



*FOR YOU HAVE DELIVERED MY SOUL  
FROM DEATH, MY EYES FROM TEARS,  
MY FEET FROM STUMBLING;  
I WILL WALK BEFORE THE LORD  
IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING.*

*Psalm 116:8-9*

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# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE!**

If you are with us for the first time, please stop by our **Welcome Center** located in the Narthex and sign our Guest Register, and pick up a gift!

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT GRACE LUTHERAN...**

We believe, teach and confess that those who commune receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord---in, with and under the bread and wine---for forgiveness of sins and strengthening in faith and life. All baptized, believing Christian guests are invited to examine themselves, as exhorted by St. Paul. Those who are in agreement with this statement are invited to join us at the Altar. If you have a question regarding this, please ask to speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.

Both individual and common cups are available. Also, If you would prefer to receive nonalcoholic white grape juice, there are individual cups in the center of the tray.

**ATTENDANCE/COMMUNION REGISTRATION BOOKS** Please fill this out and pass it down your pew. If you are a guest, or have a prayer request please include contact information and Pastor Martin will be in touch soon.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

**A CHILDREN'S CRY ROOM** where parents can follow the service, as well as a Nursery (for ages 1-3) attended by a child care provider, is available. The Nursery is also available during the Sunday School hour if parents would like to attend the adult classes. Please ask an usher for more information.

**BUDDY BAGS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN** (ages 2-6) are located near the entrance of the Sanctuary. The bright, colorful bags are hanging off the staircases, for your child to choose one. Each bag has a stuffed animal, coloring book, crayons and stickers. Please return the bag after the service

**EXTENDED PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:** (1) During worship confidential personal prayer is offered with members of our prayer team during communion in the narthex, and after worship it is also offered in the Luther Room. Please ask an usher or elder for more information. (2) Prayer cards are attached to the welcome books in the pews. If you would like to submit a prayer request to Pastor Martin, please fill this out and place it in the offering plate. (3) Outside the church office there is a book available to write down prayer requests in a more public setting. This is also available if you would like to pray for other needs in our greater Grace community.



## Prelude Music / Welcome

*Please Stand*

## Entrance Hymn

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837

## ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

### Invocation

LSB 203

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### Exhortation

LSB 203

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Please kneel or be seated for a time of silent confession*

### Confession of Sins

LSB 203

**P** We confess together...

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

### Absolution

LSB 203

**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.

**C** **Amen.**

Please Stand

## The Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).



## Service of the Word



### Kyrie

LSB 204



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

### Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 50:4–10*

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;

he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

<sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

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

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

## Epistle

*James 3:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

<sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things

ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

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

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

*Please Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

### Alleluia

*LSB 205*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Verse

*LSB 205*



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

### Alleluia

*LSB 205*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 9:14-29*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup>And they

brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## Children's Talk

### Hymn of the Day

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427

### Sermon

#### Reception of Members by Transfer or Profession of Faith

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** Yes, I do.

**P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**R** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**R** Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** I do.

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** I do, by the grace of God.

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** I do, by the grace of God.

**P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

**R** I do.

**P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

**R** I will, with the help of God.

**P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please Stand*

## **Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 207*

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**P** Remember in kindness this congregation. Make us bold to proclaim You as our Lord and Father, and by Your Spirit guide us according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, we commend all who have been entrusted with offices of public trust in our land, including those who serve in the military of our land [*especially remembering...*] Grant to them all a share in Your wisdom, that they may serve with integrity and honor. Free our public discourse from the distraction of personal attacks, and help us all to use our tongues to explain our neighbor's actions in the kindest way. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Eternal Father, Your Son healed many who suffered from frail and diseased bodies in His ministry, showing Your great compassion for us in our suffering and pointing us toward the final healing that awaits His glorious return. Into His hands this day we commend all who are in need: the sick, the

homebound, the lonely, the grieving, the discouraged, the anxious and the depressed. [We especially put into Your hands all we have been asked to remember at this altar: \_\_\_\_\_.] Shower each one with Your compassion, and sustain their faith as they await Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Source of all, Life of all, receive our praise for those who have died trusting in Jesus Christ, [especially remember... ] Give us our portion with the saints in light, and bring us all to the day of resurrection joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**Offering** *\*During the passing of the offering, please take a moment to sign in our red attendance book and then pass it to others in your pew.*

## Grace Choir

### Amazing Grace

*Please stand*

## Offertory

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we

of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
 give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

**Preface**

*LSB 208*

**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.**

**P** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Because Your Son Jesus Christ, is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;  
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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

**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."

## Pax Domini

LSB 209

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated

### Distribution Hymns:

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good  
Take My Life and Let It Be  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB 819  
LSB 784  
LSB 425

Please Stand

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**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 Collect

- A** 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 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.**

## Benedicamus

*LSB 212*

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

*LSB 212*

- 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.**

## Hymn

Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky

*LSB 870*

*Please be seated*

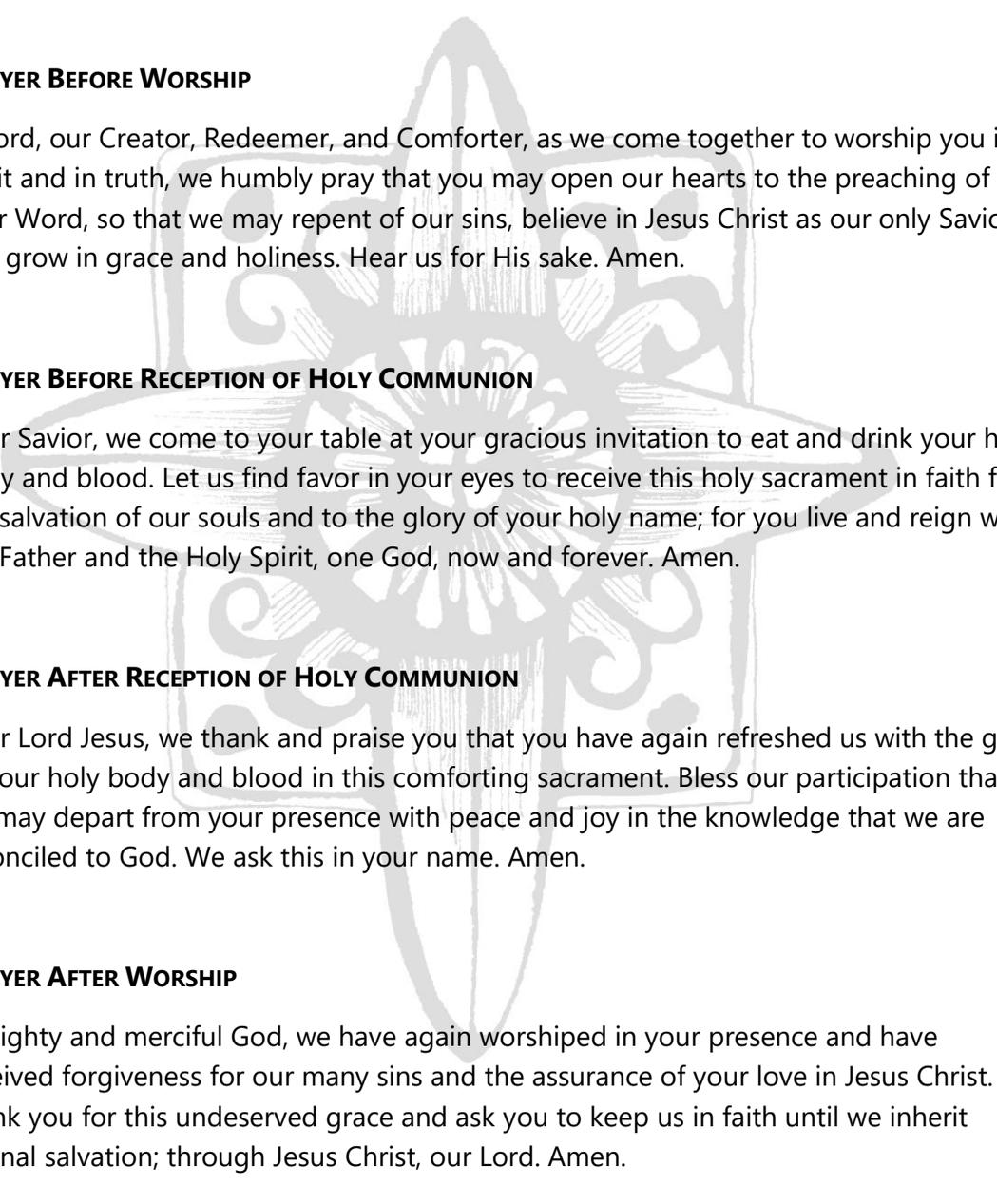
## Announcements

## Postlude

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Confirmation Worship Report**

To be filled out and turned in to Pastor Martin once per month.  
(use the back of the sheet for more space if needed)

1. Which Sunday in the church year was it?
  
2. What was the color of the day?
  
3. What was your favorite hymn we sung?
  
4. Why was this your favorite hymn we sung?
  
5. What was going on in the Gospel lesson?
  
6. What did we learn from the homily (sermon)?
  
7. What did the sermon have to do with you?  
("nothing" is a wrong answer)
  
8. What was one thing announced before or after church?



### **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship you in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that you may open our hearts to the preaching of your Word, so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

### **PRAYER BEFORE RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Dear Savior, we come to your table at your gracious invitation to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of your holy name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **PRAYER AFTER RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise you that you have again refreshed us with the gift of your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in your name. Amen.

### **PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP**

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in your presence and have received forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of your love in Jesus Christ. We thank you for this undeserved grace and ask you to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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