

# Welcome!

## St. John's Lutheran Church

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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

**Jan 4, 2026**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
Of Christmas

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> floors. Those on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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. Ruth Bray .....	Organist
Ms. Sandy Wieneke .....	Bell Choir Director
Mrs. Meghan Wahl .....	Song Leader
St. John's Band .....	10:30am Music
Hayes Hinton, Graham Wendling, & Beckett Sams .....	Acolytes
Mr. Ray Hartman .....	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Gayland Bourland .....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. David Wall .....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. David Wall (217-343-6482) .....	Elder on Duty for January 4 - 10
Chatelain School & Baja School .....	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins & Pastor Dille .....	(773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leaders
Mrs. Julie Scott .....	(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions .....	through our District and Synod



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. Those needing a gluten-free host should notify the pastor before the Service, or can request it as you approach him at the Table. Thank you

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

**"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen / We Three Kings"**

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen,  
Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Saviour  
Was born upon this day;  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray.*

*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

*From God our heavenly Father  
This blessed angel came;  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name.*

*O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy!*

*O, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to that perfect light.*

**Preservice #1**

*Born a king on Bethlehem's plain;  
Gold I bring to crown Him again;  
King forever, ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.*

*O, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to that perfect light.*

*Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice,  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Worship Him, God Most High.*

*O, star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to that perfect light.*

*God rest ye merry, gentlemen,  
let nothing you dismay  
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let nothing you dismay  
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let nothing you dismay*

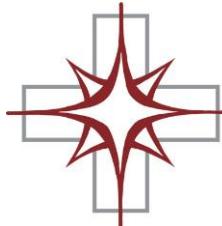
*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus, Laid down His sweet head,  
The stars in the sky Looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus Asleep in the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, The Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus, No crying he makes  
I love Thee Lord Jesus, Look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle, Till morning is nigh*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, And love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children In Thy tender care  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.*

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**DIVINE SERVICE ONE**



**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

**Welcome**

**Hymn #387**

**Joy to the World**

**"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*

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

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

"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

## 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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.**

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation 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 offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

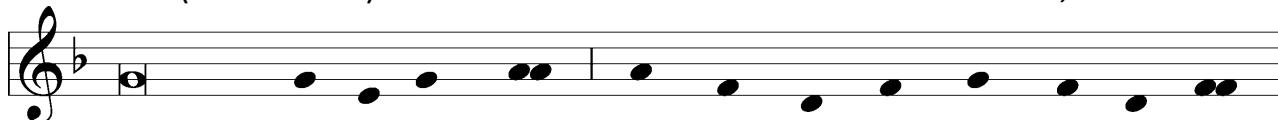
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis (5:30 & 8:00)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



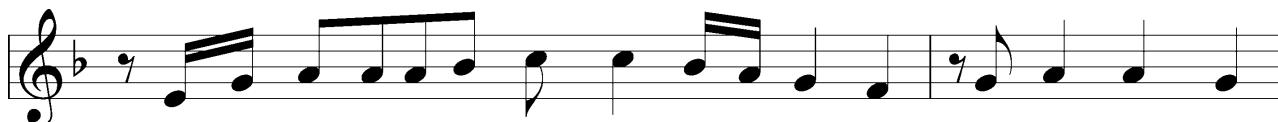
We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

<sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?”

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

<sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Bell Choir Anthem

“We Three Kings”

<sup>97</sup>Oh how I love your law!

**It is my meditation all the day.**

<sup>98</sup>Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,  
**for it is ever with me.**

<sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers,  
**for your testimonies are my meditation.**

<sup>100</sup>I understand more than the aged,  
**for I keep your precepts.**

<sup>101</sup>I hold back my feet from every evil way,  
**in order to keep your word.**

<sup>102</sup>I do not turn aside from your just decrees,  
**for you have taught me.**

<sup>103</sup>How sweet are your words to my taste,  
**sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

<sup>104</sup>Through your precepts I get understanding;  
**therefore I hate every false way.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse (5:30 & 8:00)

John 6:68 LSB 156



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>40</sup>The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

<sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.” <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**"Where Shepherds Lately Knelt"**

(10:30) Sermon Song

*Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,  
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;  
But there is room and welcome there for me,  
But there is room and welcome there for me.*

*In that unlikely place I find Him as they said:  
Sweet newborn babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:  
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,  
A still, small voice to cry one day for me*

*How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,  
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:  
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,  
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.*

*Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned  
Its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,  
To die, to live, and not alone for me,  
To die, to live, and not alone for me.*

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**Sermon**

**"Give Me Wisdom**  
1 Kings 3:4-15

**Prayer of the Church****Installation of Officers & Boards****Offering Presentation & Collection of Cards****Service of the Sacrament****Preface**

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

P The Lord be with you.  
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.  
**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C 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.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.  
**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

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.

### Pax Domini

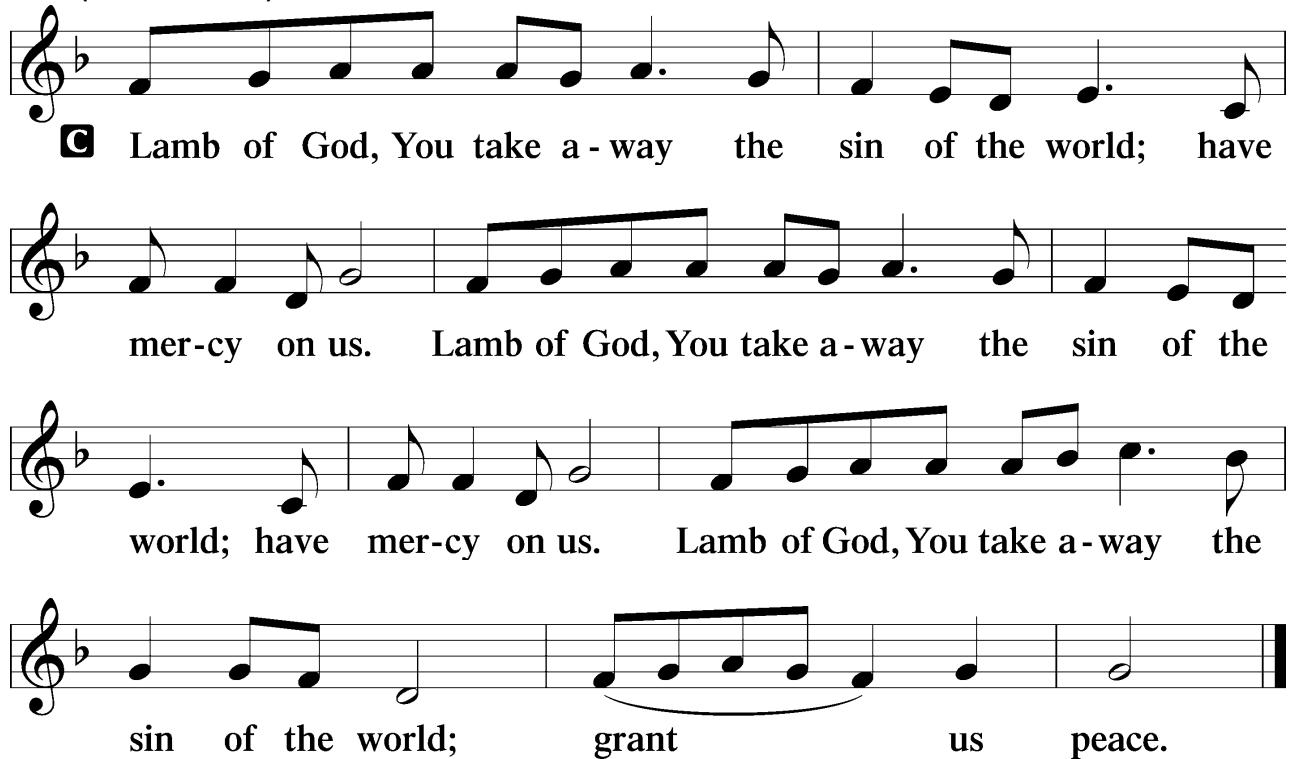
*John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

### Agnus Dei (5:30 & 8:00)

*John 1:29 LSB 163*



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### Distribution

Hymn #368  
Hymn #862

Angels We Have Heard on High  
Oh, Blest the House

## **"Silent Night, Holy Night"**

**(10:30) Communion Song**

*Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

*Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia.  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!*

*Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.*

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## **Blessing**

### **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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*

**Hymn #399**

**The Star Proclaims the King Is Here**

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let Earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and Heaven and nature sing*

*Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy*

*Joy, Unspeakable joy  
overflowing well no tongue can tell  
Joy Unspeakable joy  
Rises in my soul, never lets me go.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love*

*Joy, Unspeakable joy  
overflowing well no tongue can tell  
Joy Unspeakable joy  
Rises in my soul, never lets me go.*

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## **Postlude**

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