

# Confession and Absolution

## 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

- 1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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### Stand

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

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*LSB 184*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

### Kneel/Stand

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

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**Absolution***LSB 185*

- P** 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

*Stand***Service of the Word****Introit***Psalm 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*

- P** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.
- C** **When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.**
- P** In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?
- C** **In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise,**
- P** in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?
- C** **For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

**Gloria Patri***LSB 186*

- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Kyrie***LSB 186*

- C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Gloria in Excelsis***LSB 187*

- P** Glory be to God on high:
- C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**  
**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,**  
**we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**  
**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**  
**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**  
**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**  
**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**  
**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**  
**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**  
**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**  
**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**  
**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Let us pray.  
O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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***Jeremiah 20:7–13*

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have deceived me,  
 and I was deceived;  
 you are stronger than I,  
 and you have prevailed.  
 I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
 everyone mocks me.  
<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
 I shout, “Violence and destruction!”  
 For the word of the LORD has become for me  
 a reproach and derision all day long.  
<sup>9</sup>If I say, “I will not mention him,  
 or speak any more in his name,”  
 there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
 shut up in my bones,  
 and I am weary with holding it in,  
 and I cannot.  
<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering.  
 Terror is on every side!  
 “Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”  
 say all my close friends,  
 watching for my fall.  
 “Perhaps he will be deceived;  
 then we can overcome him  
 and take our revenge on him.”  
<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
 therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
 they will not overcome me.  
 They will be greatly shamed,  
 for they will not succeed.  
 Their eternal dishonor  
 will never be forgotten.  
<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
 who sees the heart and the mind,  
 let me see your vengeance upon them,  
 for to you have I committed my cause.  
<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
 praise the LORD!  
 For he has delivered the life of the needy  
 from the hand of evildoers.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle***Romans 6:12–23*

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be

to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,<sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death.

<sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

<sup>21</sup>“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

## 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## Sermon

Grace, Mercy, and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Back in April 1987, what many thought was unthinkable happened, changing my life forever. My employer eliminated smoking in its buildings. Government mandated warnings began in 1965 and began carrying the

Surgeon General's name in 1970. Cigarette advertising was banned in 1969. But that hadn't stopped me from starting to smoke. Both of my parents smoked. Smoking was cool. And sneaking around to smoke made it every cooler. Years later, a choice had to be made. Do I quit every Monday, or just that one Monday?

Many smokers will tell you quitting is easy; they have done it many times. It is staying quit that is hard. Either the nicotine, the addictive ingredient, or the habit called out for a smoke. For example, some had to smoke while they were drinking. For some, finishing a meal caused a craving. Often, these triggers would lead them back into their habit. I've also known people who could take or leave cigarettes, almost as if the habit or the nicotine were not addictive. But for me, staying quit meant never, ever picking up a cigarette or any other form of tobacco. Cigarettes were, for me, a bad habit with a continual attraction.

Isn't the same true of sinning? Haven't we all, many times, tried to quit sinning? Especially our pet sin. The sin we've been trying on our own to overcome for years. Perhaps a sin that if anyone ever found out, you'd be too embarrassed to show your face. That sin that you work hard to keep hidden. Maybe something you see or watch on the internet. Maybe how you spend your time. Maybe failing to put others words and actions into the best possible light. Maybe having your own god or gods. Maybe putting yourself ahead of the needs of others.

The devil, the world and our sinful nature make sin attractive to us. The devil, the world and our sinful nature tempt us. And even when we resolutely repent and turn back to God, sin still calls out to us. We know sin is not good for us, but we are still attracted. We know "the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23).

In Romans 6, God worked your salvation; Jesus conquered sin, death, and the devil for you. Before your baptism, you were a slave to sin, an enemy of God. Your every thought, word, and deed opposed God. Yet God loves you. God wants what is best for you. God didn't create you to remain his enemy forever. So, God sent the Holy Spirit to work faith in you through the hearing of God's Word. God called you to be baptized, to die with Jesus, and to arise to life, a life of righteousness which you could never accomplish on your own. Jesus paid your sin debt. Jesus cured your incurable sin sickness. You have been justified, made righteous, by Jesus's all-availing sacrifice on cross for your sins. You are free to serve God in righteousness, a righteousness that you could never choose for yourself, a righteousness you wouldn't choose for yourself. Jesus willingly died for your sins, opening the gate of heaven to you, to all people. You are justified by faith in Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Once justified, made righteous with God, your sanctification begins. Your being made holy begins. Luther carefully taught the distinction between justification and sanctification. The Holy Spirit is key in both. Your justification is a freely given gift. Your salvation is a gift of God, graciously and mercifully given. You can't improve it. You merely receive it. You, on your own, cannot accept it. But, you could reject it. You could tell God that you don't want his Grace. That you don't want his Holy Spirit to build and strengthen your faith. On your own, you can't desire or ask to faithfully proclaim Jesus the Lord of Creation who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Sanctification, on the other hand, is your being made holy, set apart from sin, to be holy as your Heavenly Father is holy. Sanctification is actively living as you were created to live, actively living as God's child. Sanctification is being God's instrument of righteousness, not God's enemy, an instrument of unrighteousness. Before being justified, before being made righteous, you had no choice. You could only be an instrument of unrighteousness. You were a slave to sin, unable to choose or seek God. But now, by the grace of God, you are a servant of righteousness. Yet, sin is at hand, luring you to return to being a slave to unrighteousness, to being an enemy of God.

Everyone serves and worships something or someone. We serve ourselves, our pride, our finances, our relationships, our country, our government. When we place our trust in any of these things, we turn our back on

God. Each false, created god, will ultimately fail, will let us down. God, on the other hand, will never let us down. When God speaks, things happen, things come to be. God spoke and creation came to exist. God Word speaks and faith comes to be. Our relationship with God comes to be. Our justification comes to be. Our sanctification comes to be.

The god one worships comes with consequences. Serving anyone or anything but the one true God leads to death and eternal condemnation. The people of Israel asked for a king so that they might be like other kingdoms instead of being satisfied with God as their king. The people of Israel sought after other gods, turning their back on the one true God. And so, God gave them over to the other gods they sought, as Jeremiah proclaimed.

Sin separates. Sin divides. Sin separates us from God, from one another, and even separates our bodies and souls. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We don't love God with all our hearts and minds and strength. We don't love our neighbor as ourselves. We serve other gods, turning our backs on the one true God.

But God is not content to leave you in your sins. Jesus died for your sins, my sins, and the sins of all people. God makes the first move, calls you to faith by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. God calls you to become God's own dear child in baptism. The Holy Spirit works repentance in your heart, calls you to confess your sins and receive forgiveness. God who is faithful and just will forgive your sins and keep you into a loving relationship with Him. The Holy Spirit will guide your heart and mind to a faithful and loving response to the great gift of salvation earned by Jesus on the Cross. The Holy Spirit guides your actions in righteousness as you love and serve God and your neighbor. The Holy Spirit sanctifies and keeps you in the one true faith with Jesus Christ.

Just as my employer set me free from tobacco, God set you free from sin by sending Jesus to die for your sins. While tempted to go it alone, God provides the Holy Spirit to lead you in paths of righteousness in a loving response to God's love, grace, and mercy. And God is with you, giving you strength and courage to avoid temptation and lead lives of righteousness. With the help of the Holy Spirit, offer your members in righteousness to serve and glorify God. Choose righteousness over unrighteousness. Resist choosing unrighteous, knowing that when you fall into sin, repentance and confession lead you back to God who forgives your sins and restores your righteousness as you become holy through the work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Votum**

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

### **Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Church**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That sin would not reign in our mortal bodies or make us obey its passions, but as those brought from death into life, we would present our bodies to God as instruments of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For courage and fortitude, that God would bless His pastors and people to sing His praises, endure suffering for the name of Jesus, and continue by His grace to the end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the households of this congregation, that our Father in heaven would overcome division with unity of faith, give wisdom and peace where there is anger and strife, and bless parents with faithfulness to teach their children, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the authorities of our nation, that God would bless them with wisdom to seek the common good, deliver them from temptations to promote evil and oppose His will, and give them penitent hearts and confidence in His grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a love of God's Word, that though the world treats it with derision, we would hold fast to the Scriptures and declare God's praises, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those persecuted for the name of Jesus, that God would look with favor upon them, be the dread warrior against the evil one, and make His mercy known to the world through their suffering, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For rescue from fear, that He who delivered our souls from death would strengthen our faith to walk before Him in the light of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who partake of the Holy Communion this day, that they would present themselves as those brought out of death into life to receive in repentance the forgiveness of their sins, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 194*

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

### Proper Preface (Full)

- P** It is truly meet, 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. 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

*LSB 195*

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

- P** 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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

LSB 197

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Amen.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### 727 On Eagles' Wings

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!" Refrain
- ref And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.
- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. Refrain
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. Refrain
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain

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### 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

- 1 O little flock, fear not the foe  
Who madly seeks your overthrow;  
Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
And though your courage sometimes faints,  
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints  
Lasts but a little hour.
- 2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs  
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;

Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
 Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,  
 His Gideon shall for you arise,  
 Uphold you and His Word.

- 3 As true as God's own Word is true,  
 Not earth nor hell's satanic crew  
 Against us shall prevail.  
 Their might? A joke, a mere facade!  
 God is with us and we with God—  
 Our vict'ry cannot fail.
- 4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;  
 Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,  
 Fight for us once again!  
 So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise  
 A mighty chorus to Thy praise  
 Forevermore. Amen.

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*Stand*

## The Dismissal

*LSB 199*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

## 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.

## Salutation

*LSB 201*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.

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