

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Out of the Desolate Places Come Our Eternal Destiny

Sunday, February 5, 2012



Theme for Our Service:

Out of the Desolate Places Come Our Eternal Destiny

Today we are challenged to see the bigger picture. In today's Gospel the apostle Peter was well- impressed with Jesus' power to heal the sick and His popularity was growing rapidly. But when Jesus seemed uninterested in capitalizing on that popularity but to continue on preaching elsewhere, Peter didn't understand. Jesus did not come only to heal or to make "a kingdom of this world" (John 18:36). He came to take our burdens and sins to the cross; to pay the price that delivers the whole world from sin and death. Likewise, the Prayer of the Church in the Divine Service is the place we see the bigger picture, praying not only for our own needs or only for those people we know, but for the whole Church, the whole world, for the enterprise of the entire kingdom of God. The goal of all our preaching and witness is nothing less that "to proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." For by the cross and resurrection of Jesus the grace of God appears to all.

Our Worship Service This Week:

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service Four

Service of Preparation**Words of Welcome**

At this time, Pastor Iovine will outline some parish news and information. For further information on these announcements, please look in the "Saint Matthew's Matters" insert in your bulletin AND on our church's website, www.smelcnewmilford.org and click the "Saint Matthew's Matters" under the "About Us" tab.

Prelude - Pre-Service Prayer & Meditation

"Spiritual Suite: Steal Away to Jesus," arr. Charles Callahan

↑ Opening Hymn

"Awake My Soul, and with the Sun," Lutheran Worship Hymn #478

Awake my soul, and with the sun Your daily state of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise To pay your morning sacrifice.

All praise to You, who safe have kept And have refreshed me while I slept,
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake, I may of endless light partake.

Lord, I my vows to you renew. Disperse my sins as morning dew;
Guard my first springs of thought and will, And with yourself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest this day All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might In your sole glory may unite.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, O heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1647-1711
Tune: Francois H. Barthelemon, 1741-1808

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: O God, You have come to call even us to repentance and faith, to salvation and life. We confess and repent of our sins, especially our spiritual blindness and our small and selfish concerns.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: We have tried to keep our faith a private concern, seeking Your blessings only for ourselves.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: We have neglected prayer and concern for the world in need around us.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

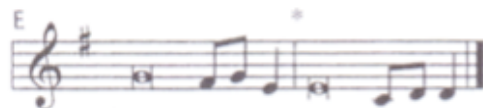
P: "The Lord gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength."
Isaiah 40:29, adapt.

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 13:3-5; *antiphon*: v.6



P: I will sing ' to the LORD,*
because He has dealt bountifully ' with me.

C: **Consider and answer me, O ' LORD my God;*
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the ' sleep of death,**

P: lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed ' over him,"*
lest my foes rejoice because I am ' shaken.

C: But I have trusted in Your ' steadfast love;*
my heart shall rejoice in Your sal- ' vation.

A: 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.

P: I will sing ' to the LORD,*
because He has dealt bountifully ' with me.

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy -- Mark 10:47

The musical score is written for a voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The vocal line begins with a square symbol (C-clef) and contains the lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." and concludes with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes, also ending with a double bar line.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the Highest --- Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good-will toward

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass staff with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass staff with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Father Al-mighty.

The fourth system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass staff with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

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O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

C: **O Lord, keep Your family, the Church, continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Service of the Word

↓ Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

(The Lord's understanding is unsearchable.)

L: The Old Testament Reading for the 5th Sunday after the Epiphany is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 40:

Do you not know? Do you not hear?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,

by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

(Sharing with all the blessings of the Gospel.)

L: The Epistle Reading is taken from 1st Corinthians, Chapter 9:

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

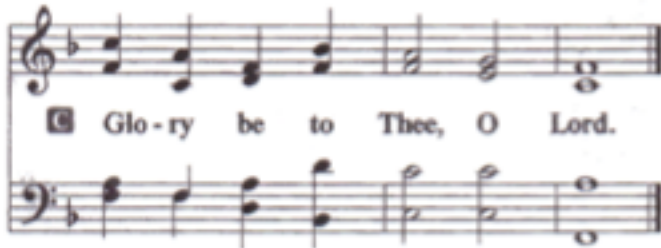
C: **Thanks be to God.**

↑ Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39

(Jesus shuns mere popularity.)

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Mark, the 1st Chapter.

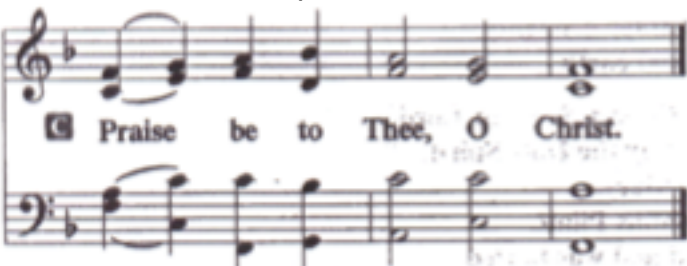


And immediately (Jesus) left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Creed

Nicene Creed

All: 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 men 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 worshiped 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.

↓ Hymn of the Day

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed," Lutheran Worship hymn #82

Hail to the Lord's anointed, Great David's greater son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression And rule in equity.

He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers; Spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;

And righteousness in fountains From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him, His praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.

Text. James Montgomery, 177-1854
Tune: Leonhard Schroter, 1532-1601

Sermon

↓ Offering

Voluntary

"Spiritual Suite: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian," arr. Charles Callahan

↑ Prayer of the Church

Our weekly prayers are responsive in nature. At the end of each petition, "Lord, in Your mercy," is spoken, to which the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

P In hopeful expectation that the Lord of Epiphany will brighten our dark world with the light of the Gospel, let us pray to the God of all mercy.

E O Lord, You are the Maker of Light and of all that is good. We thank and praise You that You rule all things, that You care for each of us, and that You want all people to know Your mercy and love as it has been revealed in Christ Jesus. Continue to sustain us by Your grace, that we may ever praise and adore Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, let the light of Your Word shine in our midst and into the darkness of unbelief that surrounds Your Church. By Your Word instruct us in Your ways, build up this congregation and all the congregations and institutions of our Synod, and bring all peoples to trust in Your salvation and to glorify You. Send many who will bear Your Word to all lands and all peoples that the nations may come to the brightness of Your light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

E O Lord of hosts, You are most holy, and the earth is full of Your glory. Watch over the nations of the earth. Give good rulers. Establish and sustain the peace. Let Your will be done in every place. We ask that You especially defend and bless our nation, its leaders in every state, city, and town, and the government employees who serve the citizens of this land. Give them all a desire to serve faithfully in their callings for the welfare of one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of mercy, hear our prayers on behalf of all those in need. Restore health to those who are ill (*especially _____*), and grant them patience and renewed strength. Bring comfort to those who mourn, assure them of the hope of eternal life through faith in Your Son, and remind them that You are always with them. Raise up helpers for the downcast and distressed, for the new immigrants who come to this country, for those who are without sufficient food, and for those who seek meaningful employment. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

E God of all compassion, watch over those who suffer the effects of war, violence, and natural catastrophe. Especially show mercy to the flood victims in the Philippines. Watch over the those in LCMS disaster relief and the Lutheran Church in the Philippines who are offering aid to the victims. According to Your will, provide sustenance to the needy. For those who are being persecuted unto death in Nigeria, bring about a cessation of hostility. Grant to Your Church renewed vigor to take the good news of salvation to all those who are without the hope of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Deliverer, in the Holy Supper of Your Son Jesus we receive the life and salvation that He won for us on the cross. Through this heavenly meal make us holy, strengthen our faith, and help us willingly to serve our neighbor in love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

E Now to Him who is able and ready to supply all human needs, whose light shines forth in His Epiphany, be all glory and honor, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Service of the 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.

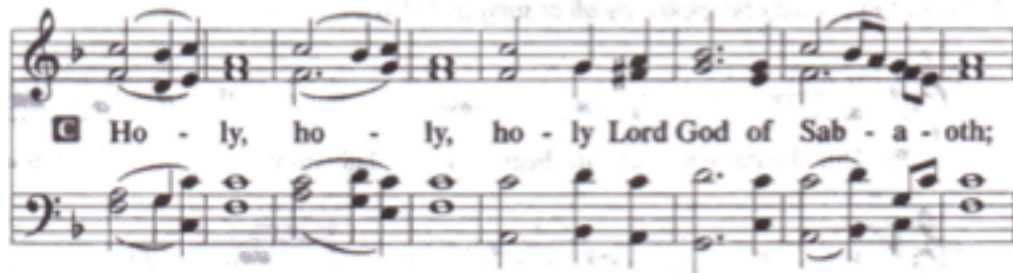
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

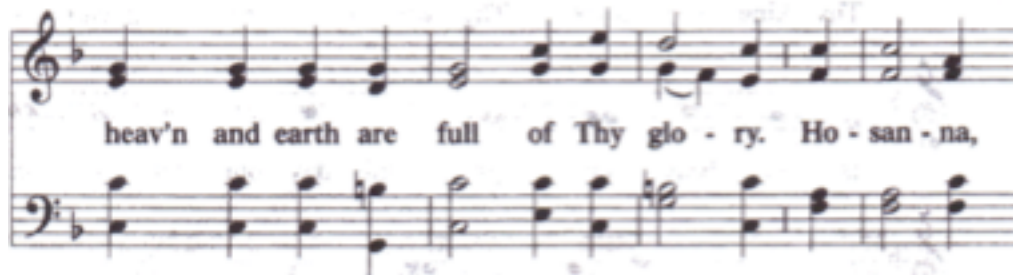
P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came into our world to heal us from our separation from God and give eternal life to all who believe. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

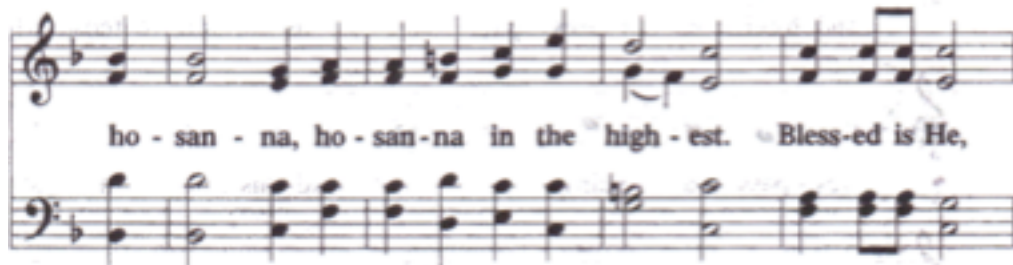
Holy, Holy, Holy --- Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



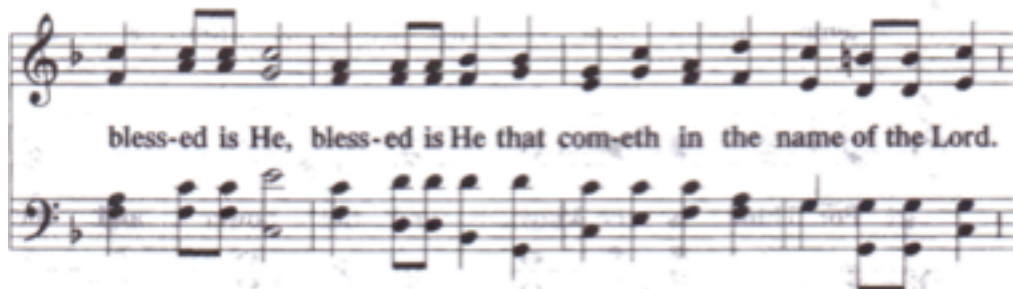
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



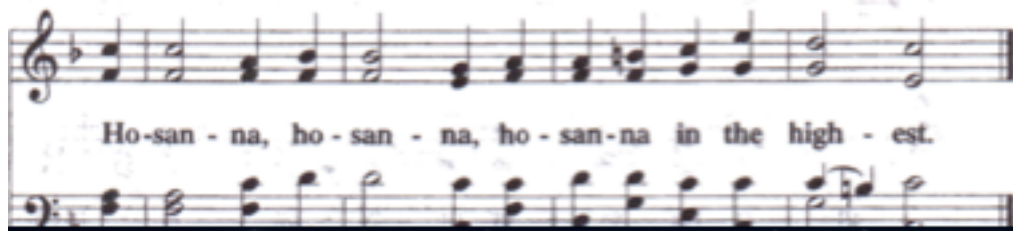
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

P: Blessed are You, Lord our God, for You did not desert Your rebellious creatures, but sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our Savior. In Your great mercy Your Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts so that we may call out to You for undeserved grace and forgiveness. Grant us now to faithfully receive our Redeemer as He comes to us under bread and wine. Unite all the faithful until that day when we shall gather together at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night 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."

Matthew 26: 26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Yourself under bread and wine, You bring to mind Your conception and birth, Your suffering, death and resurrection, as well as Your calling Your first disciples, and now even us, to follow. And thus we are bold to ask You to remember us in Your kingdom and to teach us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

A: 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.

Sharing of the Peace

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

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

C: **And also with you.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God --- John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant - us Thy peace. A - men.

↓ Communion Distribution

"Spiritual Suite: Let Us Break Bread Together," arr. Charles Callahan

The Lord's Supper will be distributed from the altar rail this morning.

↑ Post-Communion Collect

E: Let us pray. We give thanks, Lord our God, that You sent Your Son to walk among us and that we have received His body and blood, assuring us of the forgiveness of all our sins. As You have made our bodies to be temples of the Holy Spirit, so rule our hearts and minds that we may be enabled to serve You constantly; through Your Son, Jesus Christ 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 upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace," Lutheran Worship hymnal #336

Grant, Holy Ghost, that we behold The grace of Christ our Savior,
Whose wounds and agony untold Made good for our behavior.
The last hour cannot bring us loss When we are sheltered by the cross
That canceled our transgressions.

Your living Word shine in our heart And to a new life win us.
With seed of light implant the start Of Christ-like deeds within us.
Help us uproot what is impure, And while faith's fruits in us mature,
Prepare us for your harvest.

Then when our earthly course is run, Death's bitter hour impending,
May your good work in us begun Bring peace to our life's ending,
The joy of surely being brought, By Christ, who our salvation bought,
Into our Father's mansion.

Text: Bartholomaeus Ringwaldt, 1530-99; tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913

Tune: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1529

Musical Benediction

"Spiritual Suite: I've Got Peace Like a River," arr. Charles Callahan

Dismissal

Postlude

"Spiritual Suite: He Is King of Kings," arr. Charles Callahan

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