

Trinity Lutheran Church



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026**

**Our Mission:
“Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ”**

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.”
Romans 1:16*



Trinity Lutheran
Church, LCMS

WORSHIP TEAM

HEAD ELDER

8:00am – Bill Schwieger

10:30 am – Will Evans

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

8:00am Bailey & Munden

10:30 am Bremer & Stieber

LECTOR

8:00am – Pat Braasch

10:30 am – Paul Stieber

KEYBOARD

Judy Hall

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Jan Garner



Trinity Lutheran Church
Thomas R. Boeck, Pastor



*“Serving as God guides us, bringing people
closer to Jesus Christ through worship,
Bible studies, prayer and fellowship”*

WELCOME!!!

A warm joyous welcome to all who
gather to bear witness to the life of
Jesus, our King of Kings!

OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:

Members and guests: Please register your
attendance in the red pad located at the end of
each row. **We ask our guests to print your
complete address and phone number.**

When it reaches the other end of the row,
please pass it back. Upon its return note the
other names; you may meet a new friend in
Christ today.

Please turn off your cell phone.

**If you desire a hearing assistance unit,
speak with an usher.**



WHO IS COUNTING?

AS WE GATHER

We know that it is our calling in Christ to forgive one another, but that does not eliminate the question of how much or how often we should forgive others. It becomes a particularly vexing question when we are asked to forgive the same sin over and over again. The great temptation is for us to make forgiveness conditional upon the person no longer offending us with their words or actions, but God applies no such condition upon us. Our temptation is to count how often we forgive but to forget how often we are forgiven. Our weakness counts the sins of others, but could it be that God counts only the times we refused to forgive from the heart? We know the riches of the Lord's limitless grace to forgive us without counting the cost. Today, we pray that we may joyfully receive this precious gift of forgiveness and joyfully forgive others in Christ's name, counting not the cost to forgive but the cost to refuse forgiveness.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *by Judy Hall*

AVE VERUM

by W. A. Mozart

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

by John Stainer

BUT THE LORD IS MINDFUL

by Felix Mendelssohn

SPECIAL MUSIC *by The Bells of Trinity*

HERE I AM, LORD

By Arnold B. Sherman

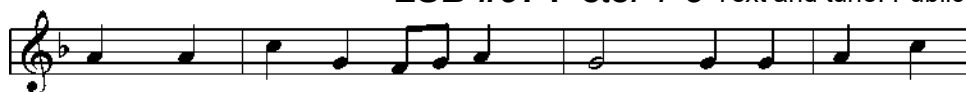
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please stand and face the cross as it enters the sanctuary]

OPENING HYMN

JESUS SINNERS DOTH RECEIVE

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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



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro -
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their



live And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is
claim; Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly
way Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His



hope for all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
in these words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
arms that they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Since we are here assembled to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the body and blood of Christ, let us first think of our unworthiness; confess before God our sins of thought, word, and deed; and acknowledge also that we, by our own strength, cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature or the sins we have committed. Therefore, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy and grace of our heavenly Father, seeking and imploring Him to behold us through Jesus Christ, saying:

C God have mercy on me, a poor, sinful being, forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and grant to me the Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful ways; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, I pray. Amen.

P God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. 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.

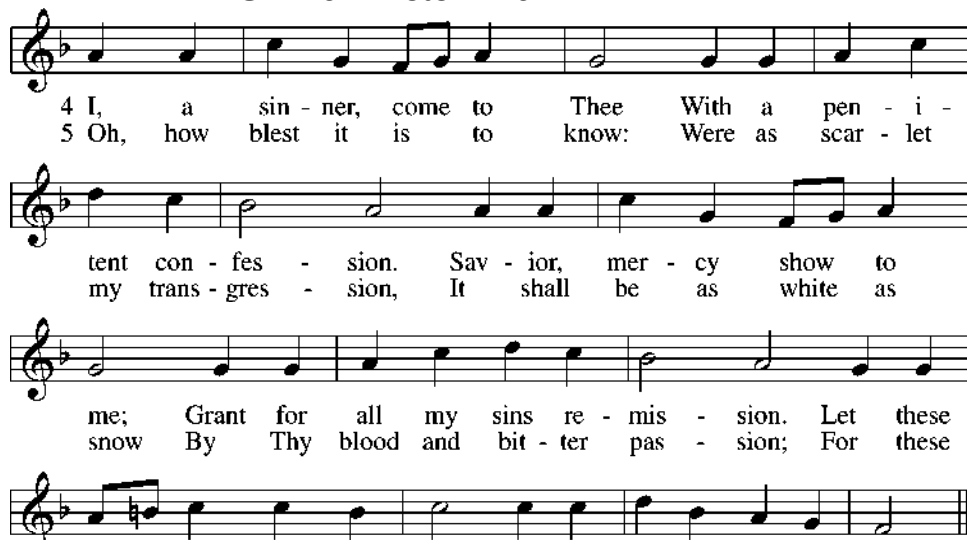
P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

[be seated]

HYMN JESUS SINNERS DOTH RECEIVE

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4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -
5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to
my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as
me; Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these
snow By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these
words my soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words I now be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

SALUTATION

R The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PSALM

Psalm 103:1–12; antiphon: v. 13

R ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

R O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

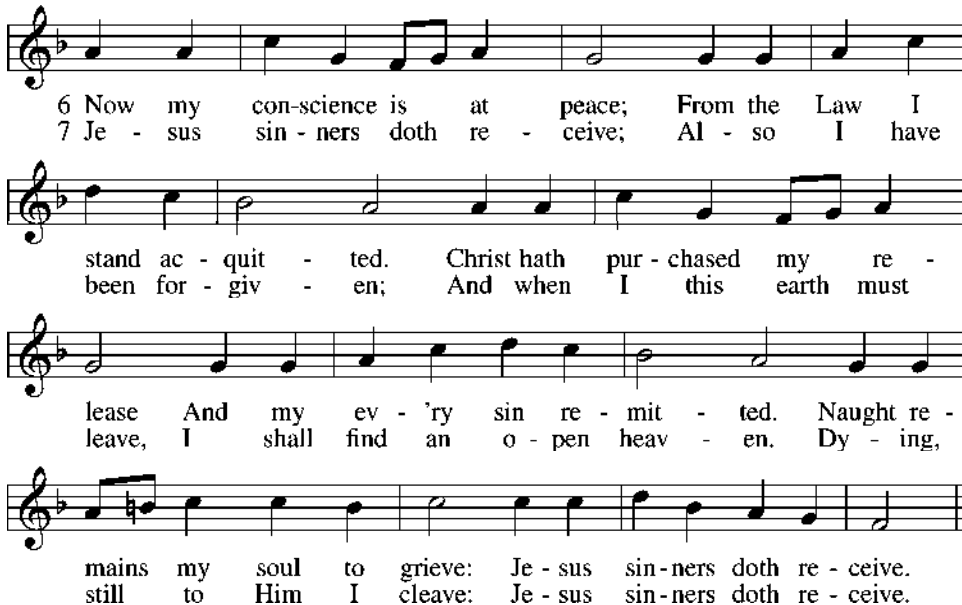
R Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN JESUS SINNERS DOTH RECEIVE

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6 Now my con-science is at peace; From the Law I
7 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Al - so I have
stand ac - quit - ted. Christ hath pur - chased my re -
been for - giv - en; And when I this earth must
lease And my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re -
leave, I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing,
mains my soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
still to Him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15–21

L ¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 14:1–12

L ¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains

pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN **ALMIGHTY FATHER, BLESS THE WORD**

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1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
 2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
 now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who

seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

[please stand]

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P ²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of

that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

[be seated once the cross is returned to its place]

ANTHEM - *The Bells of Trinity*

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

Jeffrey Honore

SERMON

"Forgiven People Forgive"
Pastor Thomas

[please stand]

APOSTLES' CREED

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

[be seated]

OFFERING VIDEO

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

R Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Silence for prayer

R Grant us, O Lord, wisdom to consider the manifold sins Your grace has forgiven and courage to show this forgiveness to others in Your name. Keep us from being stingy with the mercy You have so generously shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and teach us not to count the cost of forgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

R Give boldness to Your church, that we who know the Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified and risen proclaim it to the ends of the earth. Bless the pastors who faithfully deliver these gifts to us in Word and Sacrament and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

R Deliver us, O Lord, from the burden of those who would lead us without the wisdom and counsel of Your Word and give to us in this land and throughout the world leaders who will act with integrity and justice to all. Bring peace to the troubled regions of our world and help us to work together for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

R Bless this congregation and all missions and mission fields with an abundance of Your Holy Spirit, that the work of Your kingdom would prosper among us for the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

R Deliver, O Lord, the troubled in mind, the wounded in body, and those whose spirits despair, that by Your healing and strength they endure the day of their trial and be kept safe in Your arms to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

R Deliver us, O Lord, from every temptation that would befall us and teach us to lean upon Your strength and to be covered with the righteousness of Christ when the devil comes seeking whom he may devour. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

R Make us to be of one mind and one will, perfectly united in doctrine and faith, so that our communion here will testify to this harmony of belief; and grant to us grace so that we receive this Sacrament of Christ's body and blood always for our good and never in judgment against us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

R Bless those in our congregation celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries, especially:

Birthdays

14th Bob Tooley
15th Sharon A. Place & Louise Laabs
16th Cornelia (China) Menendez
17th Patty Talbott, Diane Mayer & Pat Weinert
19th Nancy Schluckbier, Kathy Olson, Kathy Campanelli, Carol Olmos, & Mike Vencion

Anniversaries

13th Mike Hayes & Haymanot Taye (1)
14th Bill & Maureen Dunlap (58)
Adam & Lim Jankowski (2)
15th Bill & Nancy Storck (70)
16th Steve & Jackie Keck (49)
17th Jim & Helga Weaver (71)

Grant them good health and fill their hearts with Your love and of one another as they celebrate Your gifts in their lives. Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

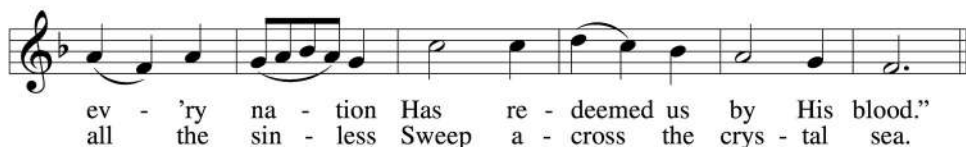
R You know our needs and have promised to give us all things needful for this life and to bring us to everlasting life. Grant us also grateful hearts that we be cheered by Your mercies, new every morning, and live and rest in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

HYMN ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry day a - lone.
sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of



[please stand]

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

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, 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

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

[be seated]

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

HYMN - *The Trinity Bells*

I COME O SAVIOR

By Lauran Delancy

HYMN **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

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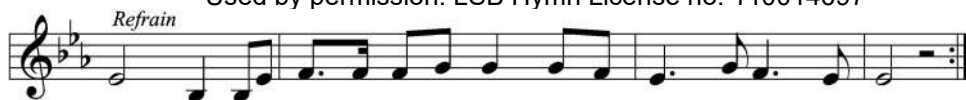


1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;
Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,
As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!
Refrain
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;
All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

HYMN THY WORD IS A LAMP

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Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end.
I will love You to the end.

[please stand]

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE THANK THE LORD LSB pg. 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
C for His steadfast love endures forever!

P O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

[Please follow the cross as it leaves the sanctuary.]

HYMN GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

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1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

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