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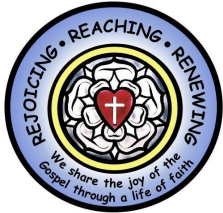
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July 5, 2026 + Sixth Sunday after Pentecost + US Semiquincentennial

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. The prophet describes an everlasting realm that contrasts with earthly nations, one marked by peace, humility, and freedom. Jesus associates with those excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with selfish desires; we lament flawed systems; and we seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather around word, water, and meal by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Here we find rest for our souls and hope for life in beloved community.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Confession

Beloved in the Lord!

Thus saith the high and holy One who inhabiteth eternity,
whose Name is holy:

I dwell in the high and holy place with him who is contrite in heart,
to revive the spirit of the humble and the heart of the contrite.

I will not always chide, neither will I keep my anger forever.
Only acknowledge thine iniquity,
that thou hast transgressed against the Lord, thy God.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us, therefore, confess our sins, saying:

**I, a poor sinner, confess unto God, my heavenly Father,
that I have grievously sinned against Him in many ways,
not only by outward and gross sins, but even more
by inward blindness of heart, unbelief, doubt, despair,
impatience, pride, selfishness, lust of the flesh, avarice, envy,
hatred and malice, and by other sinful passions
which are naked and open in Thy sight, O Lord,
but which I, alas, cannot fully understand.**

**I do earnestly repent and am heartily sorry for these my sins,
and with my whole heart implore Thy divine grace,
through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ,
being resolved with the help of the Holy Spirit,
to amend my sinful life. Amen.**

Lord God, the Father in heaven:
Have mercy upon us.

Stand be - side her and guide her thru the night with a light from a -
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bove. From the moun - tains, to the prai - ries, to the o - ceans
C C G7 G7 C C G7

white with foam. God bless A - mer - i - ca,
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my home sweet home. home.
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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

O God, you have blessed us with the freedom to speak,
the freedom to worship,
and the freedom to travel from place to place.
For all the freedoms we enjoy in this country, we give you thanks.

O God, you have blessed us with the right to vote, the right to work,
and the right to live where we please.
**For all the rights we possess as citizens of this country,
we give you thanks.**

O God, you have blessed us with the fields of plenty
and rivers that flow.
For the bounty of this land, we give you thanks.

O God, you have blessed us with peace within our borders
and prosperity within our communities.
For the advancement of our nation, we give you thanks.

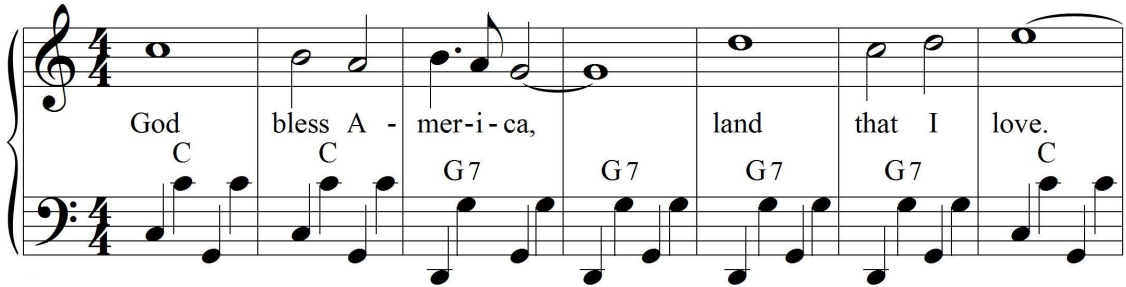
O God, you have helped us in hard times
and given us the strength to persevere as a people.
For the courage we have to carry on, we give you thanks.

Benediction

Receive the blessing of the Lord.
The Lord bless thee and keep thee.
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Amen.

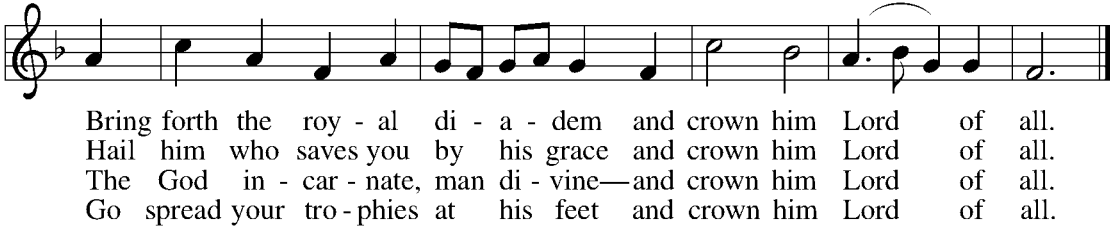
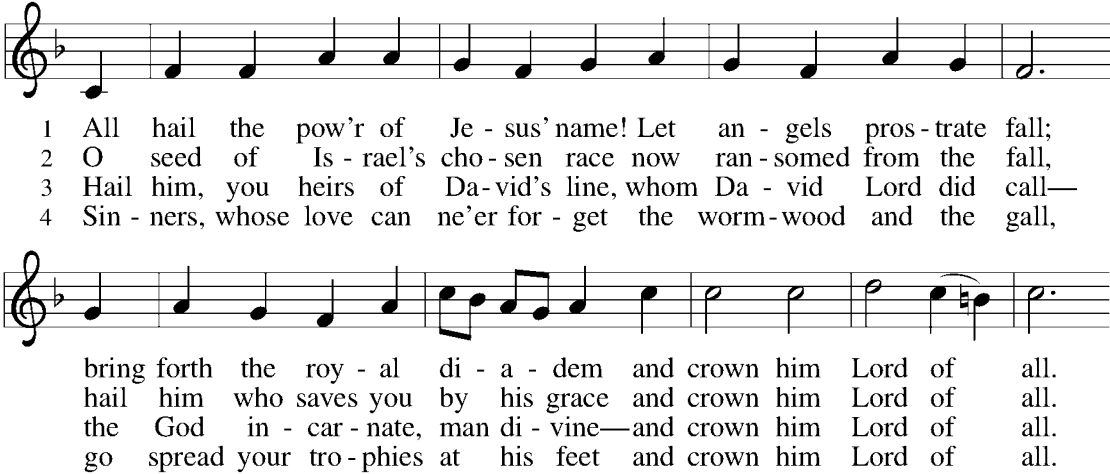
Sending Hymn

God Bless America



Lord God the Son, Redeemer of the world:
Have mercy upon us.
Lord God the Holy Ghost:
Have mercy upon us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Opening Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* #634



- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

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Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept.)*
O God,
who hast prepared for them that love thee
such good things as pass man's understanding:
Pour into our hearts such love toward thee,
that we, loving thee above all things,
may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Old Testament Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

*Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the Old Testament Lesson
for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
written in the ninth chapter of Zechariah beginning at the ninth verse.*

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:
behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation;
lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

¹⁰And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim,
and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off:
and he shall speak peace unto the heathen:
and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea,
and from the river even to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant
I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.

¹²Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope:
even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee.
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 145:8-14

*Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the appointed Psalm
for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost which is Psalm 145
beginning at the eighth verse.*



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new

fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

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Communion Blessing

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: Hallelujah.
And His mercy endureth forever: Hallelujah.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept.)*
We thank Thee, Lord God Almighty,
that Thou has vouchsafed to refresh us with this Thy salutary gift;
and we beseech Thee, of Thy mercy,
to strengthen us through the same, in faith toward Thee,
and in fervent love toward one another;
through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord,
Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Announcements

Fourth of July Litany

O God, you have blessed our land with many gifts.
For everything that makes this country great, we give you thanks.



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



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por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

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Distribution Hymn *Praise and Thanks and Adoration* #783



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.

⁸The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion;
slow to anger, and of great mercy.

⁹The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

¹⁰All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

¹²To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,
and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

¹³Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

¹⁴The Lord upholdeth all that fall,
and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

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

Epistle Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the Epistle Lesson

*for the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost written in the seventh chapter of Romans
beginning at the fifteenth verse.*

¹⁵For that which I do I allow not:

for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

¹⁶If then I do that which I would not,

I consent unto the law that it is good.

¹⁷Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

¹⁸For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:

for to will is present with me;

but how to perform that which is good I find not.

¹⁹For the good that I would I do not:

but the evil which I would not, that I do.

²⁰Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it,
but sin that dwelleth in me.

²¹I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

²²For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

²³But I see another law in my members,

warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me
into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

²⁴O wretched man that I am!

who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

²⁵I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God;
 but with the flesh the law of sin.
 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn ***God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*** #509



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;
 to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.
 Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while
 time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Holy Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

*Let us devoutly listen to the reading of the Holy Gospel
 written in the 11th chapter of St. Matthew, beginning at the 16th verse.*

- ¹⁶But whereunto shall I liken this generation?
 It is like unto children sitting in the markets,
 and calling unto their fellows,
¹⁷And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced;
 we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.
¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking,
 and they say, He hath a devil.
¹⁹The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say,
 Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber,

Now let all those who are found to be prepared,
 by the experience of sincere repentance and faith,
 approach, in the name of the Lord, and receive the Holy Supper.

The Agnus Dei

**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.**

Distribution

In giving the Bread, the Pastor shall say these words:
*Take and eat, this is the true Body of your Lord Jesus Christ,
 given unto death for you;
 may this strengthen you in the true faith unto everlasting life.*
Amen.

In giving the Wine, the Communion Assistants shall say these words:
*Take and drink, this is the true Blood
 of your Lord Jesus Christ, of the New Testament,
 shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins, unto everlasting life.*
Amen.

Distribution Hymn *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* #488



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|---|---|
| 1 | Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y |
| 2 | Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and |
| 3 | Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - |
| 4 | Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and |

That ye remember and give thanks to His boundless love,
of which He gave proof when He redeemed us by His Blood
from God's wrath, sin, death and hell,
and thereupon take to yourselves externally the bread and wine,
that is His Body and Blood, as your guarantee and pledge.

In His name therefore, and according to His command,
let us proceed by the use of His own words
to the observance and administration of the Testament.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in heaven;
Hallowed by 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 Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the night in which He was betrayed,
took bread; and when He had given thanks,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying,
Take, eat; this is My Body, which is given for you;
this do in remembrance of Me.

After the same manner also He took the cup,
when He had supped, and when He had given thanks,
He gave it to them, saying,
Drink ye all of it;
this cup is the New Testament in My Blood,
which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins;
this do, as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.

a friend of publicans and sinners.
But wisdom is justified of her children.

²⁵ At that time Jesus answered and said,
I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent,
and hast revealed them unto babes.

²⁶ Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

²⁷ All things are delivered unto me of my Father:
and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father;
neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son,
and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

²⁸ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me;
for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth.**

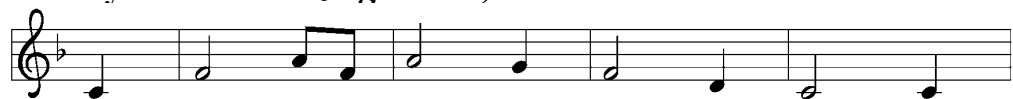
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church,
the Communion of Saints, The Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

#779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Children’s Time

Sermon

Ordinarily, the sermon shall be limited to three-quarters of an hour, or at most, one hour.

Prayers of the People

(Please Kneel or Sit)

Almighty eternal God, our merciful Father in Jesus Christ:
We give Thee most hearty thanks that in this life
Thou has hitherto preserved us through the Gospel of Thy Son,
and by enabling us to hear Thy holy word
in peace and quiet to the end,
dost call and prepare us for the life to come.

That His kingdom may come and be enlarged;
that all transgressors, the sin-darkened,
and those in the bonds of Satan’s kingdom
be brought to a knowledge of the true faith in Jesus Christ, his Son,
and the number of Christians be increased.

That we may be strengthened by His Spirit to do His will
and suffer it to be done, both in life and death,
in good things and in evil,
ever breaking, offering, and slaying our own wills.

That He would also give us our daily bread,
preserve us from avarice and gluttony,
relying upon Him to grant us a sufficiency of all good things.

That He would forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors
so that our heart may have a calm and joyful conscience before Him
and no sin may frighten us nor make us afraid.

That He would not lead us into temptation
but help us by His Spirit to subdue the flesh,
despise the world and its ways
and overcome the devil and all his wiles.

And finally, that He would deliver us from all evil,
bodily and spiritually, in time and eternity.

All those who earnestly desire these things will say,
from their very hearts, Amen,
believing without doubt that it is yea,
and answered in heaven as Christ hath promised:
Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray,
believe that ye shall receive them, and ye shall have them. Amen.

Secondly, I admonish you in Christ,
that ye look upon the Testament of Christ in true faith,
above all having confident assurance in your hearts
in the words by which Christ grants us His Body and Blood
for the forgiveness of sins.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept.)*
Support us O Lord, that we may live,
and let us not be ashamed of our hope.
Help us by Thy might that we may grow strong
and delight evermore in Thy statutes;
through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you,
and with thy spirit.
Let us lift up our hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Sabaoth.
The whole world is full of His glory.



The Exhortation

Dear friends in Christ,
Since we are here assembled in the Name of the Lord to receive
His holy Testament, I admonish you first of all to lift up your hearts
to God to pray with me the Lord's Prayer, as Christ our Lord has
taught us and has given comfortable assurance that it shall be heard.
That God, our Father in heaven, may look with mercy on us,
His needy children on earth, and grant us grace
so that His holy Name be hallowed by us and all the world
through the pure and righteous teaching of His word
and the fervent love of our lives;
that He would graciously turn from us all false doctrine and
evil living whereby His precious Name is blasphemed and profaned.

We humbly beseech Thee, continue to look upon us in Thy grace.
Forgive us our sins and trespasses,
and renew us in the spirit of our mind,
that in holiness and righteousness
we may please Thee all the days of our life.

Preserve to us the preaching of Thy word,
and the right administration of Thy holy sacraments,
and give us and our descendants true shepherds and teachers.
By the power of godliness
drive from us all temptations and enticements
so that with one accord, in this land as well as in all Christendom,
Thy Name may be hallowed,
Thy kingdom increased, and the power of Satan destroyed.
Graciously aid Thy churches everywhere,
especially those suffering persecution, and provide them
with defenders from among all rulers and their subjects.

O most loving God and Lord,
direct our Governor and all in authority
with the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
and bless them with Thy divine benediction.

Bless us and all sovereign countries,
the Christian upbringing of children,
and all honorable occupations and vocations on land and sea.
Remember in Thy mercy our spiritual fathers, friends,
and benefactors in England and Germany.
Take under Thy mighty and merciful protection
all who are with child and all nursing mothers.
Help everyone in time of need,
and take pity on all who in any place cry to Thee.
Keep us in Thy love, and grant that everywhere
all things may work together for good.
In Thy mercy turn away from us all well-deserved catastrophes:
war and pestilence, hunger and famine, calamity by fire and water,
and such other afflictions of man or beast,
and whatever else we by our sins have brought upon us.

Grant favorable weather that the fruits of the earth may prosper,
and be Thou the Saviour of all men, especially of them that believe.

O Thou holy God, preserve us from sin and shame,
and stand by us with Thy good Spirit,
that we forfeit not Thy blessing by our transgressions
and thus bring upon ourselves Thy righteous judgment.

O Lord, we acknowledge
that when in Thy longsuffering Thou dost spare us,
it is not our righteousness but Thy mercy alone which moves Thee,
for we are altogether unprofitable servants and handmaids
in Thy sight.

By the same mercy continue Thy grace towards us
and direct our hearts to love for our neighbor
and compassion for all the distressed,
and make us not to forget to do good to all, even our enemies.

Especially today we lift before you.....

Preserve us from sudden evil death, and through Thy Spirit and grace
prepare us more and more for a blessed end.

Especially in the hour of death, drive Satan and all his wiles from us
and increase in us faith in Thy Son Jesus,
that we may overcome the fear of death.

When our ears no longer can hear,
then let Thy Holy Spirit bear witness to our spirit
that we shall be received by Thee with Jesus in paradise
as Thy children and joint-heirs with Christ.

When our eyes no longer can see,
then open the eyes of faith to see Thy heavens opening before us
and the Lord Jesus seated at his Father's right hand,
that we also may be where he is.

When our tongue no longer can speak,
then especially let Thy Spirit intercede for us before Thy face
with ineffable sighs, and teach us to cry in our heart, Abba, Father.

So, grant, O faithful God, that we may live in Thy fear,
die in Thy grace, depart in Thy peace,
rest in the grave under Thy protection, be raised by Thy power,
and thereafter inherit the blessed hope, even eternal life,
all for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit,
be blessing and honor and glory and praise, now and forever more.
Amen. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, unto eternal life. **Amen.**

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Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.