

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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WELCOME! We welcome our guests and visitors this morning and pray that your worship with us will be meaningful, blessed, and especially Christ-centered. We hope that you will worship with us again soon! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider making Grace Lutheran your church home.

IN THE INTEREST of good pastoral care, Grace Lutheran Church practices close communion. We believe, teach and confess that the one Holy Apostolic Christian Church throughout history and Holy Scripture teach that those who commune together should be one in faith and doctrine. For this reason, we reserve Holy Communion for those who are confirmed members of Grace Lutheran Church, and for confirmed members in good standing of sister LC-MS congregations. We respectfully ask those who are members of other church bodies to commune at the altar of their church, in accordance with their public confessions and under the care of their pastor.

REMEMBER in your prayers: Jan Flueckinger, DeOnna Anderson, Bob Mills, Eva Hix, Jim Kamerzell, Odessa Elwood, Ellen Zlomke, Edna Schaer, Kristy Winter, Ray Zlomke, Wynn Coon, Nate Harris, Bonnie and Leonard Harris, Korbin Sommerville, Lori Liggett, Karen Prussia, Marissa Pitts, all those staying home to avoid being or to reduce the risk of infecting others.

FAMILIES to pray for: Melanie Black Calf, Kristine Brice, Winnie and Lee Luebke, Amanda Lukassen, Arya and Rhett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We're trying our best to stay on top of all the changes that are coming our way. Here's what you need to know:

All church events *except* weekend Divine Services have been cancelled. We have re-thought what our weekend services look like in order to prevent the spread of disease and to abide by the government directives.

Weekend Service times (subject to change pending future considerations):

- Saturday: 6pm
- Sunday: 8:30am and 10am
- Merriman: Sunday at 4pm

Until March 31st, we are required to limit gatherings to less than 10 people, including the pastor. This will be strictly enforced. Per clarification from Governor Ricketts, we can have ten people in the church building and another ten in the fellowship hall. After March 31st if there are no community spread cases of COVID-19, the Nebraska government will revisit these restrictions. **After we have met our capacity, we will ask people to return for the next service at a later time. If there are people turned away from the 10am service, we will consider holding another service afterward.**

We will be attempting to live-stream services, and we will do our best to make that video available to as many people as we can who may not be able to attend weekend services.

Please Note!

If you are in one of the at-risk groups because of age, underlying health conditions, if you have been asked to self-quarantine due to possible infection, or if you are infected already, Pastor asks you to stay home to avoid infection and protect your neighbor. **Please call Pastor and inform him so he can determine the best way to provide you with God's gifts for the time to come.**

We will ask people to **maintain a proper distance from each other, wash their hands well, cover coughs, etc. to avoid spreading disease.** We will sterilize the communion vessels before, during, and after distribution. We will follow proper hygiene procedures. We will clean the worship space after each service.

This disease will be a test from God, a time to grow in our faith and dependence on Him for all good things through Jesus Christ His Son. One thing that will be especially important is to make sure that even though our opportunities to gather as brothers and sisters in Christ are limited, we are still letting God's Word dwell richly in our hearts and our homes. In order to help with this, we now have a website **gracegordon.org**:

- Pastor will attempt to live-stream a morning and evening prayer service each day.
- Pastor will post daily devotion suggestions with Scripture readings, prayers, catechism readings, and hymns to sing.
- Links will be provided to other helpful devotional resources.

Governor Ricketts has said he thinks very highly of our state's churches and the service to community that the people of God provide. In a conference call with Nebraska clergy, he especially asked for help from the churches in four areas:

1. That we pray for our government leaders; doctors, nurses, and all medical staff, first-responders and law enforcement, for the sick and dying, and for all their families. Here are some prayers that we use at church that can help in those prayers:
 - Eternal Lord, ruler of all, graciously regard those who have been set in positions of authority among us that, guided by Your Spirit, they may be high in purpose, wise in counsel, firm in good resolution, and unwavering in duty, that under them we may be governed quietly and peaceably; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
 - Lord God, be with the doctors and nurses and all others who minister to the needs of those who are ill. Through their wise and compassionate service, grant relief to the suffering and hope to the afflicted so that all may know of Your boundless care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
 - O Lord God, by the sudden deaths of many people in these days, You have shown that Your thoughts are not our thoughts nor Your ways our ways. We thank You for the blessings of body and soul that You have bestowed on the departed. Comfort the members of their families who mourn their deaths, and assist us ever to prepare for Your final summons when we will depart and be with Christ in blessedness and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2. That we identify the people among us who are self-isolating and quarantined. We should know who they are and what needs they may have in the days to come. This may include:
 - phone calls so they do not feel alone
 - seeing if they need help with groceries or medicine
 - seeing if they need meals delivered
3. That we consider providing childcare, especially for those called to work extra through all of this, especially medical personnel and first-responders. *[I'm really not sure how to do this while still complying with government mandates, and trying to limit the spread of disease. If anyone has any ideas, we're all ears.]*
4. That we not forget the poor and needy among us. This may take the form of financial assistance for specific needs and providing food and clothing items. (The governor also noted that they are seeking to make it easier for people to access SNAP, unemployment, etc.).



Hymn of Invocation: 157 There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood



1 There is a foun - tain filled with blood Drawn
2 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see That
3 Dear dy - ing Lamb, Thy pre - cious blood Shall
4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy



from Im - man - uel's veins, And sin - ners plunged be -
foun - tain in his day; And there have I, as
nev - er lose its power Till all the ran - somed
flow - ing wounds sup - ply, Re - deem - ing love has



- neath that flood Lose all their guilt - y stains.
vile as he, Washed all my sins a - way.
Church of God Be saved to sin no more.
been my theme And shall be till I die.

5 When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue
Lies silent in the grave,
'Then in a nobler, sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save.

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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 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.
G Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit *Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a*

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;

that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.

I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

May they be secure who | love you!
For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake*

I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*

all you who | love her;
that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast.

Kyrie *LSB 186*

G Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks

for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 *Isaiah 49:8–13*

The Restoration of Israel

⁸Thus says the LORD:

“In a time of favor I have answered you;
in a day of salvation I have helped
you;

I will keep you and give you
as a covenant to the people,
to establish the land,
to apportion the desolate heritages,

⁹saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’
to those who are in darkness,
‘Appear.’

They shall feed along the ways;
on all bare heights shall be their
pasture;

¹⁰they shall not hunger or thirst,
neither scorching wind nor sun shall
strike them,
for he who has pity on them will lead

them,

and by springs of water will guide
them.

¹¹And I will make all my mountains a
road,

and my highways shall be raised up.

¹²Behold, these shall come from afar,
and behold, these from the north and
from the west,

and these from the land of Syene.”

¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O
earth;

break forth, O mountains, into
singing!

for the LORD has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his
afflicted.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Psalms 122:1, 7*

I was glad when they | said to me,*

“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

Peace be with- | in your walls*

and security within your | towers!

Second Reading *Acts 2:41–47*

⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,*
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his | people,*
from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon | Israel!

Holy Gospel *John 6:1–15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.
²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick.
³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten.
¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise be to Thee, 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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



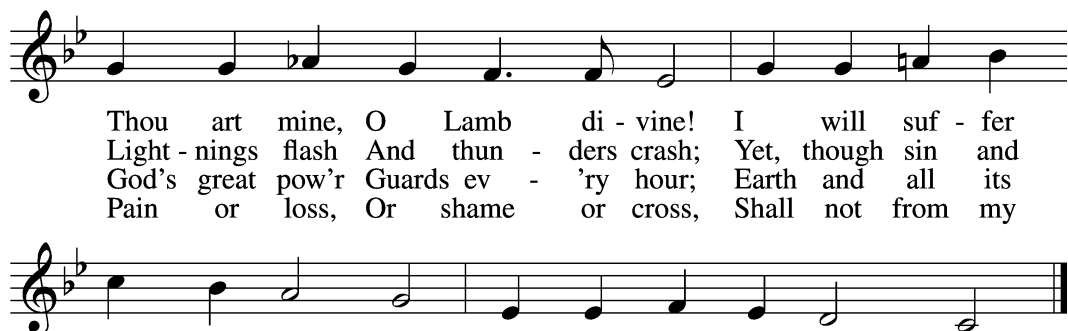
1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my

naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;
 Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me,
 Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
 For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father,
 Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **C Amen.**

Stand

Offertory LSB 192

C 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.

[Offerings may be placed in the box in back of Church]

Litany of the Passion

P God the Father in heaven,
P God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
P God the Holy Spirit,
P Jesus, Son of the living God,
P From all evil,

C Have mercy.
C Have mercy.
C Have mercy.
C Have mercy.
C O Jesus, deliver us.

P From the crafts and assaults of the devil;
 From sudden, unprepared, or evil death;
 From pestilence and famine;

From war and bloodshed;
 From sedition and rebellion;
 From lightning and tempest;

From all calamity by fire and water;
From anger, hatred, or ill-will;

P By the mystery of Your incarnation;
By Your most holy life and
conversation;
By Your most bitter Passion and death;
By Your agony and bloody sweat;
By Your thrice-repeated prayer;
By Your bonds and stripes;
By Your sacred body, buffeted and
smitten;
By the spitting upon Your adorable
face;
By the false judgment pronounced by
Caiaphas;
By Herod's disdain of You;
By the shameful stripping of Your
garments;
By Your painful crown of thorns;
By Your purple robe of mockery;

P We poor sinners implore You to hear us:

C **O most loving Jesus.**

P That being dead to sin, we may live unto righteousness;
That we may take up our cross daily and follow You;
That Your blood may cleanse us from dead works to serve the living God;
That looking on Your example, we may follow Your steps;
That being partakers of Your sufferings, we may be also partakers of Your glory:

C **We implore You to hear us, O Jesus.**

P Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **Have mercy.**

P Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **Have mercy.**

P Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C **Grant us Your peace.**

P *(Collects will be offered, each ending with)* through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

From everlasting death,

C **O Jesus, deliver us.**

By Your most unjust condemnation;
By Your bearing Your own cross;
By Your footprints to the place of
death;
By the tearing off of Your garments;
By the cruel straining of Your sacred
limbs;
By Your dread crucifixion;
By the anguish You did suffer;
By Your prayers and tears;
By the insults You endured;
By the shedding of Your most precious
blood;
By Your patience and humility;
By the love with which You loved us to
the end:

C **O Jesus, deliver us.**

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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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*

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|---|---|
| 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

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

The true body of Christ, given for you.
Amen.

The true blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 199*

- C** 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*

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, **C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- A** 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.
- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And with thy spirit.

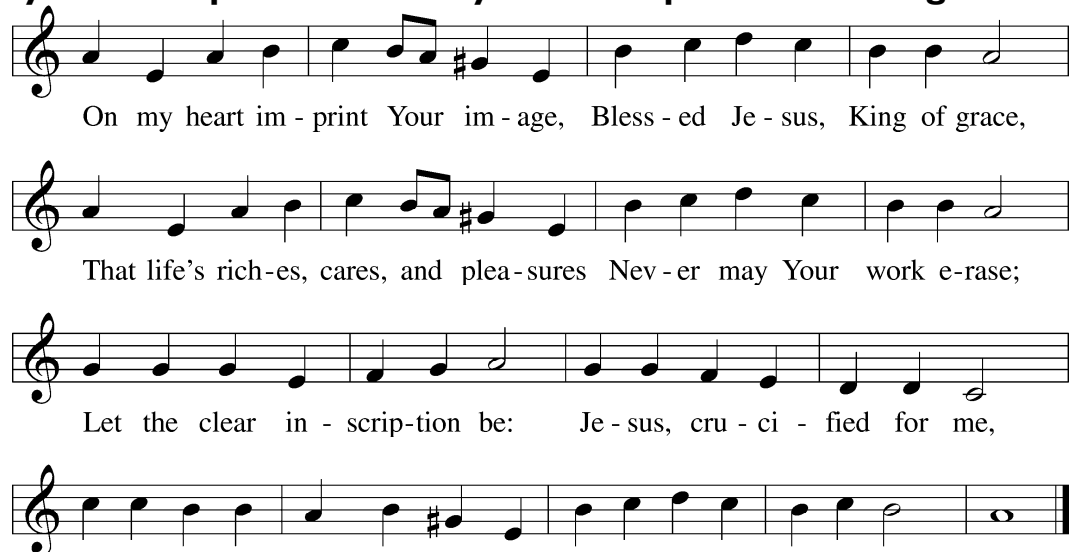
Benedicamus *LSB 202*

- A** Bless we the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction *LSB 202*

- 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.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

Hymn to Depart: 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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