

*St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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*Sunday, November 5, 2023*  
*The Festival of the Lutheran Reformation*

**Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Guests, please sign the guest registry in the narthex.

- If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please talk to him (734-658-5735).

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## **THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)**

***OPENING HYMN: #204*** "O, God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word"

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## O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word



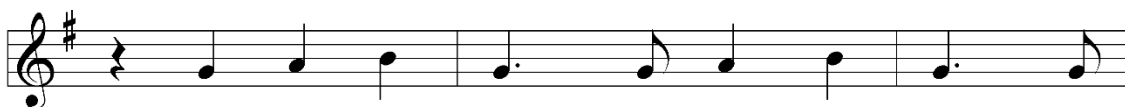
1 O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long a  
 2 Sal - va - tion true By faith in you— That is your  
 3 Lord, you a - lone This work have done By your free  
 4 Since you are mine, My Lord di - vine, Death holds no



hid - den trea - sure Till to its place It  
 gos - pel's preach - ing, The heart and core Of  
 grace and fa - vor. All who be - lieve Will  
 dread - ful ter - rors; Your pre - cious blood, My



was by grace Re - stored in full - est mea - sure.  
 Bi - ble lore In all its sa - cred teach - ing.  
 grace re - ceive Through Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior.  
 high - est good, Has blot - ted out my er - rors.



For this to - day Our thanks we say And  
 In Christ we must Put all our trust, Not  
 And though the foe Would o - ver - throw Your  
 My thanks to you— Your Word is true! Ful -



glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy show And  
 in our deeds or la - bor; With con - science pure And  
 Word with grim en - deav - or, All he has wrought Must  
 fill your prom - ise ev - er, And mer - cy give While



grace be - stow On all who still de - ny you.  
 heart se - cure Love you, Lord, and our neigh - bor.  
 come to naught— Your Word will stand for - ev - er!  
 here I live And heav'n - ly bliss for - ev - er.

Text: *Enchiridion . . . zum Schwartzten Horn*, Erfurt, 1527, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.  
 Tune: O HERRE GOTT, DEIN GÖTTLICH WORT (447 447 D Iambic) *Enchiridion . . . zum Schwartzten Horn*,  
 Erfurt, 1527.

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

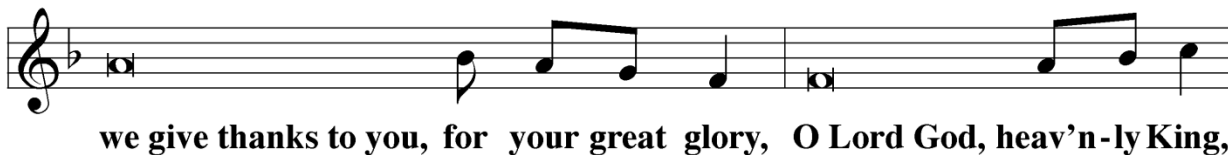
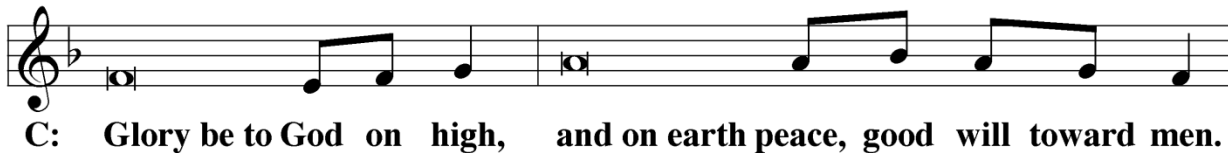
C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you caused the light of the gospel to shine forth. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere, to the glory of your holy name; through your Son, Jesus, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** A - men.

**BE SEATED**



## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON:** Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

<sup>10</sup> When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. <sup>11</sup> Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. <sup>12</sup> Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!” <sup>17</sup> And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. <sup>18</sup> Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

<sup>19</sup> Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup> As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” <sup>21</sup> Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel and

shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.”<sup>23</sup> Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

**PSALM OF THE DAY - PSALM 46:** The choir will sing “God is Our Refuge”

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God is our refuge, in distress a helper true. Though the earth should shake and mountains fall, fear shall not consume our hearts. Though mountains shall fall in the depths of the seas; though its waters be raging and hills fall away, God the Lord is with us. The Lord is our refuge.

**SECOND LESSON:** Galatians 5:1-6

5 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>2</sup> Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup> I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law.

<sup>4</sup> You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

**VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the choir)

Alleluia! If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia!  
(John 8:31-32 cf.)



## STAND

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

## GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10:16-23

<sup>16</sup> “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup> For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

# **We look for the resurrection of the dead and the (+) life of the world to come. Amen.**

## ***BE SEATED***

### ***GOSPEL RESPONSE: “What God Ordains Is Always Good”***

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1 What God ordains is always good; His will is just and holy.  
As he directs my life for me, I follow meek and lowly.  
My God indeed In every need  
Knows well how he will shield me; To him, then, I will yield me.

2 What God ordains is always good; He never will deceive me.  
He leads me in his righteous way And never will he leave me.  
I take content What he has sent;  
His hand that sends me sadness Will turn my tears to gladness.

3 What God ordains is always good; He is my friend and Father.  
He will not let me suffer harm Though many storms may gather.  
Now I may know Both joy and woe;  
Some day I shall see clearly That he has loved me dearly.

4 What God ordains is always good; This truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, I shall not be forsaken.  
I fear no harm, For with his arm  
He will embrace and shield me; So to my God I yield me.

### ***HYMN OF THE DAY: #200 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”***

Music and text: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A trust - y shield  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, All ea - ger to  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main, Nor an - y thanks



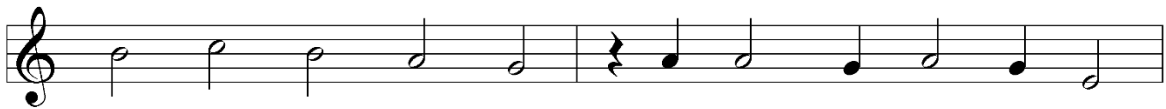
and weap - on; He helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 ef - fect - ed. But for us fights the val - iant one  
 de - vour us, We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 have for it; He's by our side up - on the plain



That has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
 Whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
 With his good gifts and Spir - it. And do



e - vil foe Now means dead - ly woe;  
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
 what they will— Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—



Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
 The al - might - y Lord. And there's no oth - er God;  
 He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
 Though all may be gone, Our vic - to - ry is won;



On earth is not his e - qual.  
 He holds the field for - ev - er.  
 One lit - tle word can fell him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

# SERMON

## STAND

### PSALM 51 RESPONSE (page 20)



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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION

**M:** Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

**C:** Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**M:** When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

**C: The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

**M:** When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

**C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

**M:** When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

**C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

**M:** Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage

of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

**C: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**

**M:** May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

**C: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.**

**M:** Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

**C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations.**

**M:** Lord God, Lord of nations, you have made us citizens both of your kingdom of grace and of the earthly nation in which we live. You have placed us under a government that gives us the privilege of choosing the leaders who govern us. As another national election approaches, help us

appreciate and use this privilege. Bless our nation through the election of honest and responsible officials, and watch over us each day with your almighty protection and your unfailing grace.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare

**C:Amen.**

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**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.**



## **BE SEATED**

*Please use this time for personal preparation or meditation before the Lord's Supper. A form to assist you is on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.*

**NOTE:** *Please be prepared to receive the host in your outstretched hand, rather than in your mouth.*

## **STAND**



## **THE SACRAMENT (Page 21)**

### **PREFACE**

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

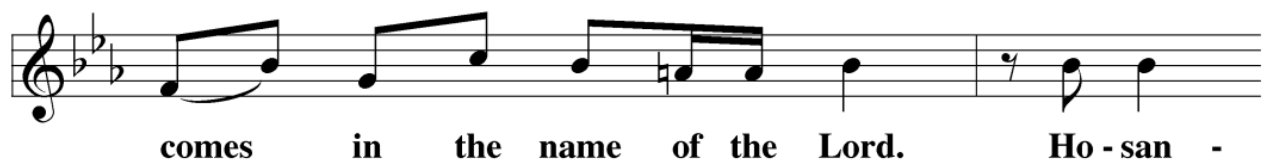
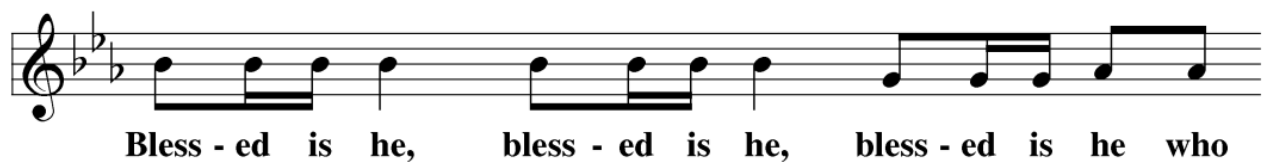


**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the

race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+)

blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace (+) of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



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



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## DISTRIBUTION

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:** Texts for both: Martin Luther (1483-1546)

**#203** “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

**#202** “If God Had Not Been On Our Side” ©1941 Concordia Publishing House.

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REFORMATION

## 203 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are  
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your  
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that  
 u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And to de - stroy what he has done.  
 we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 strife, And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

REFORMATION

## 202 If God Had Not Been on Our Side



1 If God had not been on our side And had not  
 2 Their fu - rious wrath, did God per - mit, Would sure - ly  
 3 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could



come to aid us, Our foes with all their pow'r and  
 have con - sumed us And as a deep and yawn - ing  
 not de - vour us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their



pride Would sure - ly have dis - mayed us, For we, his  
 pit With life and limb en - tombed us. A hell - ish  
 net; They could not o - ver - pow'r us. The snare is



flock, would have to fear The dev - il's wolves, both far and  
 storm would o'er us roll From Sa - tan, who de - sires our  
 bro - ken— we are free! Our help - er and our strength is



near, Who rise in might a - gainst us.  
 soul And seeks to o - ver - whelm us.  
 he Who made the earth and heav - ens.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

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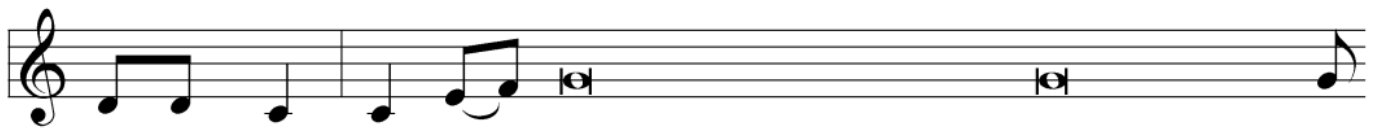
# THANKSGIVING (page 24)

STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

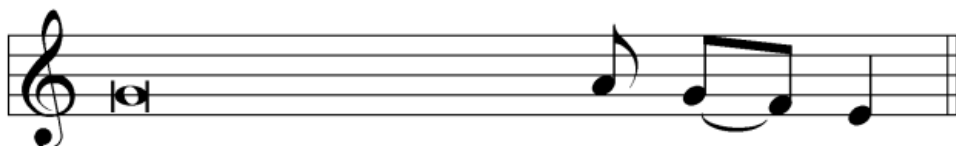


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through

Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

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Communion Assistant: Mark Castellese

Organist: Julie Webber; Choir: Senior Choir

### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

Today - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Tuesday - 7:00 PM Board Meetings: Stewardship/Education and Trustees

- 8:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday – 9:30 AM Online Bible Class

Thursday – 7:00 PM Senior Choir Practice

Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service

- 10:45 Adult Bible Class and Sunday School

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Sarah Shmyr; Ushering – Team 4

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*Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;  
Curb those who fain by craft and sword  
Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son  
And set at naught all He hath done.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known,  
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Thy Christendom that we  
May evermore sing praise to Thee.*

*O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.*