, Saving Private Ryan, soldiers had to find Private Ryan and save him from the war.
- II. As lost sheep, Jesus finds us and saves us from sin, death and the devil.

♪ NICENE CREED

☐ I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

♪ OFFERING

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

by Ludwig Lenel

♫ OFFERTORY

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep [Tune: Christ the Lord is Risen Today]

Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep,
Keep Thy lamb, in safety keep,
Nothing can Thy power withstand,
None can pluck me from Thy hand.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach Thy lamb Thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.

Where Thou leadest, I would go,
Walking in Thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Ezekiel 34:16

- P** *The Lord says through the His prophet: "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." Confident in the care of our faithful Shepherd, let us bring our thanksgivings, requests, and intercessions before our Father's throne of grace. Faithful Shepherd, You are so good to us. Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You bring us back into Your presence through the good news that we have received in this time of worship.*
- C** **Grant that we treasure all we possess in the Gospel of Christ.**
- P** *Guiding Shepherd, You lead us with Your mercy that we may dwell in Your presence forever. Salvation is found solely in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Enable us to bring the good news of His life, death, and resurrection to all souls for whom He offered His life.*
- C** **Enable us to open our lips and declare Your wonders to the world.**
- P** *Loving Shepherd, You care for all You have made, for all the world is Yours. Grant that those who are broken in heart, mind, and spirit find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You.*
- C** **Give us hearts to serve others with the mercy You give to us all.**
- P** *Protecting Shepherd, You guard and bless those who take refuge in You. Watch over the land in which we live, guiding all servants among us to act justly with the wisdom from above. Enable us to dwell in security and peace. Lead all Christians to be people of worship, prayer, and service so that our communities are blessed by You through the works of our hands.*
- C** **Send us out to represent our Savior in all we say and do.**
- P** *Healing Shepherd, You bind up the wounds of those who suffer in both soul and body. Today we lift up before You . . . [special petitions]. Whatever the need and whatever the circumstance, draw Your sheep into the fold of Your care that they receive the healing You desire for them.*
- C** **Open our eyes to see Your healing hand at work.**
- P** *As sheep who trust in their faithful Shepherd, we bring these prayers, along with all the unspoken prayers of our hearts, before You.*
- C** **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

PREFACE

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

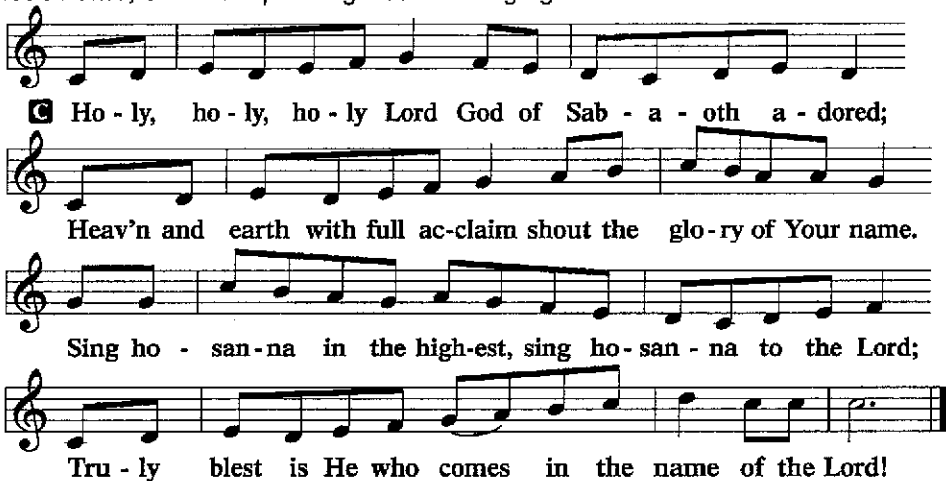
P *Lift up your hearts.*

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.**

P *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, for by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection He has rescued Your wandering sheep by becoming the very Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P *Praise be to You, gracious Father, for You have shown mercy to Your wandering people by giving them Your One and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. We give You thanks for the rescuing work of our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, who has found us and claimed us as Your own. Enable us to live under His merciful care and receive Him as He now feeds us with His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:*

C **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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

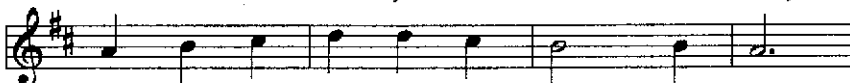
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♪ AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God



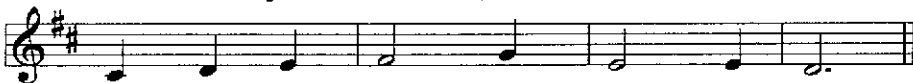
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

♪ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB 740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

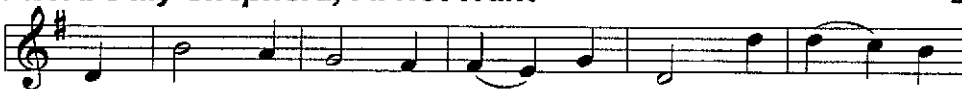


day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

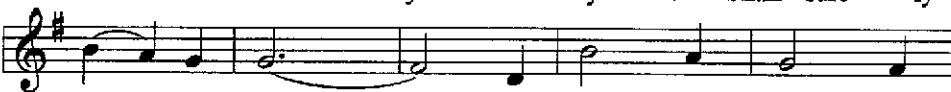
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The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

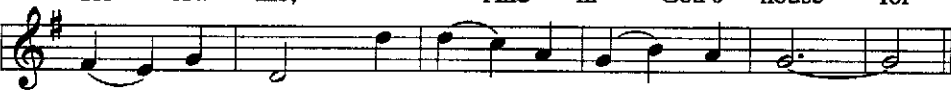
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1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

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By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
 3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is

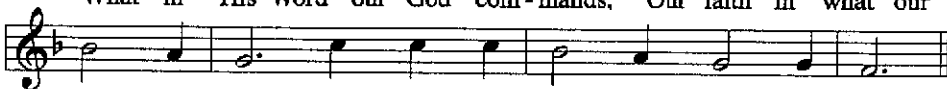


doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
 true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,

(continued)



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com-mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5. By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?
6. By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition,
 I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

Song of Simeon



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God, our faithful Shepherd, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the world to rescue all who wander, we thank You that for His sake You have given us the peace of Your forgiveness at Your Table of mercy. Because You never fail Your sheep, enable us to go forth and extend to others the blessings we here have received; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

G Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P As our Shepherd, our Savior will lead us as we walk with Him in faith.

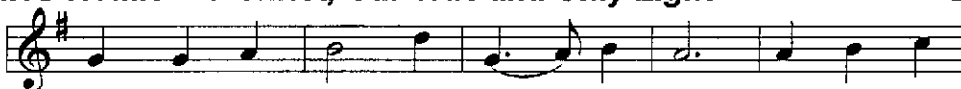
G Following our Shepherd every day, let us share His mercy with all we meet.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

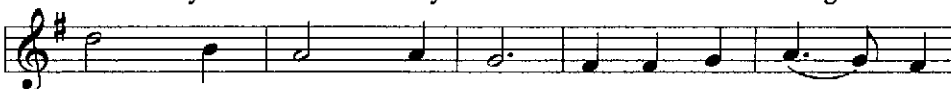
G Amen.

CLOSING HYMN O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

"Sing to the Great Jehovah's Praise"

by Lani Smith

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