

“I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:14



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)

OCTOBER 4, 2026 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

901 W. Jefferson Ave. Effingham, IL. 62401

www.stjohnsLCMS.net 217-342-4334 office@stjohnsLCMS.net

Pastor: Rev. Mike Burdick

Preschool: www.eaglesnestpreschool.com

PROCLAIM THE CHRIST + GROW THE FAMILY + SERVE THE NEIGHBOR

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. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller	Organist
Miss Lilli Wernsing.....	Song Leader
St. John's Band	10:30am Music
Sandy Wieneke.....	Bell Choir Director
Acolytes.....	Hayes Hinton, Paisley & Finley Bloemer, Colin Wendling
Mr. Dave Worman	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Fred Bray.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Todd Zeigler	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. Ray Hartman (217-240-8178).....	Elder on Duty for Oct 4-10
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 30 years of marriage for Ken & Norma Lansing.



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. The Chalice is offered on the Lectern side. Thank you.

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

"Living Waters"

Preservice #1

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Love forgiveness
Vast and boundless
Christ He is our living waters

Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children

There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

“Living Hope”

Preservice #2

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Jesus Christ my living hope

"Living Hope" written by Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham© 2017 Phil Wickham MusicScriptureReference: John 14:6; Acts 4:8-12; 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 3:15CCLI Song: 7106807CCLI License: 51072

Divine Service One



Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #905

Come, Thou Almighty King

"'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"

(10:30) Opening Song

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
Will be with me to the end.

"'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus" written by Louisa M. R. Stead; Mark Hall; William James Kirkpatrick My Refuge Music, Club Zoo Music, SWECS MusicScripture Reference: Proverbs 3:5-12, Romans 8:26-30CCLI Song Number: 5749760CCLI 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.**



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:



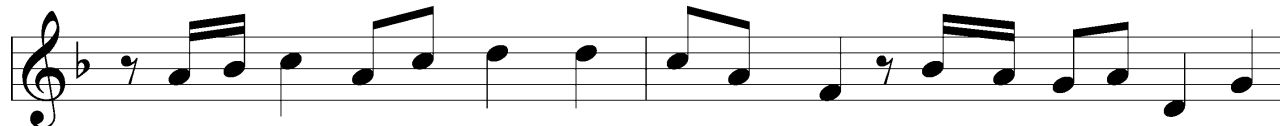
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through 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

Isaiah 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 80:7–19

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹You cleared the ground for it;

it took deep root and filled the land.

¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade,

the mighty cedars with its branches.

¹¹It sent out its branches to the sea

and its shoots to the River.

¹²Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
¹³The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.
¹⁴Turn again, O God of hosts!
Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,
¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
¹⁶They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!
¹⁷But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
¹⁸Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name!
¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts.
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Bell Choir

“Homage to William Bradbury”

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew
of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to
righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for
the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count
them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a
righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in
Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and
the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his
death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it
my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I
have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining
forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call
of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, 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.

Catechism Review:

The Fourth Commandment

What is the 4th Commandment?

Honor your father and your mother.

What does this mean?

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.

Hymn #826

Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying

"But For The Cross Of Christ"

(10:30) Sermon Song

What is the truth
That ever anchors me
Amidst the waves of all my guilt
That Christ has shed
His blood and pardoned me
At the cross at the cross

He bore my sin
I bear His righteousness
Oh what a glorious exchange
The wrath of God
Laid on the spotless Lamb
Oh what grace oh what grace

Behold the cross
There is no greater love
Heaven's Son
Laid down His life for us
Oh my soul would be lost
With no hope to find
But for the cross of Christ

How do I walk
With humble confidence
I look to Christ Who is my peace
He sealed my hope
And my inheritance
At the cross at the cross

(Continued)

When I am weak
And stumble into sin
There is an ever-flowing stream
His cleansing blood revives my soul again
Oh what grace oh what grace

Behold the cross
There is no greater love
Heaven's Son
Laid down His life for us
Oh my soul would be lost
With no hope to find
But for the cross of Christ

One day I'll stand
Before the King of Kings
One day I'll see Him face to face
For Jesus rose
Death lost its bitter sting
Christ has won Christ has won

Behold the cross
There is no greater love
Heaven's Son
Laid down His life for us
Oh my soul would be lost
With no hope to find
But for the cross of Christ

Behold the cross
There is no greater love
Heaven's Son
Laid down His life for us
Oh my soul would be lost
With no hope to find
But for the cross of Christ

Oh my soul would be lost
With no hope to find
But for the cross of Christ
But for the cross of Christ

"But For The Cross Of Christ" written by Bryan Fowler, Jessica Waterman, Kristyn Getty © 2023 Getty Music Publishing Scripture Reference: 1 Cor. 13:12; 15:55-57; 1 Peter 1:19, 2:24 CCLI Song: 7226036 CCLI License: 51072

Sermon

“Meeting Our Neighbors: **With God’s Relentless Love**”
Matthew 21:33-46

Prayer of the Church

Offering Presentation & Card Collection

Service of the Sacrament



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

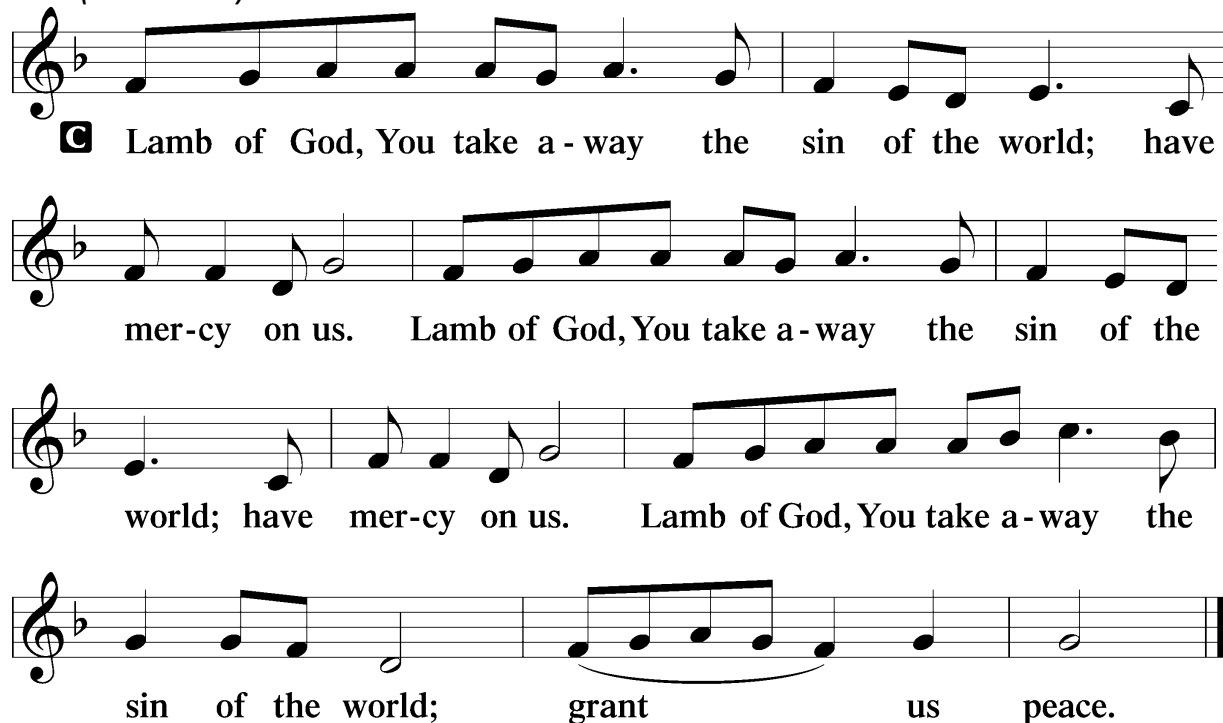
John 20:19 LSB 163

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
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution

Hymn #566

Hymn #837

By Grace I'm Saved

Lift High the Cross

"Keep The Feast"

(10:30) Communion Song

Joyfully we join You at Your table
Pleading not our righteousness
By Your wealth of mercy we are able
Now to feast in confidence

Take this bread and eat, take this cup and drink
Remember how He loved us, rejoice and keep the feast

Who is fit to feast with such a Savior
Who His sandals could untie
Who are we that He would show us favor
Granting us this gift of life

Take this bread and eat, take this cup and drink
Remember how He loved us, rejoice and keep the feast

Happy sign of friendship and reunion
With the blessed Three in One
Foretaste of that glorious communion
Vision of the world to come

Take this bread and eat, take this cup and drink
Remember how He loved us, rejoice and keep the feast
Remember how He loved us, rejoice and keep the feast

"Keep The Feast" written by Ben Shive, Skye Peterson © Beehive Songs; Getty Music Publishing Scripture Reference: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 CCLI Song: 7233957 CCLI License: 51072

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 #829

Christ the Eternal Lord

"Jesus Loves Me"

(10:30) Closing Song

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! Still today
Walking with me on my way

Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live

Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way
Thou has bled and died for me
I will henceforth live for thee

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

"Jesus Loves Me" written by Anna B. Warner Public Domain Scripture Reference: Matt. 19:14; Titus 3:4-7; John 15:9; Eph 3:17-19 CCLI License: 51072

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2026 Concordia Publishing House.