

# Welcome!

to  
*St. Paul Lutheran Church*  
*Clay Center, KS*

*Thank you*  
*for joining us for worship!*

*The Holy Trinity*

*May 30 & 31, 2026*

*Worship Folder*



## **St. Paul Lutheran Communion Statement:**

**COMMUNION WELCOME**-God calls upon His people to exercise care in the use of His Supper because harm results when Communion is received without repentance or a right understanding (1 Corinthians 11:23-30) and when fellowship is practiced without agreement in God's Word (Galatians 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:15, 3:14). In Communion Jesus gives us His true Body and Blood, in with and under the bread and wine, to forgive our sins (Matthew 26:26-28 and 1 Corinthians 10:16-21). We also profess agreement in the teachings of the church at whose altar we commune. Thus, we cannot offer this Supper to those who have not received instruction per the mysteries of this meal. We do invite fellow members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to join our members as we receive the Sacrament today. Others are asked to speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. Those who desire to come forward for a blessing are invited to do so, indicating their intent to receive a blessing by crossing their arms in front.

Distribution of the bread is to the hand of the communicant. "Gluten Free" wafers are available. Please let the ushers know PRIOR to service if you are needing this substitution.

Distribution of the wine is by choice of individual cup or common chalice. If you receive with the individual cup, please keep the small cup visible to the minister with the common cup. Individual cups of unfermented grape juice will be provided at the center of each of the trays for those who prefer grape juice over wine. Both are "fruit of the vine" and in the sacrament become means by which Christ grants us his blood to assure us of forgiveness, life and salvation. The unfermented grape juice is light in color.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## **PRELUDE**

## AS WE GATHER

It seems unsettling that God is thinking about us. At first, aware of our failings, we are full of guilt and perhaps foreboding. But understanding God's loving concern, His thoughts quell our misgivings. The Old Testament Reading reminds us that He created everything—for us. Although the people of Jerusalem were instrumental in Jesus' crucifixion, Peter's reminder of David's writing points out that the Creator is stronger than His creation. Good news! And despite our sins and wanderings, God wants to use us. He has work for us to do. He must be thinking about what we can do, now separated from our sins. We have been united to Christ. "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1).

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### God Himself Is Present

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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

**P** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**C** You have set Your glory above the heavens.

**P** And God said, "Let there be light,"

**C** and there was light.

**P** And God saw everything that He had made,

**C** and behold, it was very good.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us come before God with our sins to acknowledge them before Him and in the presence of one another.

**C** Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed to be the people You have created us to be. We daily miss the mark of being very good, and

we fail to be Your representatives in the care of Your good creation. With the early disciples, although we do believe, sometimes we doubt. Only by Your grace are we able to come before You and find peace and joy. Remind us of Your great love and mercy for us.

**P** Jesus has joyful work for us to do. He has commanded us to go, teach, and baptize. And, despite our sins, He also promised, "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God's majesty is not only in creating the world in which we live but in loving us despite our daily failures. He sent His Son to forgive our every sin. As David wrote, "I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken" (Acts 2:25).

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### ✠ WORD ✠

#### The Law of God Is Good and Wise

LSB 579 sts. 1–2,

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1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His  
2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge  
6 To Je - sus we for ref - uge flee, Who from the



will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -  
of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -  
curse has set us free, And hum - bly wor - ship at His



ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.  
throne, Saved by His grace through faith a - lone.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.  
Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug  
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## KYRIE

**P** Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** **Father, have mercy on us.**

**P** Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** **Christ, have mercy on us.**

**P** Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** **Holy Spirit, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

## The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

LSB 580 sts. 1–2, 6



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His  
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -  
6 May we in faith its mes - sage learn Nor thank - less -



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus  
ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with  
ly its bless - ings spurn; May we in faith its



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.  
guilt op - pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.  
truth con - fess And praise the Lord, our righ - teous - ness.

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## SALUTATION

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty.  
**C** **Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities;**

**P** for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 1:1–2:4a*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them

in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations  
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*Psalm 8*

**P** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**C** **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

**P** Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?

**C** **Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.**

**P** You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**C** **O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

### READING

*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God

raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

#### VERSE

**P** Alleluia.

**C** **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;**

**P** the whole earth is full of His glory!

**C** **Alleluia.**

#### HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 28:16–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

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#### SERMON

##### ATHANASIAN CREED

**P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

**C** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

**P** And the catholic faith is this,

**C** **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

**P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

**P** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

**C** **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

**P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;  
**C** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

**P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,  
**C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

**P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;  
**C** **and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**

**P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;  
**C** **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

**P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;  
**C** **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

**P** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.  
**C** **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

**P** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.  
**C** **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

**P** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.  
**C** **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

**P** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.  
**C** **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

**P** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**C** **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

**P** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:  
**C** **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

**P** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.  
**C** **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

**P** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;  
**C** **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

**P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,  
**C** **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

**P** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
**C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

**P** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.  
**C** **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the world around us, all people, and ourselves.

“Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength.”

Grant wisdom and love for families in and beyond this congregation, O Lord. We give thanks for growing families and that they grow stronger in love as You guide and protect them.

**C** **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

**P** “When I look at Your heavens, . . . what is man that You are mindful of him.”

Grant humility to all of us. Grant that we grow in faith toward You and love toward one another.

**C** **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

**P** “Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings.”

Grant us grace to acknowledge the true place of governments and nations, care workers and medical professionals, and those who tend crops and herds, as they seek to meet the needs of the people under their care.

**C** **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

**P** You have “crowned him with glory and honor.”

Open the eyes of the proud, who seek ever greater power and prestige, that they may find true greatness in serving as You have, in love and mercy.

**C** **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

**P** For the ill Kenzie, Dwight, Raef, Larry, Stan, Larry, Brad, Norma, Kay, Van, Kathy, Philip, Katie, Mike, Denise, Bobbi, Dee, Jackie, Sarah, Ron, Ryan, Emmitt, Malissa, David, Donna, Ron, Micah, Addie, Ann, Sandy, Irene, John, Greg, Melissa, Benjamin, Jennifer, Gail, Lois, Melissa, Darlene, Darla, Rachelle, Joe, Sheila, Grant, Grace, Connie, and Kerri; also the shut in Bonnie, Larry, Georgie, Julie, Cedric, Mary Ann, Pauline, Larry, and Lola.

**C** **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

**P** You have given us “dominion over the works of Your hands.”  
Give wisdom and guidance to everyone who manages Your good creation that all people may be fed, peace may break out, and many people around us will join to say,

**C** **“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!”**

**P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

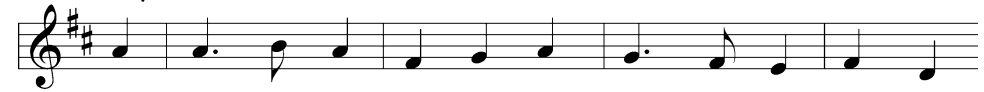
**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

Psalm 66:16 - “Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.”

### We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

- 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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray.  
Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You sent Your only-begotten Son into the creation You had established.
- C** **Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus we pray that Your Holy Spirit would strengthen our faith until, gathered together with all the saints, we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.**
- P** 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

- P** 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

- 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:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

## PAX DOMINI

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

## Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434 st. 1

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face	LSB 631
What Is This Bread	LSB 629
Glory Be to God the Father	LSB 506
I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus	LSB 729

## NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser - vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -  
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -  
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us  
through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You  
would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in  
fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.  
**C** Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** Our Father in heaven, who made you and all that exists, bless you;  
Jesus Christ, His Son and our Savior, bless you; and the Holy Spirit, who  
has worked faith in your hearts, bless you, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

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