

St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool, LCMS

Declaring & Teaching - Jesus is Lord!

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

# The Epiphany of Our Lord

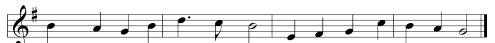
# Hymn: LSB 397 As with Gladness Men of Old



- 1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
- 2 As with joy ful steps they sped, Sav ior, to Thy low ly bed,
- 3 As they of fered gifts most rare At Thy cra dle, rude and bare,
- 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the nar-row way; 5 In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-at-ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright; There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore; So may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy, And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee. So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat. All our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King. Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide. There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

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# **Opening Song:**

# Angels From The Realms Of Glory (Regent Square)

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### Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

# Verse 2

Shepherds in the field abiding
Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

### Verse 4

Saints before the altar bending Watching long in hope and fear Suddenly the Lord descending In His temple shall appear Come and worship come and worship Worship Christ the newborn King

# Verse 6

Though an infant now we view Him
He shall fill His Father's throne
Gather all the nations to Him
Every knee shall then bow down
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

### Verse 7

All creation join in praising
God the Father Spirit Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One
Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King

# Confession and Absolution

# Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

- 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.
- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P 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.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

# Kyrie LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

# Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



- C 1 To God on high be glo ry And peace to all the earth;
  - 2 To You, O sole-be got ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray;
  - 3 For You a-lone are ho ly; You on ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing— Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

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

Psalm Psalm 72:1-11; antiphon: v. 18

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

<sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

<sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

<sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

 May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

<sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

<sup>8</sup>May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

<sup>9</sup>May desert tribes bow down before him and his enemies lick the dust!

<sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

<sup>11</sup>May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

# **Epistle** *Ephesians 3:1–12*

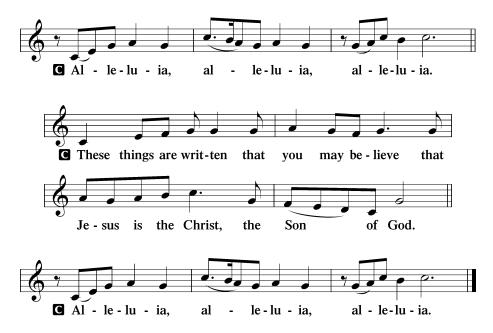
<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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

Stand

### Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

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

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6"'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.

<sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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

### 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.

Sit

# Children's Message

# **Sermon Song:**

# It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

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### Verse 1

It came upon the midnight clear; That glo-rious song of old From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold Peace on the ea-rth good will to men, From hea-ven's all gracious King The world in so-lemn stillness lay, To hear the a-ngels sing.

# Verse 2

Still thro' the cloven skies they come, with pea-ceful wings unfurled And still their heavenly music floats, O'er all the wea-ry world Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on ho-vering wing And ever o'er its Babel sounds, the ble-ssed a-ngels sing.

### Verse 3

And you beneath life's crushing load, by ca-re and guilt bent low Who toil along the dreary way, with painful ste-ps and slow Look now! for glad and golden hours come swi-ftly on the wing The Prince was born to bring you peace; of Him the a-ngels sing.

### Verse 4

For lo the days have come to pass, by pro-phets see-n of old When with the ever-circling years Came Christ as wa-s fortold His word of pea-ce shall to the earth, God's an-cient pro-mise bring And all who ta-ke this gift will hear the song the a-ngels sing.

**Sermon** – Pastor Richard Kiessling

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# **Prayers in Times of Need**

<u>For the sick:</u> Kim Anderson, Cori & Vickie (Wall), Mel Fessler <u>Bereavement</u>: Peck & Smith family, Ryan (loss of wife)

**Surgery**: Alan Wachlin, Jennifer Gatke, Debbie Grace

Dr's Wisdom: Don Conzelmann, Madeline Gatke, Jen Snellen, Glen Noel (Burda), Baby Elliott (Burda)

Natural Disasters throughout the world World Health Crisis: COVID-19 Pandemic

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In times of affliction, healing and endurance, safety: Julie Snellen, Ruth Peters, Erwin Schlichting, Simone Huff, Larry Cole (Kulle), Lydia Hylton, Korinna (Burda), Bill Peters, Aida Jensen, Barbara Dunn, Ilse Von Hagen, Alice Erickson, Betty Conzelmann, Ann Jorgens, Kelsie (Conzelmann), Lois (Richard), Phil & Karen (Burda), Julie (Burda), Erlene (Burda)

# Pray for persecuted Christians in our nation and throughout the world

<u>For family members</u>: Joseph Karvia, Connor Andresen, Andrea Kulle & Crosse, Aunt Eileen Wallace, Wachlin family, Greg & Torie Philo (Atiyeh), Katrina (Bush)

For Friends: David Horman (Snellen), Judy, Mandy (Burda)

# For Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Col. Rich Satterlund – US Army, Hutton Peterson- Marine Corp (Andresen), SFC Karl Gatke – National Guard, Branden Thatch – Marine Corp (Zachritz), Dylan Marlin – Marine Corp (Zachritz), Cpt. Austin Snyder (Army), Major Chad Raney (Simpson), Alyssa Halstead, Cdr Jeff Webb (Pastor Don)

The prayer list is updated every three weeks. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please call the office or email office@stpaulsherwood.org

# **Prayer of the Church**

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P 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:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who in faith, piety and love come to receive His gifts and praise His name, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For Matthew, our Synod president; Paul, our district president; Pastor Don, our circuit visitor; all pastors and congregations; and our parish, let us pray to the Lord:

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For all families and homes, that one generation may tell to the next the wonderful works of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For our president; our governor; all our leaders; our legislature and Congress; those elected and preparing to begin service to our nation; and our military, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** [Local petitions may be inserted here], let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all women with child and all mothers with infant children, that they would have joyful fruition and success, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For all who commune this day, that they would receive our Lord's body and blood in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of sins, and in the unity of a true confession, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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# Offering & Song:

### The Name Of Jesus

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# Verse 1 & 2

The name of Jesus is a refuge; A shelter from the storm A help to those who call
The name of Jesus is a fortress; A saving place to run
A hope unshakable

### Pre-Chorus

When we fall, You are the Savior When we call, You are the answer There is power in Your name There is power in Your name

### Chorus

In the name of Jesus, There is life and healing Chains are broken in Your name. Ev'ry knee will bow down And our hearts will cry out, Songs of freedom in Your name Oh in Your name

Verse 3
Bring salvation, Bring Your kingdom
Let all that You have made, Bring glory to Your name

Pre-Chorus

### Chorus

Ev'ry chain broken away in Your name

When we fall, You are the Savior When we call, You are the answer *Repeat* 

There is power in Your name There is power in Your name There is power in Your name

There is power in Your name Repeat

# Chorus

There is power In Your name

# Announcements

To contact our Preschool Director call Kathy Prehm call 541-510-6103. We offer Pre3, Pre4, PreK.

Registration for School Year 2021/22 opens in February.

# Birthdays this week...

Cameron Greene	1/5
Jennifer Gatke	1/6
RJ Swift	1/6
Roberta Weber	1/7

# Anniversaries this week...

Pastor Don & Jill Richard 1/3/1997 24 years

<u>WINTER PORTALS OF PRAYER ARE HERE:</u> For those who attend church check the buffet for the winter portals of prayer. You can contact free pick up a copy in the education building hallway. They will be in a basket. We won't leave them outside this time since it's the rainy season and the pages get damp. Call the office if you need one mailed to you. Blessings!

**WORSHIP AND SAFETY:** Washington County is still in Phase I since June. We will continue our 8:30 & 10:45 AM services in the sanctuary with 25 people max, physical distancing, with facemasks. To keep everyone safe, we ask you wear face coverings during services, please use hand sanitizers placed throughout church and we will not be shaking hands or hugging during this time. Watch your emails for any updates regarding St. Paul activities resuming. Women's Bible study and other groups are on Zoom. Contact the office for the link to join in. We sure look forward to the time we can hug you again! We have missed you. Thanks for listening to our Facebook services over the past months. We will continue to stream the second service.

# CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE: Please drop your bottles/cans on the porch of the

parsonage/activities house located on the back of the campus and the youth will recycle them. Donations will support our church family care fund during these difficult times. Thanks! Please do not leave your bottles outside the church. Stop by the office to pick up bottle drop blue collection bags or call 503-625-6648.

<u>THANK YOU:</u> THANK YOU so much for continuing to tithe during these challenging times. If you haven't signed up for electronic giving please visit our new website at <u>www.stpaulsherwood.org</u> for the link. Here is the link for giving online as well. <a href="https://stpaulsherwood.org/giving/">https://stpaulsherwood.org/giving/</a>. Bless you!

# This week at St. Paul...

**Today**: Communion

8:30am LSB Divine Service 3 10:45am LSB Divine Service 4

Monday: No Preschool/teacher workday

**Wednesday**: 9am Women's Bible study (Zoom)

**Thursday**: 5:30pm Praise Team

**Saturday:** 10am Trustees meeting

**Sunday:** Installation Sunday

8:30am LSB Divine Service 3 10:45am LSB Divine Service 4

Offering Report 12-27-2020

Envelopes General Fund \$3,455.00

Plate \$169.75

Simply Giving \$818.00

Total General Fund Offering \$4,442.75

Ed Building Remodel \$1,005.00

Human Care (Nativity Drive Thru) \$100.00

Children's Gifts \$20.00

Family Care Fund (Youth Bottle Recycling) \$149.00

Ed Building Remodel Fund Giving as of November 30, 2020 \$77,368.00

Ed Bldg. Remodel Fund Giving Balance Due as of 11-30-2020 \$17,632.00

(Figures are updated monthly)

# **ELDERS for 2021**

Please call any one of them should you need pastoral care, or just want to talk.

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# Service of the Sacrament

# Stand

### **Preface**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

# **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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

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

# **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 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 Holood, 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 Songs:**

# **Glory In The Highest**

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Verse 1
You are the first
You go before
You are the last
Lord You're the encore
Your name's in lights for all to see
The starry host declare Your glory

Chorus
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest

Verse 2
Apart from You
There is no God
Light of the world
The bright and morning star
Your name will shine for all to see
You are the one
You are my glory

### Chorus

Bridge
And no one else
Could ever compare to You Lord
All the earth together declares

Chorus
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest to You Lord repeat

# O Little Town Of Bethlehem

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# Verse 1

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

# Verse 2 For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above While mortals sleep the angels keep Their watch of wondering love O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God the King And peace to men on earth

Verse 3
How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven
No ear may hear His coming
But in this world of sin
Where meek souls will
Receive Him still
The dear Christ enters in

# Verse 4

O holy child of Bethlehem
Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell
O come to us abide with us
Our Lord Emmanuel

Stand

# **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

# **Benedicamus**

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### **Benediction**

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.

# **Closing Song:**

### Forever

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### Verse 1:

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; His love endures forever For He is good He is above all things; His love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise

# Verse 2:

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn; His love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise... Sing praise, sing praise

# Chorus:

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong Forever God is with us, forever, forever.

### Verse 3:

From the rising to the setting sun; His love endures forever And by the grace of God we will carry on; His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise; Sing praise, sing praise

Chorus x2

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