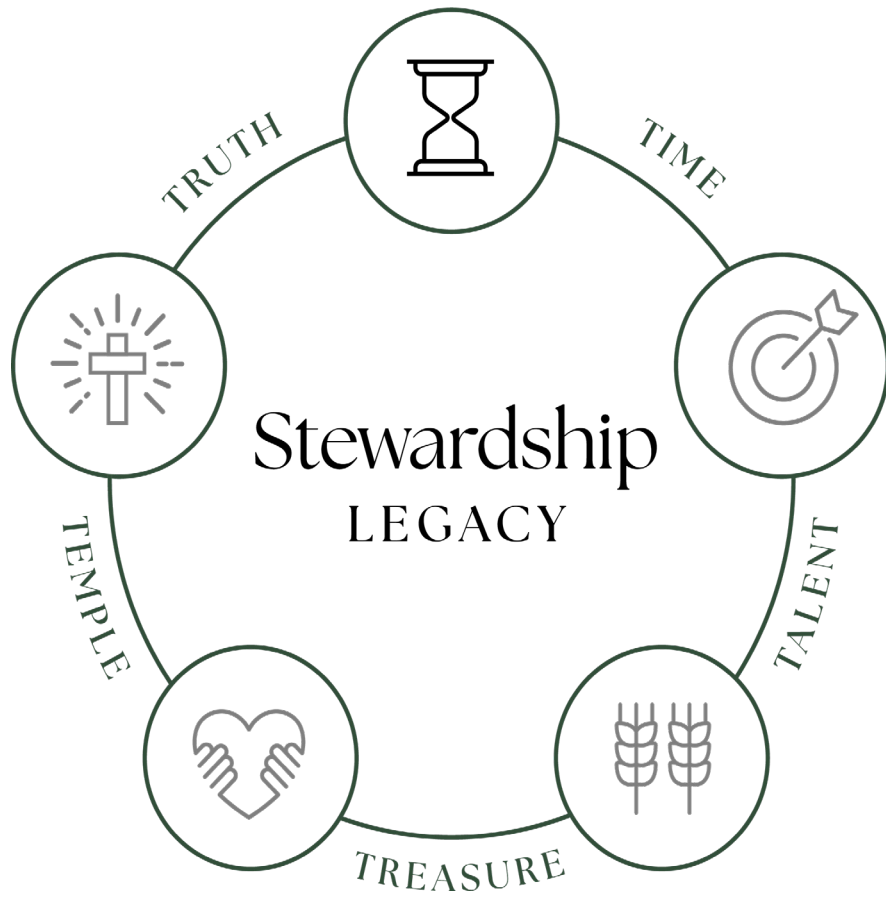


A TIME FOR EVERYTHING
“A Time to Pause”



November 26, 2023

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here this morning or watching online, we are happy you have joined us today.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience this morning easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No After Service Ministries: This morning we will not have Bible Study, Sunday School, Youth Group, and Youth Confirmation after worship for Thanksgiving weekend. Our post service ministries will resume next **Sunday, December 3rd.**

Sheila Taylor Memorial Service: On **Tuesday, November 28th at 1:00 PM** at church there will be a memorial service for Shepherd of the Hills' member Sheila Taylor. All members are welcome to attend the service as we find peace and comfort in Jesus' promises knowing that Sheila is now at her Savior's side in heaven. Following the service, the committal will be at Sunrise Memorial Park Cemetery in Hermantown.

Christmas Church Decorating Reminder: Everyone is welcome to come out and help decorate our Christmas tree and the sanctuary on **Tuesday evening, November 28th, from 6 to 8 PM.** We hope this can be a great time for fellowship with music, decorating, and maybe some hot chocolate or cider on the side!

Advent Wednesdays: Starting **Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 PM**, we will be having our Advent potluck dinners, where members are welcome to bring soup, a dish, sandwiches, or dessert to serve. Whether or not you provide food, please come and enjoy conversation and food with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Wednesday, December 6th, we will have our first Midweek Advent service at 7:00 PM. We will be following the theme "Promises Kept." We hope you can join us for these special services as we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior.

Christmas Cookies! SOTH has been asked to help provide Christmas cookies for the St. Louis County inmates on December 13th (**Cookies to church by December 12th**). We want to deliver 150 (nut and peanut butter-free) cookies. (13 people = 1 doz each) If you are interested, please speak with Dawn Denney for details.

Caroling at Duluth Heights Lodge Senior Living: If you are interested in caroling with the choir in December, please get in touch with Becky Miller for details. A tentative date is set for **December 14th.**

The King is Born! Save the date for **Saturday, December 16th.** Kids ages 3-11 are invited to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with music, stories, crafts, and, of course, birthday cupcakes!! Please speak with Ryan Bogart if you want more information or are interested in helping out.

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and

all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed Till your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,

Now to seek and love and fear you, By your teach - ings,
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
 Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
 Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -

sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
 God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
 peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
 low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

INVOCATION

P: Jesus has promised: “Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”
(Matthew 18:20) We worship, therefore, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD’S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

P: May our prayers rise before you like incense;

C: **The lifting up of our hands like the evening sacrifice.**

P: O Lord, I call to you, come quickly to me.

C: **Hear my voice when I call to you.**

P: Heavenly Father, you will not turn away from us, even though you are just and holy, you love those who act unjustly to you. Sin is ever present and the temptations of the world and our sinful flesh never grow weak. Hear us as we come to you in repentance and confess our sins.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do. You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Jesus, your Savior, lived a perfect life, died an innocent death, and rose from death to remove your sin and guilt forever. God’s Word declares to you, “your sins are forgiven” in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
(1 Corinthians 15:57)

RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

“Oh, Taste and See”
p. 39 in front of Hymnal

Sing after a brief introduction...

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good,
Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal;
It stands firm in the heav-ens.
Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-ev-er.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good,
Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the richness of your grace, may be faithful stewards of all your good gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-12

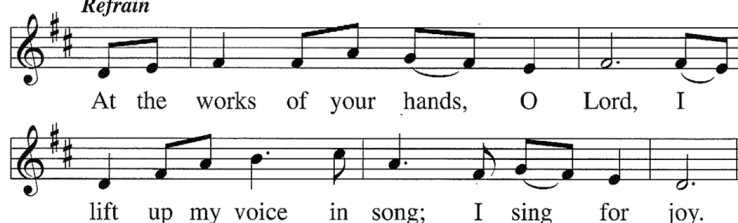
⁴ Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"—skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, ⁶ buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done. ⁸ "Will not the land tremble for this, and all who live in it mourn? The whole land will rise like the Nile; it will be stirred up and then sink like the river of Egypt. ⁹ "In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰ I will turn your religious feasts into mourning and all your singing into weeping. I will make all of you wear sackcloth and shave your heads. I will make that time like mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹ "The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land— not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹² Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 30


p. 76 in the front of the Hymnal

Refrain



At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone



Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;*
praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,*
but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night,*
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Refrain

To you, O LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;*
O LORD, be my help.

You turned my wailing into dancing,*
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

- P: Alleluia. "I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Alleluia. (Revelation 22:13)
- C: **These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that by believing we may have life in his name.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:6-13

- ⁶ It still remains that some will enter that rest, and those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not go in, because of their disobedience. ⁷ Therefore God again set a certain day, calling it Today, when a long time later he spoke through David, as was said before: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."
⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.
¹² For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

(THE APOSTLES' CREED)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

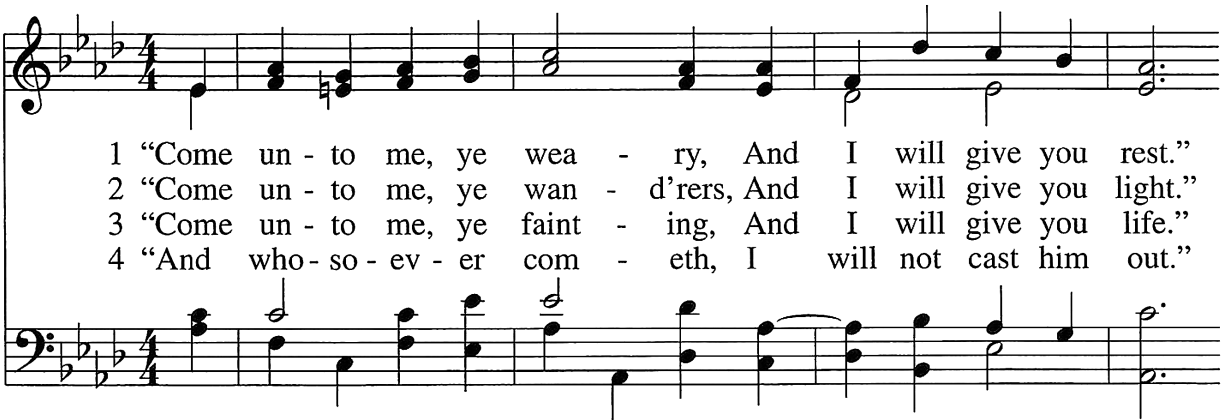
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

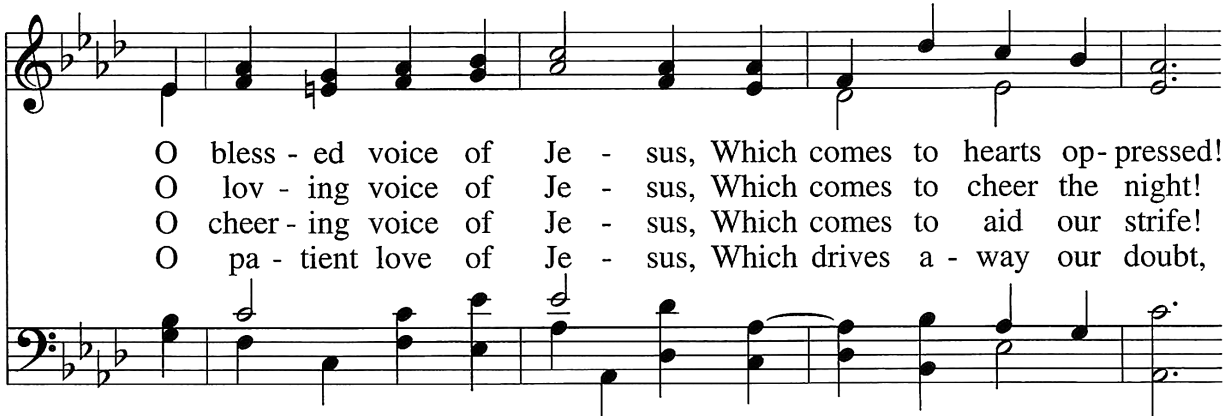
HYMN

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

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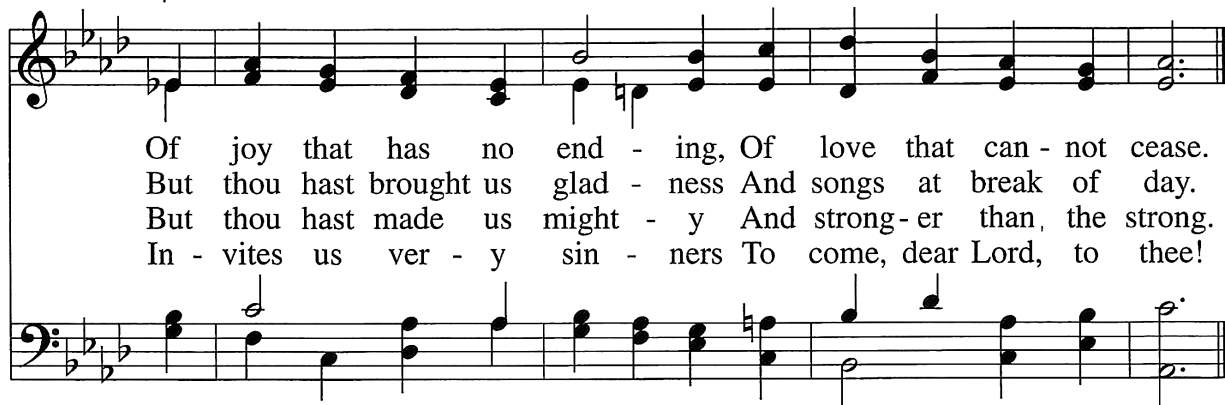
1 "Come un - to me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
2 "Come un - to me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
3 "Come un - to me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op - pressed!
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
The foe is stern and ea - ger; The fight is fierce and long;
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that has no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
But thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
But thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than, the strong.
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to thee!

† THE MESSAGE †

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Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” ¹³ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.”

¹⁵ The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? ¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?”

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

MESSAGE NOTES

#1 Jesus sees our _____ and helps us with his _____ power.

⇒ Luke 13:10-13; Colossians 1:21; John 19:30

⇒ Jesus reveals his compassion to a woman who has been afflicted for 18 years.

⇒ When we were helpless because of sin, Jesus came to set us free from death and hell.

#2 Appreciate the _____ and _____ that Jesus gives us in God’s Word.

⇒ Luke 13:14-17; Isaiah 61:1,2; Matthew 11:28

⇒ The synagogue ruler misses what Jesus has come to give him and all people.

⇒ Remove the distractions that hamper us and focus on Jesus’ words and promises.

#3 Pause and consider how we can _____ in giving _____ to God.

⇒ Luke 13:13-14; 1 Peter 4:11

⇒ Take note of the very first thing this woman did after she was healed by Jesus.

⇒ Look for opportunities in our life to praise God for his grace and mercy.

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, visit our website: www.duluthlutheran.org and click on the "Give" tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.**

P: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

C: **Help us live as royal priests.**

P: We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

C: **Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.**

P: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our sinful nature.

C: **Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.**

P: O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

C: **Praise the Lord, who does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

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

Silent prayer.

P: Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: **The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and him glory! 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.

HYMN

“Jesus, Lead Us On”

CW 422

1 Je - sus, lead us on Till our rest is won; And al -
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not
3 When we seek re - lief From a long - felt grief, When temp -
4 Je - sus, still lead on Till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly

though the way be cheer - less, We will fol - low, calm and
faith - less fears o'er - take us; Let not faith and hope for -
ta - tions come al - lur - ing, Make us pa - tient and en -
Lead - er, still di - rect us; Still sup - port, con - sole, pro -

fear - less. Guide us by your hand To our fa - ther - land.
sake us, For through man - y a woe To our home we go.
dur - ing; Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
tect us Till we safe - ly stand In our fa - ther - land.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Almighty God, grant to you Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

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CLOSING HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

CW 353

1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, Turn - ing
 gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out de - mons With the
 in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious That we

blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the gos - pel,
 pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter
 may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and glad - ness,

Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and
 To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes
 See - ing what our God has done; Let us praise the

feed - ing thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.
 liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 true Re - deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.