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ZION

LUTHERAN OF AUBURN

CHURCH & SCHOOL

November 8 & 9, 2025

To better know & show Christ's Love.

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 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. If you would like the option of a gluten free wafer, please let pastor know before the service.

Altar flowers are given in memory of Diane Olson, whose birthday would have been November 12th. With love, John Olson

In loving memory of Carolyn Dora a gift has been given to the General Fund and a gift to the Cambodia Mission Trip.

In celebration of Randy & Wally Phillips 45th anniversary that was November 1st, a gift has been given to the school.

Are you headed somewhere warmer for the winter? If you are a snowbird, would you kindly let the office know so we might switch your address to a southern address? Thank you.

Serving this Weekend

Church attendance last weekend:

Saturday: 97 C: 77

Sunday: 135 C: 103

The average weekly giving for October was \$12,222.80. Average weekly giving for 2025/26 fiscal YTD: \$14,939.24. The average weekly need for 2025-26 budget is: \$13,750.00.

372 members attended church in October.

Serving today:

- Altar Guild: Molly Riker
- Saturday Organist: Amanda Koch
- Sunday Organist: Sarah Diener
- Saturday Elders: Don Hilbrandt & Chris List
- Ushers: Sandy & Susan Westphal, Kathrine Hilbrandt
- Sunday Elders: Pat Morand & Matt Fitchett
- Ushers: Mason & Kevin Miller, Leroy Engelhardt, John Olson

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Please join us for a closer look at the week's Bible lessons we hear in church. We meet for Bible study after church in the cafeteria to grow in our faith!

Sunday School: "The Wine Sign" is the lesson for this week. While Jesus and His mother are guests at a wedding in Cana, Mary asks Him to assist the wedding hosts, who have run out of wine. In Jesus' first recorded miracle, He changes a large volume of plain water into wine that is superior to what has already been served. Those who witnessed this miracle marvel at what He has done. Discuss, "What wonders does God still work through His people?"

Door Offering for Pastor Mahlburg: This weekend, November 8th & 9th, Zion will be collecting a door offering to support the important mission work of Pastor Mahlburg who serves the Lord in Sri Lanka. Thank you for your support. You can learn more about his work at www.lcms.org/mahlburg, follow him on Facebook, and/or sign up for their newsletter.

Women's Bible Study – Everlasting: Peaks, Valleys, and Grace in the Psalms: Join us for a weekly women's Bible study **each Sunday in November from 7:00–8:30 PM** in the school library starting this Sunday. We'll explore Christina Hergenrader's *Everlasting*, focusing on God's grace through life's highs and lows. Materials are provided, and no outside reading is required. Come to one session or all, whatever fits your schedule. Let's grow together in faith and friendship through the Psalms. All women are welcome! Please contact Emily Menz (269) 313-2490 for more information.

Wellspring Child and Family Services: Gift cards for Bay County Foster Children serviced by the Bay City Wellspring Office will be collected again this year for Christmas gifts. We are collecting \$30 Walmart gift cards and/or \$30 checks made out to: Wellspring Lutheran Child and Family Services. These gift cards and/or checks may be dropped off at the Wellspring

office at 6019 Westside Saginaw Rd in Bay City or the Economy Center at 408 Columbus Ave in Bay City by November 12th. Call Kathie Colone at 989-671-9650 with any questions.

Veterans' Day Celebration: All Veterans and their guests, please join us **Wednesday, November 12th** for a small breakfast at 8:15AM in the cafeteria followed by the presentation of the colors and program in the gym beginning at 9:00AM. Please RSVP to the office by email or by phone. We hope you will plan to join us.

Grave Blanket Construction: Anyone interested in building grave blankets please contact Diana Hebel at 989-280-3185 with a date/time that works best with your schedule. As we are retired, we build every day and can use help any day. However, we really could use extra help the week of Nov 17th for the Thanksgiving rush. We have limited workspace so only about 4 people can build at a time. Also, if anyone has any plans to remove any spruce or cedar trees, we can use the boughs. Please contact Diana if you have some.

Zion, Auburn, Grave Blanket Sale: Grave blankets will be available for sale **November 2nd through December 7th**. They are sold from our home, located at 2255 9 Mile Road (between Seidlers and Beaver Road). Feel free to just stop by, or text/call Diana ahead at 989-280-3185 to make sure we are home. Prices are small-\$30, large-\$50, and full-size (available upon request) \$75. Please make checks available to **Zion Lutheran Church, Auburn**. In the memo add "Santa Store". Please bring a check or cash as we are not set up for credit card payments.

Volunteering at The Bridge: If anyone is interested in joining the team to volunteer at The Bridge, we are scheduled for the remaining 2025 dates, 11:45 AM - 3:00 PM: November 18th and December 16th. The Bridge is already planning for 2026, and we need volunteers to keep our commitment of our 4-member team for next year as we have had a few member changes. Kids can also volunteer. Those aged between 10-14 are welcomed to work with an adult in a 1:1 ratio. Those aged 15+ can work independently. Anyone can volunteer more often outside of the team; they would just need to create an account on The Bridge website and can add their name to any date that works for them. For questions, or to add your name to our team, please call/text Diana Hebel at 989-280-3185.

Surviving the Holidays Nov. 9 at Grace Lutheran Church: Are you dreading the approaching holidays because of the death of a loved one? You are not alone. Come to Grace Lutheran Church (303 Ruth St, Auburn) on **Sunday, November 9th at 2:00pm** to be comforted and encouraged. We will meet in Grace's library to explore Surviving the Holidays—a resource from GriefShare—together to help guide you through this season. The materials are free, and all are welcome to attend; no registration is needed. Questions? Call Grace's church office at 989-662-6161.

Zion's Food Pantry Financial Support: Zion's food pantry account needs financial donations so that perishable items can be purchased for people who make use of the pantry. Thank you. Thanksgiving Food Baskets are to be distributed Tuesday, November 11th.

December/January Messenger: If you or your committee has anything to be included for the next Messenger, please have the information in the office no later than Monday, November 17th. Thank you.

Euchre Fundraiser: Join the Cambodia Mission Trip ladies for a night of White Chicken Chili and Euchre on **Saturday, November 22nd at 6:30PM**. Entry is \$5 and don't forget your quarters. It will cost you if you are euchred;) Proceeds will go to the cost of the mission trip.

Prayer Partners: Updated prayer partners and new student cards are ready for pick up in the church narthex. Remember to keep the same partner each year. It builds a wonderful relationship in Christ. There are new students that also need a prayer partner. Thank you for continuing to stay connected through prayer, letters, etc. God's blessings and thank you, Mrs. Julie List

Special Voters' Meeting: There will be a special Voter's meeting next Sunday for the purpose of adding a full-time 4th grade teacher. Join us to add your vote as we grow in Christ.

Valley's Fall Craft Bazaar is next Saturday, November 15th from 9:00AM - 3:00PM. Featuring over 60 vendors, this bazaar is a popular one in the region! Lunch is available for purchase from 11:00AM - 1:00PM.

Did you know...? Valley's mission - preparing students for life with Christ as our foundation - is living and active. Recent evidence? Our 2025 Advanced Placement score report featured an impressive 93% overall passing rate on exams, 100% passing rate in 5 subject areas, and higher passing rates than both state and national averages in every subject area. Wow! Not only do our students benefit from college credit earned while still in high school and future tuition money saved, more importantly this is evidence that they are equipped with the knowledge, thinking skills, and work ethic that will clearly translate to success in their next steps. VL students are prepared!

The Valley Lutheran Music Department presents their **Fall Instrumental Concert** on Sunday, November 23rd at 3:00PM in Valley's gym. Doors open at 2:30PM.

Calendar of Events

Sat	8	Worship w/communion 5:30 PM Youth Group Hayride 6:30 PM
Sun	9	Worship w/communion 9:00 AM Family Bible Hour 10:15 AM New Membership Class 10:15 AM
Wed	12	Veteran's Day Event 8:15 AM Ladies Bible Study & Quilting 9:00 AM B-basketball game (boys only) @Immanuel BC 4:30 PM
Fri	14	<i>No School</i>
Sat	15	Worship 5:30 PM
Sun	16	Worship 9:00 AM Special Voters' meeting 10:15 AM Family Bible Hour following Voters New Membership Class following Voters

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
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Divine Service Setting Three
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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

♪ **“God Himself Is Present”**

LSB 907

1 God Himself is present:
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple;
All within keep silence;
Humbly kneel in deepest rev’rence.
He alone
On His throne
Is our God and Savior;
Praise His name forever!

2 God Himself is present:
Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.
“Holy, holy, holy!”
Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear
To us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Your Church now raises.

3 Fount of ev’ry blessing,
Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels,
Worshiping before You,
May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will
Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.

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Stand

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

Introit

Psalm 115:2–4, 8, 17–18; antiphon: v. 11

P You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!
C He is their help and their shield.
P Why should the nations say,
C "Where is their God?"
P Our God is in the heavens;
C he does all that he pleases.
P Their idols are silver and gold,
C the work of human hands.
P Those who make them become like them;
C so do all who trust in them.
P The dead do not praise the LORD,
C nor do any who go down into silence.
P But we will bless the LORD
C from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!
✪ **C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 186

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

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
✪C And with thy spirit.
P Let us pray.
Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
✪C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1–15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites,

the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:27–40

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children.

³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died.

³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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.

Sit

♪ "Amazing Grace"

LSB 744

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- ♪🎵 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 “Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.”

Stand

Prayers of the Church

- For Sally Goodsell (sister to Esther Gerzeski), Roxanne and Sergii Boilore (daughter and grandson to Esther Gerzeski), Tamala Marks, Austin Huebner and family, Marcy Palmiter (sister-in-law of Nigel & Alyssa Palmiter), Deb Jean Strawn, Lee Davis, Martin Sherman (brother to Augusta Etelamaki), Lori Peters, John Kohn, Valerie Walter, Ken Richmond (friend of Bill Kohn), Susan Mumma (niece of Alan & Sheryl Brown), Randy Davenport, Ray Zavada (friend of Pastor Menz), Calvin Mejia (grandson of Megan & David Allen), Eric Rosenbrock, Gunnar Terhune (friend of Pastor Menz), Diana Mansfield (daughter of Ed & Augusta Etelamaki), Ron Murphy, Janet Rash, Polly Oates (sister of Ed Etelamaki), Diana Hebel, Tony Pitch (father of Emily McMenemy) Kathy Dowd (friend of Eileen Rosenbrock), Joyce Gehringer, Mel Garchow, Herb Leinberger, and Sharon Staudacher.
- For Zion’s staff and students.
- For all who serve this country, here and beyond our borders.
- For those suffering with mental illness and for their loved ones.
- For peace in all war-torn countries.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

♪ **C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ 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

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

Sit

C "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
 Since by death He conquered death,
 He will free us from destruction,
 Give to us immortal breath.
 Let us mortify all passion
 That would lead us into sin;
 And the grave that shuts us in
 Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
 Jesus, here with You I die,
 There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
 He has risen from the dead
 That to life we may awaken.
 Jesus, You are now our head.
 We are Your own living members;
 Where You live, there we shall be
 In Your presence constantly,
 Living there with You forever.
 Jesus, let me faithful be,
 Life eternal grant to me.

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♪ “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

LSB 610

1 Lord Jesus, think on me
 And purge away my sin;
 From worldly passions set me free
 And make me pure within.
 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
 By anxious thoughts oppressed;
 Let me Your loving servant be
 And taste Your promised rest.
 3 Lord Jesus, think on me
 Amid the battle’s strife;
 In all my pain and misery,
 O be my health and life!

4 Lord Jesus, think on me
 Nor let me go astray;
 Through darkness and perplexity
 Point out Your chosen way.
 5 Lord Jesus, think on me
 That, when this life is past,
 I may the eternal brightness see
 And share Your joy at last.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

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

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

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

P The Lord be with you.

🎵 **And with thy spirit.**

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P Bless we the Lord.

🎵 **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

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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.

🎵 **Amen, amen, amen.**

Sit

🎵 **“In Thee Is Gladness”**

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**1 In Thee is gladness
Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By Thee are given
The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
Our souls Thou wakest,
Our bonds Thou breakest;
Who trusts Thee surely
Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining
To see Thy shining,
Dying or living
To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

**2 Since He is ours,
We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
He sees and blesses
In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story
Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices;
All heav’n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia!
We shout for gladness,
Triumph o’er sadness,
Love Him and praise Him
And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

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