

Zion Lutheran

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

January 21 & 22, 2023

Psalm 122:1

The mission of Zion Lutheran is
to better know & show Christ's Love.

Church News this Weekend

Church attendance last weekend:

Saturday: 73

Sunday: 128

Offerings from last weekend: \$12,140.82 (Weekly need is \$13,317.00).

Serving today:

Altar Guild: Lynn Leinberger 662-2545

- Organist: Luanne Wegener
- Saturday Elders: Terry Wirsing & Bill Kohn
- Sunday Elders: Pat Morand & Randy Hebel
- Saturday Ushers: Andrew, Tyler, & Mike Dominowski
- Sunday Ushers: Hannah Hemme, Karson & Garth Casey

Retable Flowers are given by Herb Leinberger in memory of his mother, Irene. She would have been 101 on January 24th.

Pastor Hemme is preaching at Zion, Bay City this weekend.

The Practice of Holy Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths 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. Our Lord 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 Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, we request that only those who are members at Zion or another LCMS congregation take part today. Please speak to a pastor if you have questions about this. The center of the tray holds non-alcoholic wine.

Special Principal Call Meeting: This Sunday, following the worship service, there is a special voters' meeting for the purpose of calling a Principal to begin the 2023/24 School year.

Sat 21 Worship w/communion 5:30 PM

Sun 22 Worship w/communion 9:00 AM

Special Call Meeting after worship

Sunday School 10:15 AM

Confirmation Class 6:00-8:00 PM

Lutheran Schools Week

Mon 23 Adult Choir 7:00 PM

Tues 24 Pancakes w/Pastors 8:00-8:30 AM

Wed 25 Ladies Bible Study 9:00 AM—Quilting to follow

B-boys only Basketball @St. Paul 6:30 PM

Fri 27 Basketball Games HOME vs. St. John, Amelith 5:30 PM

Sat 28 Worship w/communion 5:30 PM

Euchre Night following worship

Sun 29 Worship w/communion 9:00 AM

Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM

Confirmation Class 6:00-8:00 PM

Sunday School: In this week's lesson, "A Tree View," students learn about Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, who anxiously awaits the arrival of Jesus. Short of stature, Zacchaeus climbs a tree to see the Savior. Despite criticism, Jesus invites Himself to the tax collector's home. Motivated by Christ's compassion, Zacchaeus confesses his sin and promises to make restitution. Families could discuss, "How does Jesus motivate you to make a difference in your world?"

Girls' Bible Study: Girls' Bible study will meet on Sundays after church with Mrs. Menz in the 7th/8th grade room. Girls 7th-12th grade are encouraged to join.

Revelation Bible Study: Pastor Menz is leading a Bible study on Sundays during Family Bible Hour in the cafeteria on the book of Revelation. We are using the Lifelight materials from CPH for this study and participants have the chance to prepare for each session in advance. That said, feel free to stop by and join us whenever you have the opportunity. Spoiler Alert! Revelation is all about Jesus! Join your brothers and sisters in Christ in better knowing his love through the study of his word.

Men's Bible Study: Chris List is leading a Men's Bible Study, "Courageous Fathers of the Bible." The study takes place Saturday mornings in the cafeteria starting at 8:00AM and running about an hour to an hour and a half. If you have any questions please contact Chris at 989-600-9035.

Want to give online? You can still do so! Simply go to zionauburn.com, click "Church" and then click the "Donate" tab at the top of the page. You can make a one time gift or a recurring gift to the Lord's work at Zion.


Pancakes with Pastors: Pastor Hemme and Pastor Menz will be serving a pancake breakfast on Tuesday, January 24th from 8-8:30 AM as a part of our Lutheran Schools Week celebration. Everyone is invited to attend.

Blood Drive: Thank you to those that supported the Blood Drive this past Wednesday.

Alter Guild: If you are interested in becoming part of the Altar Guild please contact Lynn Lienberger 989-662-2545. Training will be provided.

Men's Open Gym/Basketball: Chris List is hosting open gym on Sundays starting at 5:00pm and running until around 7:00pm. This will be weekly, unless noted otherwise, and is open for individuals 18 years and over. If you have any questions please call/text Chris List (989)600-9035.

Choir: Choir will be meeting this Monday. We encourage those high school age and up to make a joyful noise! This is a great opportunity to know and show Christ's love. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or text Sylvia List at 989-495-8150.

 **Valley Lutheran** HIGH SCHOOL 7th & 8th grade families are invited to explore Valley ... where students prepare, belong, and excel. The Winter Information Night is Thursday, January 26th. Arrivals begin at 6:00pm. Register at www.vlhs.com/infonight.

Valley Board Report for January: The instrumental musicians have benefitted from recent visits and special instruction from Dr. Fischer from Concordia University Chicago, Dr. Perrine from Concordia University Ann Arbor, and Dale, Zach, and John from Herter Music Center. The Brass Ensemble performed at Covenant's Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony. Members of the VL music program performed the national anthems at the Saginaw Spirit Game on November 13th. Claire Katenhus was nominated for recognition by Faculty and Staff to attend a luncheon hosted by the Optimist Club of Saginaw where she was recognized alongside other students from throughout the county. Fall Instrumental Concert at was held at VLHS. The Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Symphonic Band performed to a full house. 25 VL students visited Concordia University Ann Arbor for a Healthcare Professionals Day escorted by Mr. Patrick Winningham and Mrs. Jeannette Weilnau. Students and Faculty participated in Operation Christmas Child again this year packing shoeboxes with gifts, toys, and hygiene items that will provide Christmas gifts – paired with the gospel message – to children all over the world. Winter Sports are in full swing – you are invited to come see our Chargers in action! To find the schedule visit www.VLHS.com/student-info/calendars/.

Messenger: If you have information that you would like published in the February/March Messenger, please submit the information by Wednesday, Feb. 1st.

Euchre Tournament and Chili Cook Off: January 28th, after worship, Zion's Youth group will be hosting a Chili Cook off and Euchre Tournament. The cost is \$10 to buy in to the euchre tournament and 25¢ euchres. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 point holders.

If you are interested in participating in the Chili Cook-Off you may drop your chili off at the school before church. A Chili Champion will be crowned and earn bragging rights for the year. Drinks will be available for purchase. Bowls, spoons, crackers, cheese, and sour cream will be provided.

Though not required, registration is helpful for planning purposes. Please contact the office to register 989.662.4264.

Trivia Night: Join the Youth Group Saturday, February 18th starting at 7:00pm for a night of fun random trivia in Zion's Cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per person. Please limit teams to 6-8 people or we can help place you on a team. Prizes await the winners –best team name, best team theme, and most trivia points! Bring your own snacks and drink.

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Greeting Time

Those in attendance are invited to greet those seated near them. As the bell rings please return to your seat for the opening hymn.

Ringling of the Bell

♪ **“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”**

LSB #839

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.**

- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error’s maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

- 3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev’ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav’nly rest.**

- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand’rers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**

- 5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond’ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv’n
By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.**

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Stand

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

☩ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22

P I will tell of your name to my brothers;

C in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

C and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

P For kingship belongs to the LORD,

C and he rules over the nations.

P All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;

C before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

P Posterity shall serve him;

C it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

P they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will tell of your name to my brothers;

C in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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 9:1–4

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

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

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

♪ "The People That in Darkness Sat

LSB #412

- 1 The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.
- 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gath'ring nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home,
Their harvest treasures home.
- 3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
And on His shoulder ever rests
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

**4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
The Everlasting Lord,
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The God by all adored,
The God by all adored.**

**5 His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.**

**△6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.**

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- For Virginia Sanders (Kaylene Maxson's son-in-law's mother), Melissa Wiedyk-Bejcek, Alice Lederer, Peter Satkowiak (nephew of Joann & Paul Satkowiak), Diane Jacobs, Lynn Leinberger, Janet Rash, Joseph Lauzon (son of Marci Jammer), Diane Wilson, Sally Goodsell (sister to Esther Gerzeski), Bob & Rosemary Voss (cousins to Esther Gerzeski), Roxanne and Sergii Boilore (daughter and grandson to Esther Gerzeski), Pam Daley, Clint Moreland (brother of Colett Dominowski), Clara Wirsing, Diane McNally (daughter of Ron & Elaine Sollner), Mary Kohn Gosh (niece of Dean Kohn), Jeremy Guillen (son of Cliff Zimmerman), Rick Schmidt (Dean and Todd Gray's cousin), Lee Davis, Tamala Marks, Ruger Prior, Jerry Boettcher, Sara Ervans, Donna Gerstacker, Emilia Beckett (wife of Pastor Ricky Beckett at Zion Mt. Pleasant), and Will Sendtko.
- For those that mourn, especially the family of Jim Kennedy, nephew to Nancy Mieske.
- For the students and staff at Zion, as they continue this year to better know and show Christ's love.
- For all who are deployed or enlisted, and the safe arrival of troops coming home.
- For those suffering with mental illness and for their loved ones.
- For peace in Ukraine.

Sit

Offering -To give online, go to zionauburn.com and click on the "Donate" tab.
(At this time we ask that members as well as guests sign the pew book.)

Stewardship Verse: Psalm 27:6b "And I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord."

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

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.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208

♪C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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

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

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

Lord's Prayer

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

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."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

♪ "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

LSB #618

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain*

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

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♪ "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

LSB #619

- 1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee. *Refrain*

- 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely
 The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
 No hell I fear, and thus securely
 With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster,
 It cannot rob me of my cheer;
 For He who is of death the master
 With aid and comfort e'er is near. *Refrain*
- 5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
 O blessed, holy Trinity.
 With angels I, Thy praises telling,
 Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

🎵 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
 Depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory
 Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles
 Unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people,
 Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
 All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit,
 Forever Three in One;
 For as in the beginning,
 Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding
 Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

📖 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.

📖 Amen.

Benedicamus

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

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

♪ **“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

LSB #849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.**
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert’s burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.**
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.**

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