

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Christian

Education

Sun. 9:15 am

Services

Sat. 5:30 pm

Sun. 8:00 am

Sun. 10:30 am

***Proclaim the
Christ.***

***Grow the
Family.***

***Love the
Neighbor.***

Pastors

Mike Burdick

Trey Dille

July 13, 2025

5th Sunday

after Pentecost

(Proper 10C)

Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Offerings are placed in the boxes at the doors, before or after worship.
- Little Children's Worship bags are available by the elevator door.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Trey Dille.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller	Organist
Mrs. Ammon Probst	Song Leader
St. John's Band	10:30am Music
Hayes Hinton, Alexa Westjohn, & Beckett Sams.....	Acolytes
Mr. Todd Zeigler	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Dave Worman	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. David Wall.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler (217-821-6135).....	Elder on Duty for July 13-19
Chatelain School & Baja School	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins.....	(773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott	(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions	through our District and Synod

Altar Flowers are in celebration of Pastor Dille & Katie's 3rd Wedding Anniversary



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. Thank you.

You will find the songs for our 10:30 Service in Italics.

"Christ And Christ Crucified"

Preservice #1

*The wages of my sin was death
You knew I couldn't pay the debt
You paid it with your final breath
Hallelujah hallelujah*

*We sing Christ and Christ crucified
In You we're raised from death to life
We sing Christ and Christ crucified
Hallelujah hallelujah*

*You took the wrath that I deserved
Your holy blood broke every curse
Your mercy had the final word
Hallelujah hallelujah*

*Death couldn't hold You down
Hell couldn't steal Your crown
There's resurrection power
In Your Name in Your Name*

*We sing Christ and Christ crucified
In You we're raised from death to life
We sing Christ and Christ crucified
Hallelujah hallelujah*

*Let all the earth cry out
Lift up a holy sound
Give all the glory now
To Jesus' Name Jesus' Name*

*No sin is bigger than Your blood
No shame is stronger than Your love
You said it's finished it is done
Hallelujah hallelujah*

*Death couldn't hold You down
Hell couldn't steal Your crown
There's resurrection power
In Your Name in Your Name*

*Death couldn't keep You in the ground
You rose in power and took hell down
That power's living in us now
Hallelujah hallelujah*

*Let all the earth cry out
Lift up a holy sound
Give all the glory now
To Jesus' Name Jesus' Name*

*We sing Christ and Christ crucified
In You we're raised from death to life
We sing Christ and Christ crucified
Hallelujah hallelujah*

*We sing Christ and Christ crucified
In You we're raised from death to life
We sing Christ and Christ crucified
Hallelujah hallelujah*

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*We sing Christ and Christ crucified
In You we're raised from death to life
We sing Christ and Christ crucified
Hallelujah hallelujah*

"Christ and Christ Crucified" written by Dustin Smith, Lindy Cofer, Mitch Wong 2022 Circuit Rider Music Collective Scripture Reference: Romans 3:21-31 CCLI Song: 7194763 CCLI License: 51072

"Lamb Of God"

Preservice #2

*Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God*

*Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God*

*Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God*

"O Lamb Of God" written by Twila Paris 1985 Mountain Spring Music Scripture Reference: John 1:29, Rev: 7:14 CCLI Song: 16787 CCLI License: 51072

*Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God*

*I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God*

*Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God*

Divine Service Setting Three

Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #851

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

"Father Welcomes All His Children"

(10:30) Opening Song

Chorus

*Father welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son
Father giving His salvation
Life forever has been won*

*Little children come to Me
For My kingdom is of these
Life and love I have to give
Mercy for your sin <Chorus>*

"Father Welcomes All His Children" written by Robin Mann 1989, 1992 Kevin Mayhew Ltd Scripture Reference: Gal. 3:26-27; Rom. 6:1-7; Mark 16:16; John 3:3-6 CCLI Song: 55205 CCLI License: 51072

*In the water in the Word
In His promise be assured
Those who are baptised and believe
Shall be born again <Chorus>*

*Let us daily die to sin
Let us daily rise with Him
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord
Live in the peace of God <Chorus>*

Confession and Absolution

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 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.

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

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.


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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie (5:30 & 5:00)

Mark 10:47 LSB 186

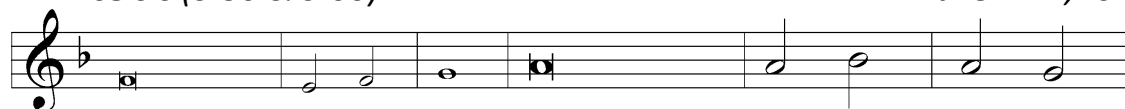


Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

on us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis (5:30 & 5:00)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 187



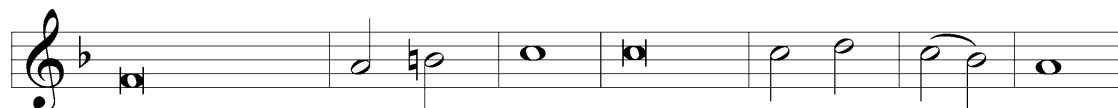
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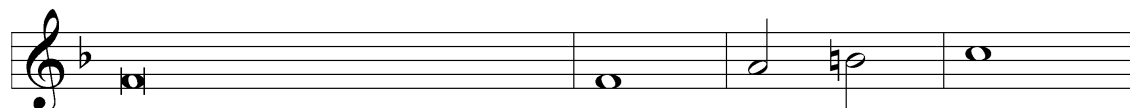
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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



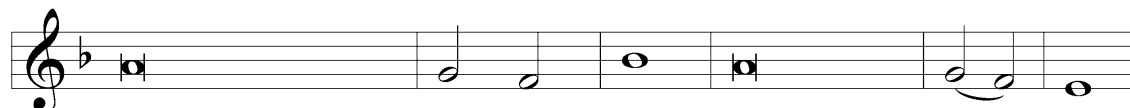
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



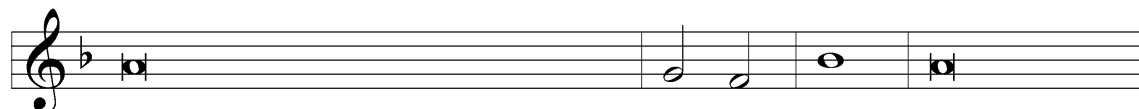
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



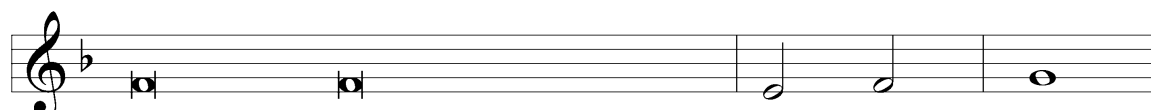
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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 with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 18:1–5; 19:9–18

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. . . .

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- ¹Blessèd is the one who considers the poor!
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- ²the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessèd in the land;
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.
- ³The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;
in his illness you restore him to full health.
- ⁴As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you!"
- ⁵My enemies say of me in malice,
"When will he die and his name perish?"
- ⁶And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.
- ⁷All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.
- ⁸They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies."
- ⁹Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- ¹⁰But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!
- ¹¹By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- ¹²But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.
- ¹³Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

Epistle

Colossians 1:1–14

- ¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:
 Grace to you and peace from God our Father.
- ³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,
⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood

the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (5:30 & 5:00)

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Luke 10:25–37

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

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 of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn #849

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

"My Worth Is Not In What I Own" (At The Cross)

(10:30) Sermon Song

*My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross*

*My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross*

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

*As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross*

*I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom's fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross*

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

*Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross*

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

*I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in Him no other
My soul is satisfied in Him alone*

"My Worth Is Not In What I Own" written by Graham Kendrick, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty Getty Music Publishing (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) Scripture Reference: Philippians 3:7-8, Romans 5:8 CCLI Song: 7024758 CCLI License: 51072

The Fourth Commandment

C Honor your father and your mother.

P What does this mean?

C *We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.*

Offertory (5:30 & 5:00)

Psalm 51:10–12 LSB 192



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering Presentation/Collection of Cards

Commissioning & Blessing of those attending the National Youth Gathering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136] 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.

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 (5:30 & 5:00)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB 195



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.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

C 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

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25 LSB 197

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

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.

Distribution

Hymn #537

Beautiful Savior

Hymn #633

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

"Jerusalem"

(10:30) Communion Song

See Him in Jerusalem
Walking where the crowds are
Once these streets had sung to Him
Now they cry for murder
Such a frail and lonely Man
Holding up the heavy cross
See Him walking in Jerusalem
On the road to save us

See Him there upon the hill
Hear the scorn and laughter
Silent as a lamb He waits
Praying to the Father

See the King who made the sun
And the moon and shining stars
Let the soldiers hold and nail Him down
So that He could save them

See Him there upon the cross
Now no longer breathing
Dust that formed the watching crowds
Takes the blood of Jesus
Feel the earth is shaking now
See the veil is split in two
And He stood before the wrath of God
Shielding sinners with His blood

See the empty tomb today
 Death could not contain Him
 Once the Servant of the world
 Now in vict'ry reigning
 Lift your voices to the One
 Who is seated on the throne
 See Him in the New Jerusalem
 Praise the One who saved us

Lift your voices to the One
 Who is seated on the throne
 See Him in the New Jerusalem
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"Jerusalem" written by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Tiarne Tranter 2014 CityAlight MusicScripture
 Reference: Matt. 21:1-11; John 6:38; Mark 16:1-8CCLI Song: 7003218CCLI License: 51072

Blessing

Nunc Dimittis (5:30 & 5:00)

Luke 2:29-32 LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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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.**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

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.**

Hymn #924	Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
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"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

(10:30) Closing Song

*Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.*

*With praise and thanksgiving To God everliving,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us.
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.*

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NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING 2025 TO NEW ORLEANS
PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING

P Let us pray. Gracious Father, You have called these youth and adults by name and made them Your own in Baptism. As they travel to New Orleans, bless their journey, guard their hearts, and strengthen them in their identity in You.

When they grow weary, lift their eyes to Jesus.

When they are overwhelmed, surround them with Your peace.

When they sin and make mistakes, offer them your forgiveness.

When they celebrate, let their joy overflow from hearts grounded in You.

C Lord, help them ENDURE.

P Let them return with stories of Your faithfulness and with hearts renewed for service. May the Gathering be a moment of transformation, connection, and grace that encourages them to be disciples of Jesus for life.

C Lord, help them ENDURE.

P We entrust them to You, confident that He who began a good work in them will carry it on to completion in Christ Jesus. In His strong and saving name we pray,

C Amen.

SENDING

P May the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering be a life-shaping journey. When you feel weak, may you remember the strength of your Savior. When you feel alone, may you recall the great cloud of witnesses surrounding you. When you grow tired, may you rest in the promise that Christ endured for you. May God bless you with open eyes, listening hearts, and enduring faith.

BENEDICTION

P Go in the name of the God who calls us to ENDURE: the Father who created us, the Son who endured the cross for us, and the Holy Spirit who strengthens us to run the race.

C Amen.

