



You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate. * Please turn off cellphones*

AS WE GATHER

Today we recall an 'old' event in history, the Baptism of Our Lord. God's Word teaches us that it is also a 'current' event producing a new creation and new life for each person who is baptized into Jesus Christ. In the beginning, God was pleased with His new creation – light (*Genesis 1:4*); at Jesus' Baptism, the Father was pleased with Jesus, His Son (*Mark 1:11*); and at our Baptism into Christ, we are pleasing to God and therefore are able to "walk in newness of life" (*Romans 6:4*). Holy Communion is offered today:

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, just as He says, Christ gives us His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause Godly and brotherly love to grow. In this sacrament we proclaim Christ's death on the cross to atome for the sins of the world and His triumphant resurrection over the grave, to the glory and praise of God. To receive this means of God's grace properly we should be able to positively answer the following: "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe the pastor's forgiveness is God's forgiveness?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire to live anew to God and others in love and service?" In our 'yes' to these questions we join in a close and holy communion – a fellowship of faith.

Out of Pastoral concern and care, and taking to heart God's Word in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" – if you are unsure of what it means to recognize the body of the Lord in the Lord's Supper and you cannot confess these beliefs, please feel free to remain seated or come forward with hands folded for a blessing or speak to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice).

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD/ FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Divine Service – Setting Two January 9, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

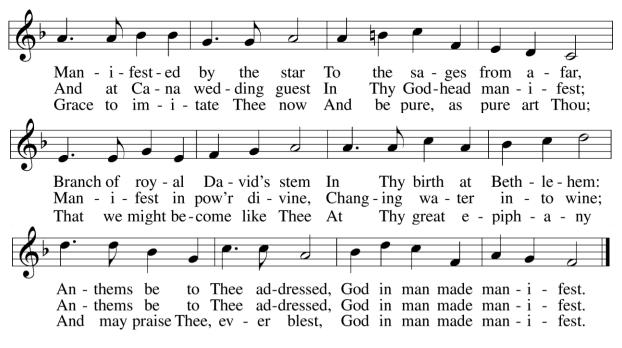
+ INVOCATION +

LSB 167

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the 承 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. Matthew 28:19b

Opening Hymn "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" 1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



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Catechesis on Baptism fromThe Small CatechismLSB 325

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." *Matthew 28:19*

P What benefits does Baptism give?
C It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

- **P** Which are these words and promises of God?
- C Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. Mark 16:16
- P How can water do such great things?
 Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy

Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."

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." Romans 6:4

Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 167**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word. Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

☑ Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- PGod be merciful to you and strengthen
your faith.LSB 292
- **C** Amen.

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C Yes. LSB 293
P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P Almighty God in His LSB 167 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 x Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + LSB 168
Introit *Ps. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a*P Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.
C I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

C You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

- **P** Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- **C** Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling,
- **P** for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

P G 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.

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

KyrieLSB 168PIn peace let us pray to the Lord.CLord, have mercy.

- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. C Amen.





Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 172
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 43 But now, this is what the LORD says – he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. 4 Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life.

5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. 6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth -7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."



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

Gradual *Ps.* 117:1-2*a*; 96:8 **A C** Praise the LORD, all nations! **Extol him, all peoples!** For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:1-11

6 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 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.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we

should no longer be slaves to sin –

7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

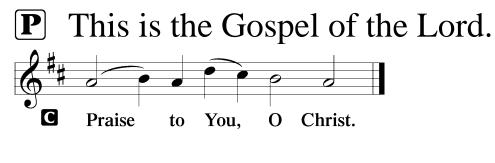
8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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Stand Alleluia and Verse LSB 173 Al - le - lu ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu ia. -Luke 3:15-22 Holy Gospel The Holy Gospel according to St. P Luke, the third chapter. C Glo - rv to 0 You. Lord.

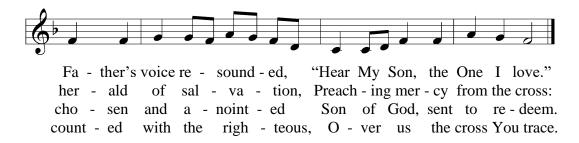
15 The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts ifJohn might possibly be the Messiah.16 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." 18 And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

19 But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, 20 Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison. 21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."



Sit





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Sermon Pastor Tom Rhodes "I, Too, Sent My Son to Israel"

Stand

Nicene CreedLSB 174Image: Deliver in one God, the Father

Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

- And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
- I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 承 of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the ChurchLSB 175

P Created in Your image, formed for Your glory, called by Your name and washed clean in Baptism, we come this day as the people of Your promise with the intercessions and prayers for all people as they have need.

Brief silence

P Blessed Lord, In Christ and by His Baptism, You have kept Your Word and made Baptism to be the water that refreshes and restores and so grants us new life. Give us Your Holy Spirit, that we may become the new and holy people You have declared us to be. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy God, the nations still live in darkness and in the despair of death. Raise up prophets who will address them with Your Word and truth, and accompany this preaching with Your Holy Spirit so that those who hear may believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

 P Lord of all power, we pray You to place Your support on all those who serve in government, the police, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, disaster relief and the armed forces. Give them honest hearts for their service, protection and assistance, and lead them by Your
 Word to know and do what is good and right for all people and in accordance with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

P Lord of compassion and mercy, no suffering passes before You unnoticed. Give to the sick, the hospitalized, those recuperating, those in treatment and those troubled in mind and heart both Your healing presence and Your healing peace. Especially hear us on behalf of those on our prayer list and cards. Be their companion in solitude, their healing in affliction, their deliverer from trouble and their life in death. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

P Eternal God, we remember with thanksgiving all those who went before us with the sign of faith, who passed on to us the sign of faith and who now rest in Christ from all their labors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O almighty and everlasting God, do we commend all for whom we pray this day, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom be glory now and forever.

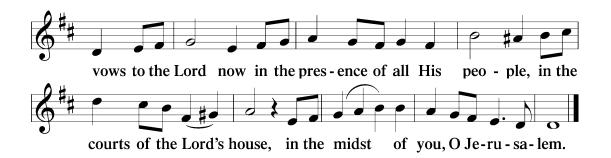
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Offering

LSB 176

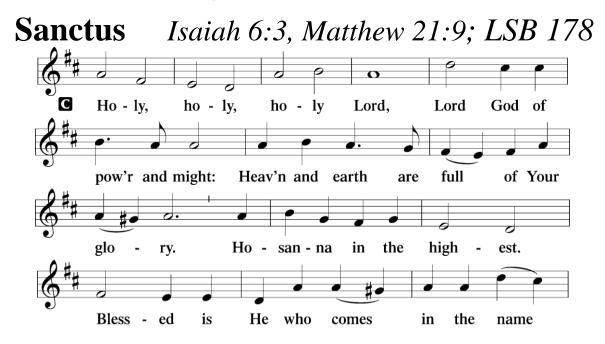
In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)





- + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + LSB 177 **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.

 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 what had been hidden from
 before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 178
P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your onlybegotten 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.

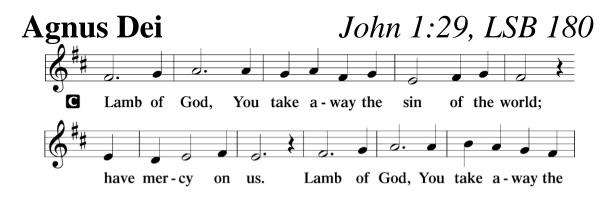
Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 179P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 *LSB 179* Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25 **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 \bigstar body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." P 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 ★ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

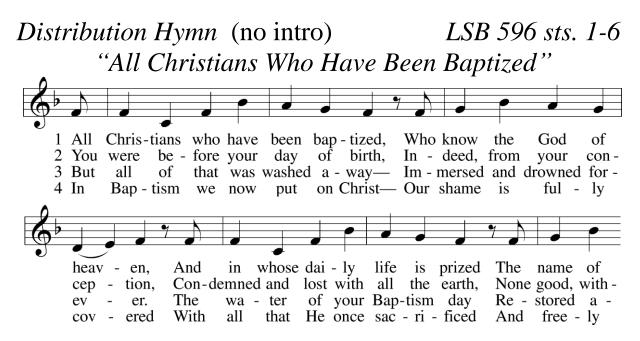
Pax DominiJohn 20:19, LSB 180PThe peace of the Lord be with youalways.



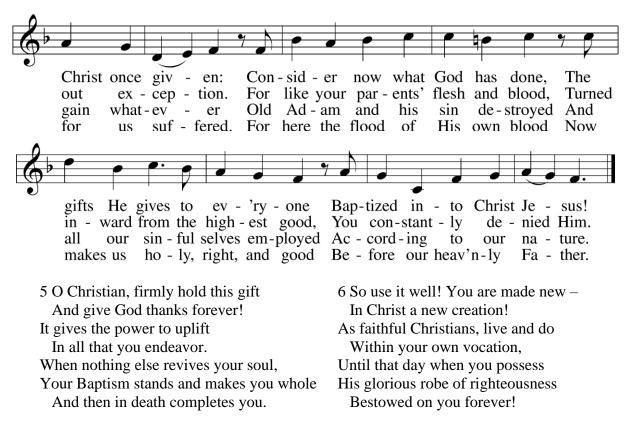




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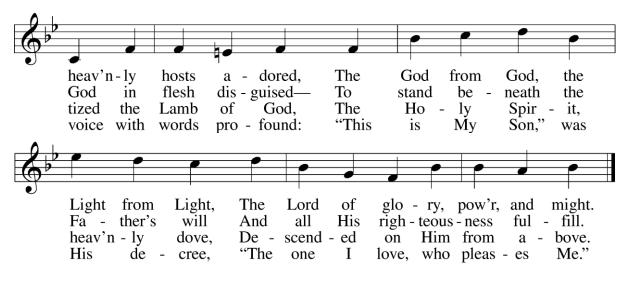


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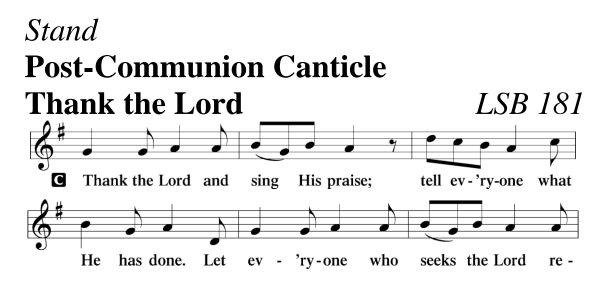
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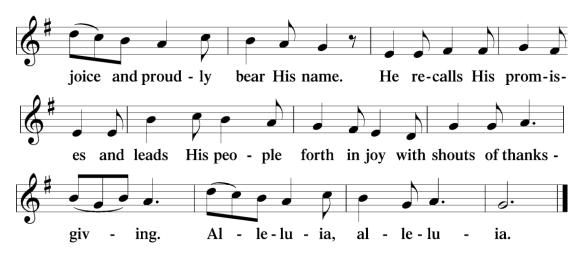
Distribution Hymn LSB 405 sts. 1-6 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" To Jor - dan's Lord. The Christ, whom riv -1 er came our 2 The Sav - ior be bap - tized— The Son of came to 3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute! He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Post-Communion CollectLSB 183PLet us pray.

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 183 P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and \bigstar give you peace. C Amen.





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