



St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran

Church • School • Preschool

The 17th Weekend In the Season of Pentecost

Saturday at 6:30 pm

Sunday at 7:45 am & 10:15 am

THE SERVICE: SETTING TWO (p172)


Opening Hymn

Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You | CW#871


1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em - ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the
foe de - stroy you, for Sa - tan has de - signed your fall.
Wield God's Word, a weap-on glo - rious; a - gainst each foe you'll
be vic - to - rious, for God will set you o'er them all.
Fear not the prince of hell, here is Im - man - u - el!
Sing ho - san - na! The strong ones yield to Christ, our shield,
and we as con - qu'rors hold the field.

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2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure and bold - ly strive for
3 Je - sus, all your chil - dren cher - ish, and keep them that they



heav'n - ly trea - sure. Be stead - fast in the Sav - ior's might.
nev - er per - ish whom you have pur - chased with your blood.




Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, for Je - sus from all
Let new life to us be giv - en that we may look to



harm will hide you. By faith you'll con - quer in the fight.
you in heav - en when - ev - er fear - ful is our mood.



Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!
Your Spir - it on us pour that we may love you more,



Joy a - waits you. The race, then, run; your bat - tle done,
hearts o'er - flow - ing; and then shall we, from sin set free,



the crown of glo - ry will be won.
sing praise through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my savior, paid for my sins with His innocent suffering and death. Trusting in Him, I pray: God have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, Who gave His life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen



LORD HAVE MERCY (Kyrie)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation sings



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation sings



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation sings



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation sings



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Congregation sings



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST (GLORIA)



➡ Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. ➡ Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



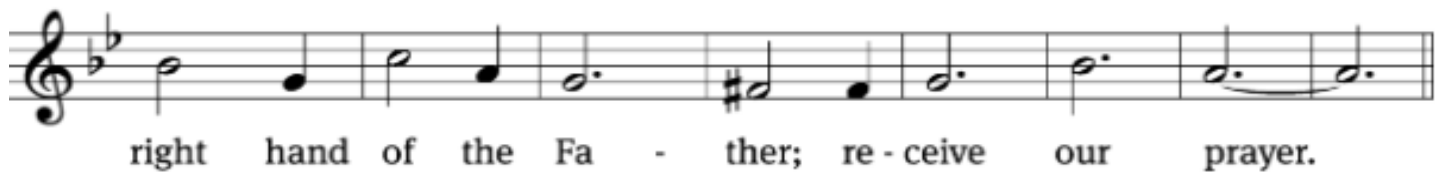
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



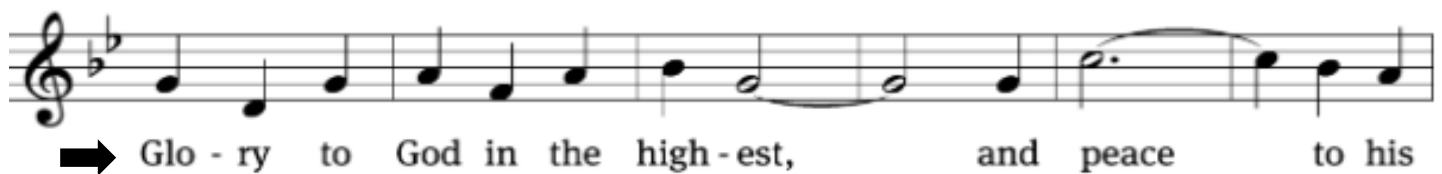
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



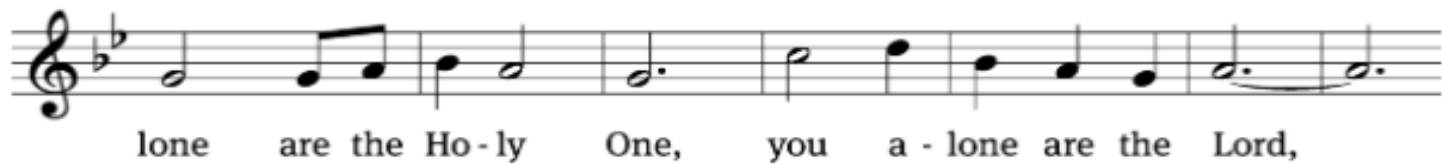
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



➡ Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -




lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



➡ Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, You see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assail the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

please be seated

FIRST READING

1 Kings 18:21-39

²¹ Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." But the people said nothing. ²² Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the Lord's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. ²³ Get two bulls for us. Let them choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. ²⁴ Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God." Then all the people said, "What you say is good." ²⁵ Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire." ²⁶ So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "O Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. ²⁷ At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." ²⁸ So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. ²⁹

Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. ³⁰ Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the Lord, which was in ruins. ³¹ Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” ³² With the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. ³³ He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.” ³⁴ “Do it again,” he said, and they did it again. “Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. ³⁵ The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. ³⁶ At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. ³⁷ Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” ³⁸ Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. ³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!”

The Word of the Lord.

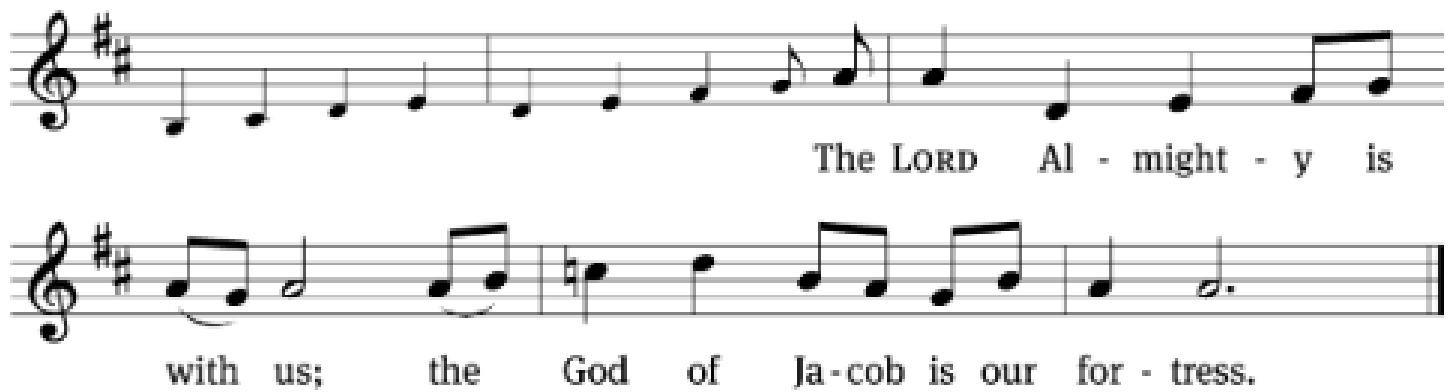
Thanks be to God.



46A The LORD Almighty Is with Us

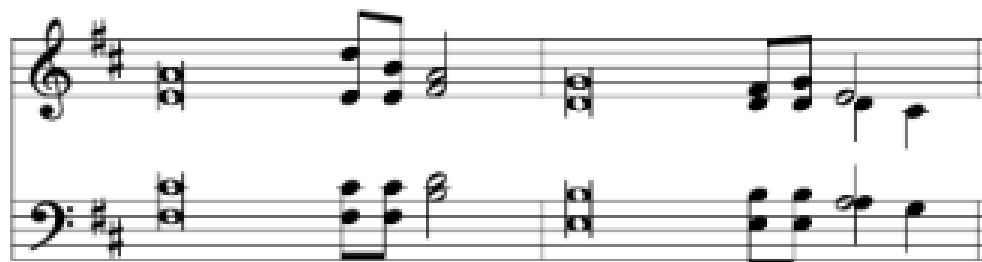
Psalm 46A

Refrain



The LORD Al - might - y is
with us; the God of Ja - cob is our for - tress.

Tone



God is our ref- / uge and strength,
an ever-present help in / trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the / earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart / of the sea,
though its waters / roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their / surging. *Refrain*

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- / y of God,
the holy place where the Most / High dwells.

God is within her, she / will not fall;
God will help her at / break of day.

“Be still, and know that / I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted / in the earth.”

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

¹⁴ When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵ As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him. ¹⁶ “What are you arguing with them about?” he asked. ¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.” ¹⁹ “O unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.” ²⁰ So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?” “From childhood,” he answered. ²² “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” ²³ “‘If you can?’” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for him who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!” ²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the evil spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶ The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

I do believe;

help me overcome my unbelief!

HYMN OF THE DAY PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS | CW#517



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing
gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the
pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing
wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.
well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

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SERMON

After the sermon, the congregation stands:

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

please be seated

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING TO THE LORD

The offering is collected as ushers pass the offering plates among those gathered and then presented at the altar of God while the **congregation stands and sings our offering hymn**. *On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made (1 Cor. 16:2).*



OFFERING HYMN

I Know My Faith Is Founded | CW#797:2



2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, for Sa - tan seeks by
night and day to rob me of this trea - sure and
take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with you be -
side me I shall be un - dis - mayed; and led by your good
Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with
me, O Sav - ior, a firm - er faith be - stow; then
I shall bid de - fi - ance to ev - 'ry e - vil foe.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

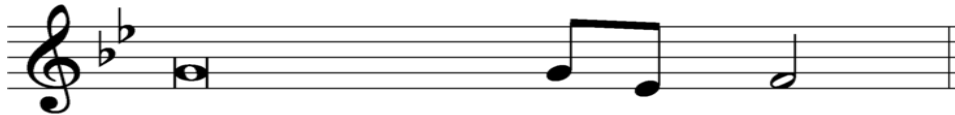
THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you



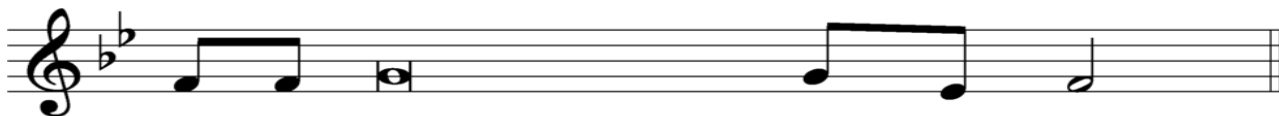
And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

The Minister speaks the proper Preface (p.166), concluding with:

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Your holy Name and join their glorious song:



Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ ... The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

be seated

Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Distribution Hymns

694 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CW 694



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and



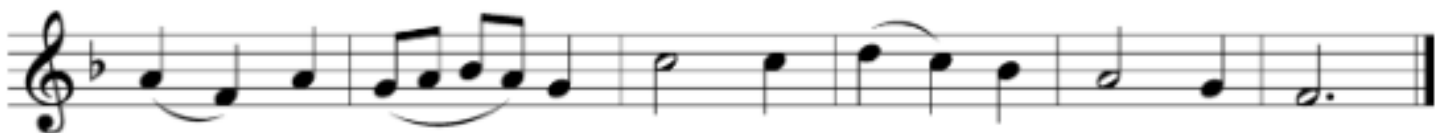
fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, you on
 Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are
 scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your
 winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,
 not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,



all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is
 God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and
 you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and
 swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to



my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!
 friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.
 clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.
 heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

CW 667 sts. 1-4



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared this feast for
 2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, where an - gel
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined to an - y
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; it is your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing, and in your pres - ence
 hab - i - ta - tion, but you are pres - ent
 Word be - liev - ing that your true bod - y



and your blood, and at your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 ev - 'ry - where and with your con - gre - ga - tion.
 and your blood our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



as wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, we come to
 and though your peo - ple shall not see your glo - ry
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, un - moved by
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, and there is



you for need - ed rest, for com - fort, and for par - don.
 and your maj - es - ty till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
 an - y dar - ing hand or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
 naught you can - not do, for you, Lord, are al - might - y.

667 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

CW 667 sts. 5-8



5 Though rea - son can - not un - der - stand, yet faith this
 6 Lord, I be - lieve what you have said; help me when
 7 Grant that we wor - thi - ly re - ceive your sup - per,
 8 For your con - sol - ing sup - per, Lord, be praised through-



truth em - brac - es: your bod - y, Lord, is
 doubts as - sail me. Re - mem - ber that I
 Lord, our Sav - ior, and, tru - ly griev - ing
 out all ag - es! Pre - serve it, for in



e - ven now at once in man - y plac - es.
 am but dust, and let my faith not fail me.
 for our sins, may prove by our be - hav - ior
 ev - 'ry place the world a - gainst it rag - es.



I leave to you how this can be; your Word a -
 Your sup - per in this vale of tears re - fresh - es
 that we are thank - ful for your grace and day by
 Grant that this sac - ra - ment may be a bless - ed



lone suf - fic - es me; I trust its truth un - fail - ing.
 me and stills my fears and is my price - less trea - sure.
 day may run our race, in ho - li - ness in - creas - ing.
 com - fort un - to me when liv - ing and when dy - ing.

Please stand!

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: **His mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

M: We give thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet You have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift You have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By Your Spirit, help us to live as Your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

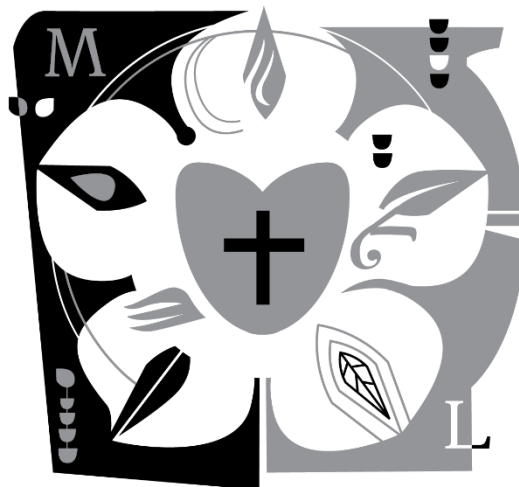
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Onward Christian Soldiers | CW#869:1,4

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869 Onward, Christian Soldiers

CW 869 sts. 1, Ref, 4



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, join our hap - py throng,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the King;



for - ward in - to bat - tle see his ban - ners go!
this through count - less a - ges saints and an - gels sing.

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

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