# St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

*A Family Connecting in Christ*

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## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

### To Our Guests

- We pray you receive a warm welcome and are blessed by the message of God's Word in our lessons and hymns. If you have questions, please ask us!
- Our service is designed to focus us on Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit does that by exposing our need for Christ and by showing us the wonders of God's grace in Christ – forgiveness and peace, help, and hope for life in this world, and life forever with God in heaven.
- Please join us after Sunday service for fellowship and Family Bible Hour.

### Our Communion Practice

We practice close communion, the Biblical and ancient practice of the church. We invite our congregation members and visitors from sister WELS or ELS congregations to join us, but ask Christians from other denominations to kindly respect our practice. Further explanation is in the pew racks or from our pastor.

### We Care about Your Children

- We love to have children with us in worship. Children's "church bags" (with paper, colors, and Bible story books) are available in the Narthex Gathering Area.
- If your children are crying loudly, our nursery, Gathering Area (back of church), and downstairs Fellowship Hall are audio-equipped for you and your young children. When your children are ready, come back so we can worship together.

### We Care about Your Special Needs

- **Large Print** Service Folders are available from an usher.
- **Hearing Assistance** for those with hearing aids is provided through our Hearing Loop or personal hearing devices available at the "sound table."
- A **wheelchair lift** is available for your assistance; please ask an usher.

### Our Facilities

Restrooms are in our Fellowship Hall, downstairs and to the right of the kitchen.

### Our Ministry

St. John offers an excellent preschool-8th grade school program. We are members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) - www.wels.net.

## The Service

**In Our World Today …** we have ministry partners known as Kingdom Workers who serve to share God's love by caring for body and soul. Kingdom Workers serve with the philosophy: "Jesus cares about the whole person. So do we."

**In Our Worship Today** … we embrace that same ministry philosophy - "Jesus cares about the whole person. So do we." Join us during Sunday Family Bible Hour for a special presentation on how we can partner together with Kingdom Workers!

## Hymn: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing *CW 520*

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ┼ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**

## Confession *CW 189*

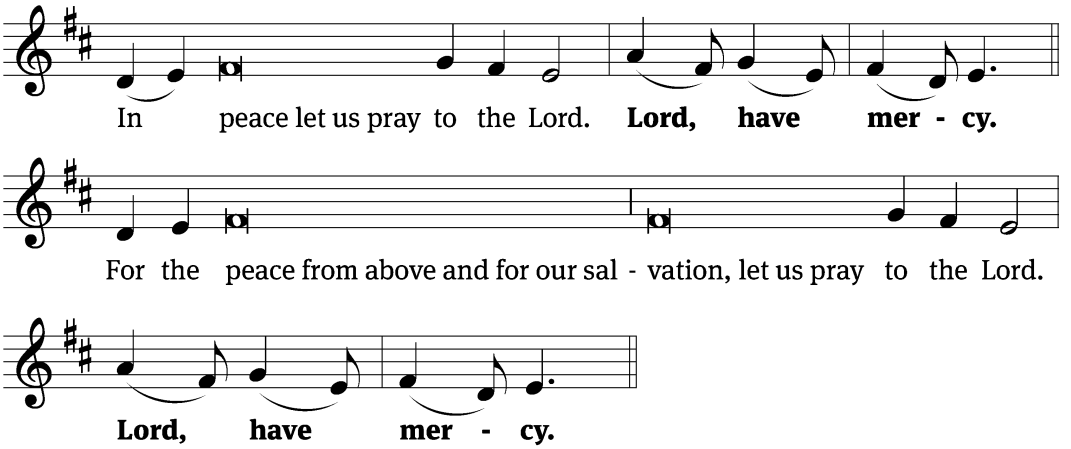
Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
**Almighty and merciful Father,**
**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**
**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**
**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**
**We have done those things that we should not have done,**
**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**
**Have mercy on us, Lord!**
**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**
**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

## Declaration of Grace *CW 189*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
**Amen.**

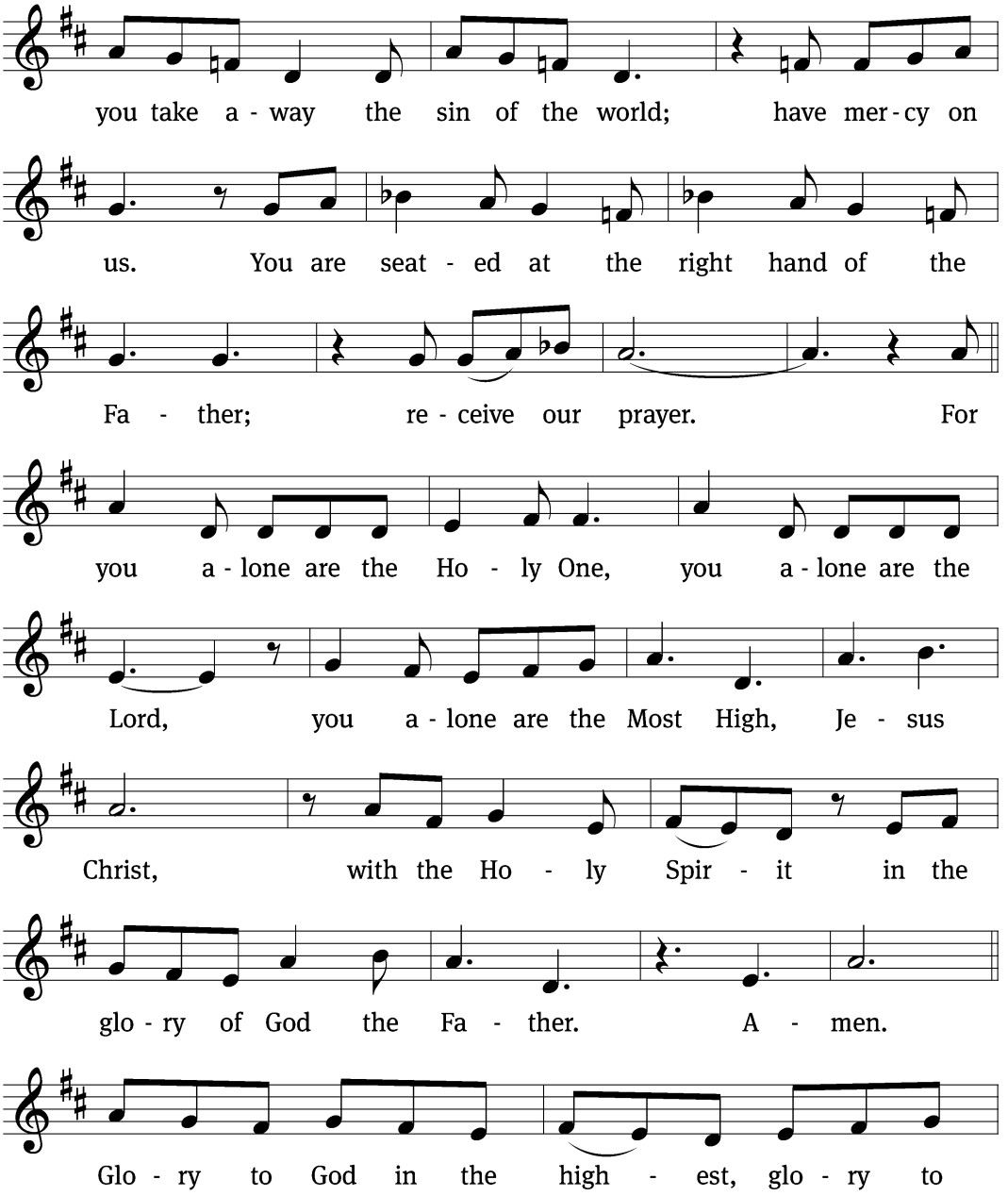
## Lord, Have Mercy *CW 190*



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men. A - men.

## Glory to God in the Highest

*CW 191*


you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
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Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
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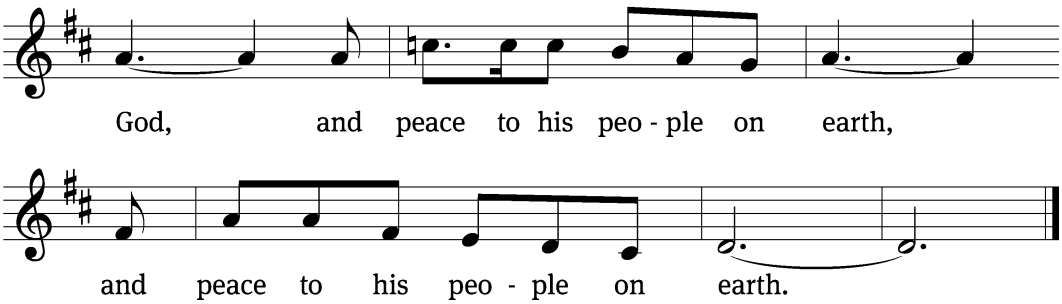



## Prayer of the Day

Lord God, your Son came among us not to be served but to serve and to give his life for the sins of the world. Lead us by his love to serve those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen.**

## First Reading *James 2:14–26*

14What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but
has no deeds? Can such faith save them? 15Suppose a brother or a sister is without
clothes and daily food. 16If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and
well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? 17In the
same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

18But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds."

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.
19You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and
shudder.

[20]You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?
[21]Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? [22]You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. [23]And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. [24]You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

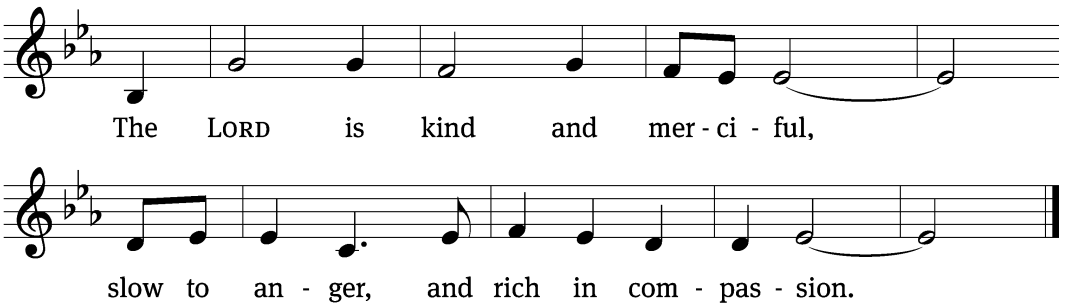
[25]In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? [26]As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

The Word of the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

## The LORD Is Kind and Merciful

***Psalm 103A***

*Refrain*




*Tone*

Praise the LORD, / my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his / holy name—
who forgives / all your sins
and heals all your dis- / eases,
who redeems your life / from the pit
and crowns you with love and com- / passion,
who satisfies your desires / with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle's. *Refrain*

The LORD is compassionate and / gracious,
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.
He does not treat us as our / sins deserve
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.
For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,
so great is his love for those who / fear him;

as far as the east is / from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.
**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.** *Refrain*

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Alleluia.

## Gospel *Mark 2:1–12*

[1]A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he
had come home. [2]They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room
left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. [3]Some men
came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. [4]Since they could
not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above
Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. [5]When
Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."
[6]Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, [7]"Why
does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God
alone?"
[8]Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in
their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? [9]Which is
easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take
your mat and walk'? [10]But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on
earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, [11]"I tell you, get up, take your mat and
go home." [12]He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This
amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like
this!"

The Gospel of the Lord.
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Hymn of the Day: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service *CW 766*

## Sermon *Mark 2:1-12*

## 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 truly 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.**

## Offering

*If you prefer to give online, the code at the right will take you to our Online Giving page. We invite our online givers to join in our offering with an "I Give Online" card in the pew racks.*

## Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you love your whole creation and forget none of your creatures. We bring you our supplications for all your children, for all those we love and all those committed to your care:
**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, and restored and refreshed us by their sympathy and help:
**We implore you to hear us, good Lord.**

For all who have wished or done us ill, that you would turn their hearts to penitence and ours to blessing:
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all prisoners and captives and all who suffer from oppression, that you would lead them to know the perfect freedom of your Son's forgiveness, relieve their suffering, and move us to imitate you by assisting them with works of mercy and compassion:
**Lord, have mercy.**

[For… *here name the person and the cause of the petition*, let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, have mercy.**]

For all who bear the cross of suffering, who are sick in body or in mind:
**Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.**

For all who are troubled by the suffering or sin of those they love:
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have experienced worldly loss, that in the midst of darkness and confusion they may find their peace in you:
**We implore you to hear us, O God.**

For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of their brothers and sisters and to know and appreciate the fellowship of those who bear Christ's cross:
**We implore you to hear us, O God.**

For all who are suffering because of their faithfulness to conviction and duty, that in sacrifice they might find strength and joy; and that you, who see in secret, may uphold them by your grace, so they may at last come to an open reward:
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are undergoing temptations of the flesh or who imagine evil in their hearts, that you would enable them to overcome and obtain the victory through Christ:
**Be merciful and spare them, good Lord.**

For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of the joys of others, that they may know you as their Father, Friend, and Comforter:
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the infirm, the aged, and all who are approaching death, that they may find their strength in you and obtain a blessed end:
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all for whom we have forgotten to pray but who are dear to you:
**Assist them according to their needs, and bring them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.**

O God our Father, hear our intercessions, answer them according to your will, and make us the channels of your infinite pity and helpfulness.
**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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 Sacrament

*Guests, please see our communion practice on Page 2.*
*Gluten-free wafers are available; ask Pastor.*

## Preface

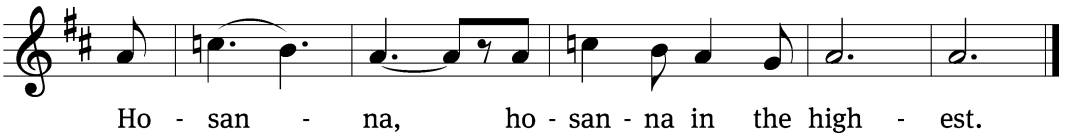
*CW 199*

## Proper Preface

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

*CW 200*




## Words of Institution

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."

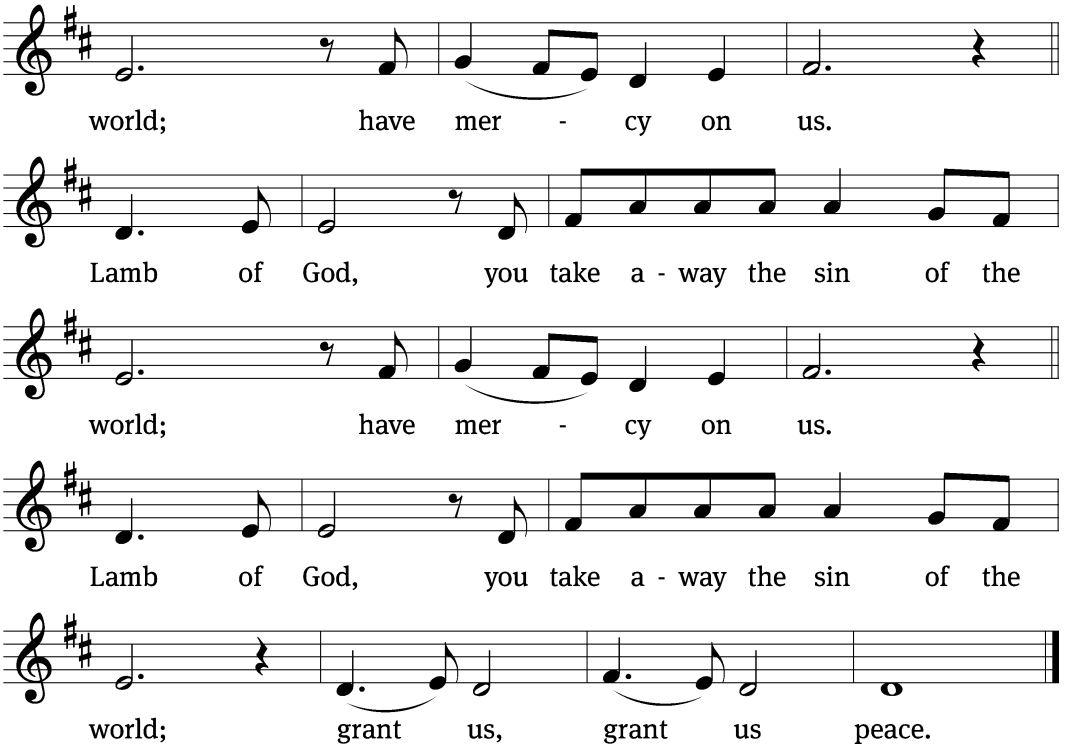
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## Pax Domini

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

## Lamb of God

***CW 202***




## Distribution Hymn: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us *CW 767*

## Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
**his mercy endures forever.**

## Proclamation

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

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.
**Amen.**

## Blessing

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.
**Amen.**

## Hymn: May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill *CW 697*

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