



*The Baptism of  
Our Lord*  
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## AS WE GATHER

When Jesus was coming up out of the baptismal waters, the voice of the Father proclaimed Him as His Son, in whom He delighted. Those words would be repeated on the Mount of Transfiguration, but with this order to the disciples: "Listen to Him!" Those two events "framed" Jesus' ministry of obedient service and His revelation of God's great love even before His sacrifice on the cross. Seeing Him, we learn what it means to be "alive to God in Christ Jesus," as Paul urges in the Epistle. We are also "framed"—considered God's children through our Baptism. It is all grace, of course; we never achieve our Lord's righteousness, but are given it as a gift. Today we listen again to the Gospel, respond with prayer and praise, and are given grace to tell our friends what Christ has done for us all.

## OPENING SENTENCES

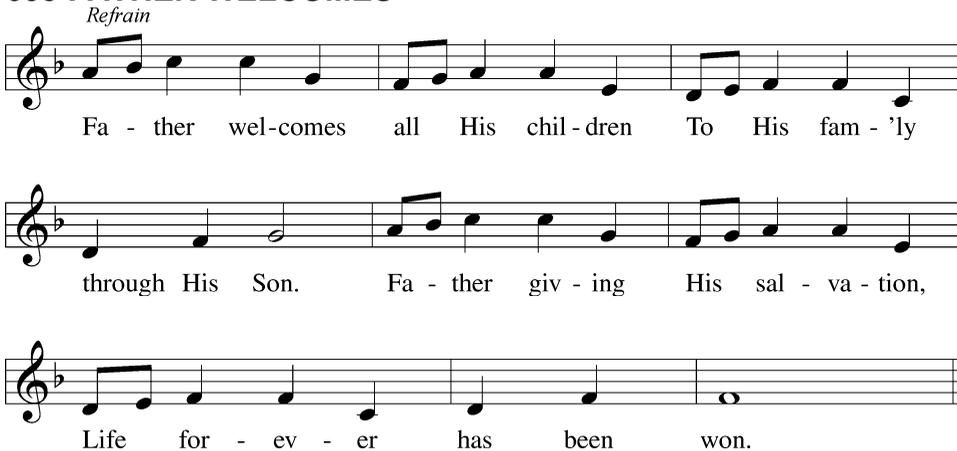
*Romans 6:4; Matthew 3:17*

- P** We were buried therefore with [Christ] by baptism into death,  
**C** in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
- P** This is My beloved Son,  
**C** with whom I am well pleased.

## + PREPARATION +

## 605 FATHER WELCOMES

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.  
 Shall be born a - gain.  
 Live in the peace of God.

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## + WORD +

### INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

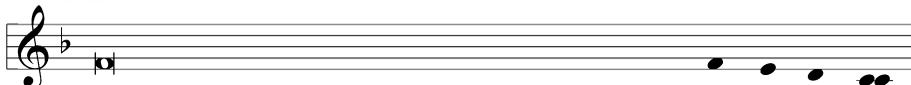
- P** Isaiah wrote about God's gracious Servant. It was a prophecy about Jesus, who, although He was righteous, exchanged places with us in Baptism and on to death. Let us confess our failures to reflect His obedient servanthood in our daily living.

The Father put His Spirit upon His Servant.

- C** **We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sought to live by our own strength and will. In our sinful condition, we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.**
- P** Paul wrote, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? . . . For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!**

# KYRIE

LSB 204



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.  
Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life;**
- P** through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 42:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Psalms 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C** **Extol Him, all peoples!**

**P** For great is His steadfast love toward us,  
**C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

**P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;  
**C** **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 6:1–11*

- L** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?
- A** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- L** We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.
- A** We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.
- L** Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- A** For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God.
- L** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

*Mark 1:11b*

- P** Alleluia. You are My beloved Son;
- C** **with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:13–17*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**C** Yes, I renounce him.

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C** Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

## CATECHISM

*Baptism, First and Fourth*

**P** What is Baptism?

**C** Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

**P** Which is that word of God?

**C** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

**P** What does such baptizing with water indicate?

**C** It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

**P** Where is this written?

**C** St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

# 578 THY STRONG WORD



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!

- △ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

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## SERMON

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Romans 6:11; Isaiah 42:6; Psalm 29:11*

- P** Because of our Baptism we “must consider [ourselves] dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” Let us therefore boldly go to our heavenly Father in prayer for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For all the baptized in the Body of Christ, given “as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,” that they would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to respond as His chosen servants with faith-filled thoughts, words, and deeds in both their private and public lives, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the Church here and around the world, that we not feel unworthy in our service, as did John the Baptist, but may spread the news of God’s proclaimed favor in Christ and that those who make, administer, and judge the laws of all the nations would order society in peace and justice so that the Church may flourish, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For all who work in the healing arts, those who respond first in disasters, and those who protect us at home and while deployed in harm’s way, that God would protect them in time of danger, give them courage to use their gifts for the good of all entrusted to their care, and guide them when making difficult decisions, let us pray to the Lord.

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For all who, like bruised reeds or faintly burning wicks, cry out to God for compassion, strength, and healing [*including . . .*], that God would not let them grow faint or discouraged, but would visit and relieve them according to His gracious will, using us whenever possible to bring renewal of life and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That “the LORD give strength to His people . . . [and] bless His people with peace”; into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

### 956 CREATE IN ME



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 Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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## + SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

**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.

## PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, 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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD (ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God by heav'n-ly  
hosts a - dored, All cre - a - tion shows Your pow'r,  
Shin - ing star and frag - ile flow'r. Blest, the One who  
comes to save, Christ, who for our sins You gave.  
Sing ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one, Sing ho - san - na to God's Son.

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## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You

alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## JESUS, GOD'S OWN LAMB



Je - sus, God's own Lamb, we pray As You take all



sin a - way, Hear us as we call Your name



That with You we may re - main. You came to us



from a - bove; You have poured on us God's love.



Take our sin, give us Your peace, Till our days on earth shall cease.

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## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

**629 WHAT IS THIS BREAD**

**394 SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE**

**405 TO JORDAN'S RIVER CAME OUR LORD**

**537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

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**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## 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.

## 594 GOD'S OWN CHILD, I GLADLY SAY IT



1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

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## Prayers

### Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayers of thanks for **Trish Bechtel, Kerry Balow, Emily Coombs and Mary Hughes** who are celebrating their birthdays.

Thanksgiving for LuAnn Wee's successful appendectomy and recovery

### Prayers of Comfort and Healing

For all who suffer from **mental health concerns**.

Prayers for comfort and understanding for **all those who are battling cancer**.

Baby **Griffin and his sibling** who has kidney problems.

Comfort for the friends and families of the murder victims in Moscow.

Healing for Sally's mom Sue who has eye problems.

Comfort for **Linda Sitze** and family as she is now on hospice.

Healing for **Margaret & Harlem Sandberg**.

### Other Prayers

Safety for **all who are traveling**.

All who serve in our **armed forces** and their **families**.

*Can we pray for you? Share your prayer requests by email at [office@concordiapullman.org](mailto:office@concordiapullman.org)  
or fill out one of the white cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate.*