# Zion Lutheran Church

#### Sundays with Zion

Classical Worship . . . . . . 8:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Hour . . . . . 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship . . . . . . 10:45 a.m.

### Wednesday Worship

# Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 19, 2023

Please observe a few minutes of quiet time as you prepare for worship. We invite you to **pray** and read the **Scripture lessons** for the day.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion. Since this is no small thing that Jesus is giving, it is important for us to communicate before we receive Communion together. For all guests, we are glad that you are here! If you and the pastor have not yet spoken about Communion, we will offer you a blessing at that time in our worship instead of the Body and Blood of Christ until we can talk more so that in the future, we may indeed receive this precious gift together.

**ALL WORSHIPERS** are asked to please fill out the information sheet in the bulletin. Before we begin, you are also invited to pray and to read the Scripture for today's worship.

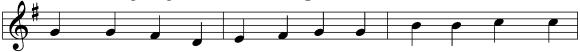
### PRAYER AS WE GATHER

O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as You gather us together to worship You in spirit and in truth, prepare us to receive the preaching of Your Word and all Your lifegiving gifts such that we would repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Rescuer, and grow in caring service for all. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

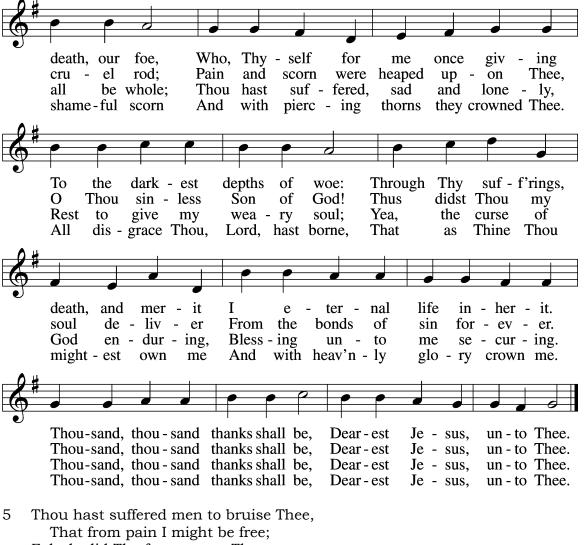
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### Christ, the Life of All the Living

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- 1 Christ, the life of all the liv ing, Christ, the death of
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a 3 Thou hast borne the smit ing on ly That my wounds might
- 4 Heart less scof fers did sur-round Thee, Treat ing Thee with



- Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
  That from pain I might be free;
  Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
  Thence I gain security;
  Comfortless Thy soul did languish
  Me to comfort in my anguish.
  Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
  Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction And hast borne it patiently,

Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,
 I will thank Thee evermore,
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.
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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation Matthew 28:19

P In the name of the Father and of the 4 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

# Confession and Absolution

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- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

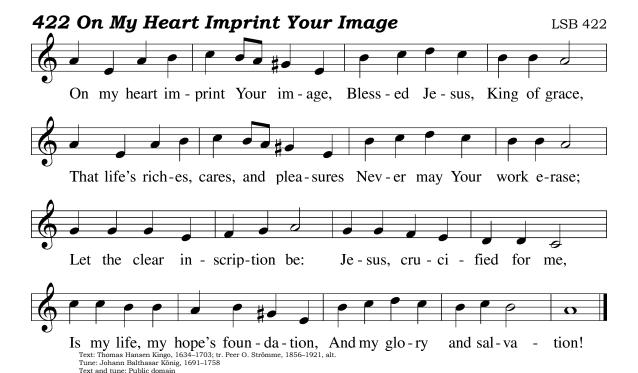
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. Psalm 130:3-4
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel (Silence for reflection on our need for forgiveness)* 

- **P** We pray,
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Stand

# Service of the Word





# Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

# Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

<sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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

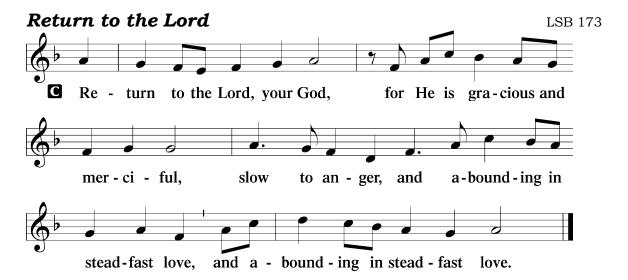
# **Epistle Reading**

Acts 13:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup>While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup>Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

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

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# Holy Gospel

Mark 8:14-38

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup>And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." <sup>16</sup>And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive

or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup>Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? <sup>19</sup>When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." <sup>20</sup>"And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." <sup>21</sup>And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

<sup>22</sup>And they came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man and begged him to touch him. <sup>23</sup>And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, "Do you see anything?" <sup>24</sup>And he looked up and said, "I see men, but they look like trees, walking." <sup>25</sup>Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup>And he sent him to his home, saying, "Do not even enter the village."

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

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# Children's Message

Children are invited to sit in the front for a brief teaching especially for them.

#### Nicene Creed

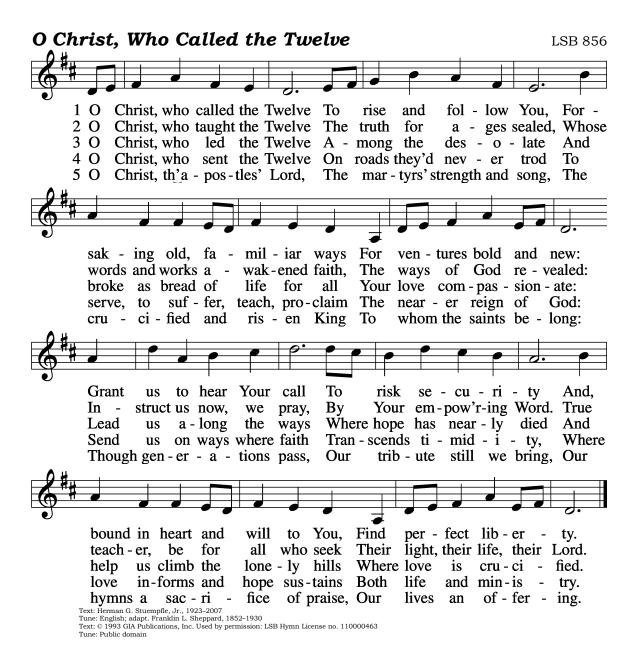
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us 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.

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#### Sermon

[Pastor's sermon is available for listening later this week at ZionLutheranNH.org under the Sermon tab]

# Offering

Please send a representative from your family up with your completed yellow information sheet and any offerings as an act of worship in response to Christ's abundant kindness toward us.

(You can also click on the Online Giving button at ZionLutheranNH.org to set up one-time or recurring payments when you are at home or even now in worship, which may take you only 2 minutes.)

Lenten Special Offering: You are invited to exercise additional generosity in support of Christian relief efforts for victims of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and in Syria by placing amounts of your choosing in the red and white boxes in the back of worship OR at ZionLutheranNH.org by clicking Online Giving, selecting Other, and specifying Relief.

# Prayers of the People

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:
  - Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble.
- Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name.
- Lord of hosts, Your Son abides among His saints in the temple of His Church.
- Shelter all those who seek refuge under the cover of His tent, and raise up pastors in every age to serve them in Your name.
- Lord of hosts, breathe Your life into Your Church, that she may stand by Your strength and live according to Your Word.
- Lay Your hand on your people of every era to proclaim Your Word and to bring life to the downtrodden, the faithless, the fearful and the outcast.
- Lord God, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them.
- Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame.
- Gracious Father, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory.

Sustain the afflicted in body or soul that they would take heart, trust You for healing and find You even in the midst of their trials.

Additional prayers are offered at this time

- L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament

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Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



# Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

# Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

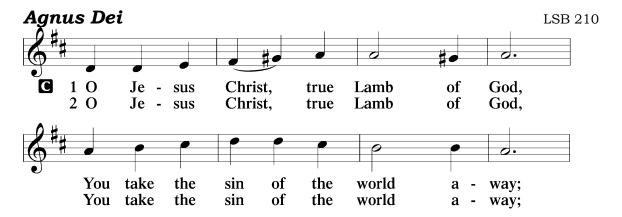
# The Words of Our Lord

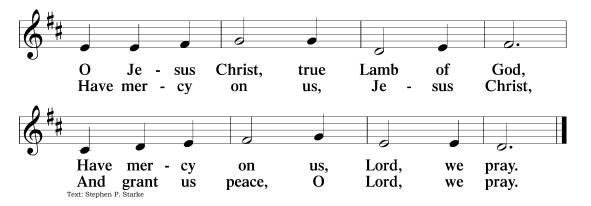
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

#### Pax Domini

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





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### **Distribution**

### Holy Communion with Zion Lutheran Church

By participating in Holy Communion...

- ... we acknowledge that we have sinned.
- ... we trust that Jesus is giving His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of our sins.
- ... we resolve to turn away from our sin.
- $\ldots$  you are uniting yourself under the teaching and discipline of the church with which you are communing.

Perhaps you are not yet sure about what Zion and our sister churches stand for, or perhaps you have not yet received baptism. Still, we are truly glad to be with you today, and you are invited to fold your hands over your chest to indicate that you are receiving a blessing instead, but please talk with our pastor or with one of our elders after worship so that indeed we may receive this precious gift from Jesus together soon.

For the clear cups in the center of the trays, Communion assistants take a bottle of white grape juice, add a drop of wine (by which Jesus promises to give His true Blood), and then use that bottle to fill these special cups. In this way, you know you receive the Blood of Christ with a minimal amount of wine that has been thoroughly diluted. (We understand that alcohol is a concern for some, in which case we encourage you to make time to talk with the pastor.)

#### Prayer for before Communing

O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make me ready to receive the most holy Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### After Receiving Communion

Lift

high

the cross,

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding us the lifegiving Body and Blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths feasted on this holy meal, we may by faith obtain and forever enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, eternal life in Christ, and unity with one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

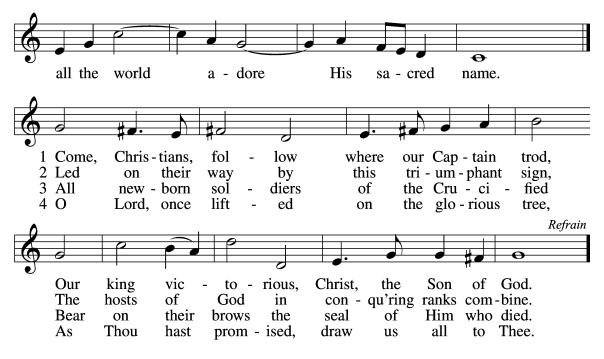


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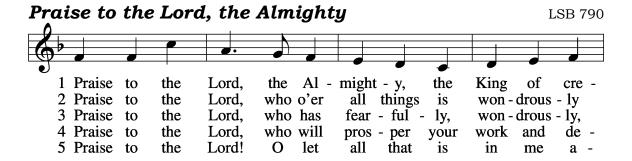
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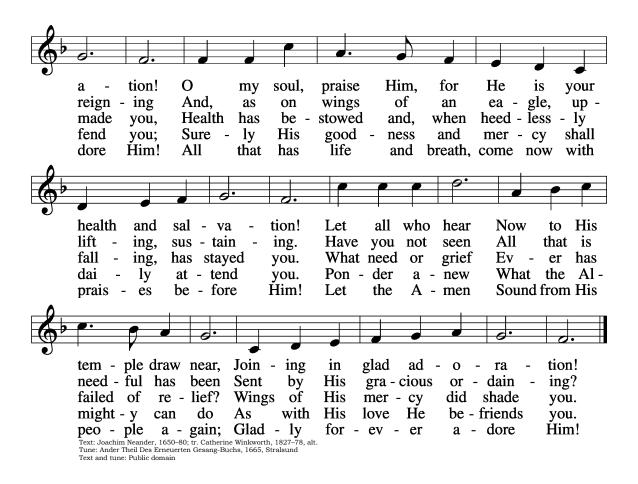
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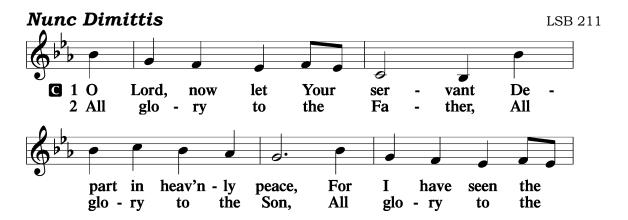
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be: Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

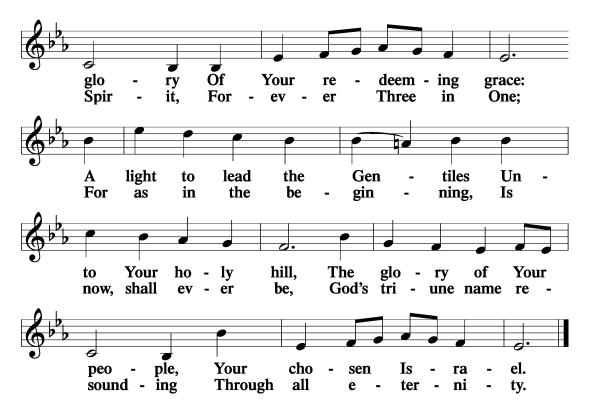
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#### Stand





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** 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**Numbers 6:24-26

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.

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