LUTHERAN CHAPEL



HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-5 AND LUKE 10:38-42

"The Visit with Mary and Martha"

HOLY COMMUNION 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 20, 2025

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LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

BOLD indicates congregational responses -* Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God.

GATHER

WELCOME AND PRELUDE "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Arr. by Dale Wood

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19h

C: Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us recite the gift of the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment and use these teachings to examine our lives.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20:1-17

- 1. You shall have no other gods.
- 2. You shall not make wrongful use of the Name of the LORD your God.
- 3. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- 4. Honor your father and mother.
- 5. You shall not murder.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
- 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
- 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife or (husband).

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Mark 12:28-31

C: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: Let us kneel or sit for a time of silent confession and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

2 Corinthians 13:13

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*THE KYRIE Mark 10:47, WOV pg. 28

AM: Kyrie eleison
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*GLORY TO GOD

Luke 2:14, John 1:29, WOV pg. 29

Refrain

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Verse 1

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

Verse 2

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Refrain

Verse 3

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Refrain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

(In Unison)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

STORY OF SALVATION LESSON

HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-5

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

¹ I will stand at my watchpost

and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision:

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

⁵ Moreover, wealth is treacherous; the arrogant do not endure.

They open their throats wide as Sheol;

like Death they never have enough.

They gather all nations for themselves and collect all peoples as their own.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STORY OF SALVATION TIMELINE

The timeline below offers an overview of the Story of Salvation lesson from Genesis to Revelation. <u>The + marks where we are now</u>. The memory verse is in bold.

Creation: Fall: Promise: Exodus: Conquest: Judges: + **Kings and Prophets:** Exile: Restoration: 2nd Temple: JESUS: +Apostles: Last Day: New Creation

PSALM 15



Psalm 15:1
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LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

Refrain

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON COLOSSIANS 1:15-28

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

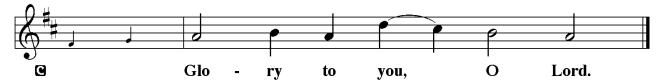
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:68

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

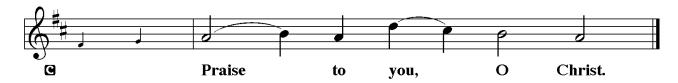
*GOSPEL LUKE 10:38-42

Those who are able may stand to honor Christ during the reading of the Gospel. Response after the announcement:



³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



MESSAGE

"The Visit with Mary and Martha"

On Theodicy Who Is Your Focus?

The Law is an aspect in the Word that shows our brokenness, sin and need for Jesus's aving power: I do not have time for this one – too busy!

The Gospel is an aspect in the Word that gives strength, wisdom and hope in Jesus' ultimate saving power: The better portion is given – Jesus' Presence – that we may listen to His life bearing Word for us.

So What?: Schedule time listening for Jesus – morning, noon, and night. Pray hurts, questions, and laments following the example of the Prophets.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"When Peace Like a River"

ELW #785

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate on the attendance registry and talk to an usher or the pastor.

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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

AM: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence may be kept. Each prayer will conclude: Lord in Your mercy, and the congregation may respond **Hear our prayers.**

Prayers are commended in Jesus' Name.

AM: All these prayers and whatever else You see that we need we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3

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

C: And also with you.

THE MEAL

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

MUSICAL OFFERING

Offered by Jordan Hoffman

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

J.S. Bach

*OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

(In Unison)

C: Blessed are You, O God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered in feeding the world with Your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136

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 our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE AND THE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9 WOV pg. 36

Holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, 1 Corinthians 11

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

*LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29, WOV pg. 39

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion. Here we receive forgiveness, the gift of abiding in Jesus, the remembrance of His sacrificial love for us on the Cross, and the promise of eternal life (Luke 24:13-35, John 6:22-59, 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Please request grape juice or gluten free bread if needed. (Please take your communion cup as you leave and discard in trashcan.)

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. This is the blood of Christ shed for you.

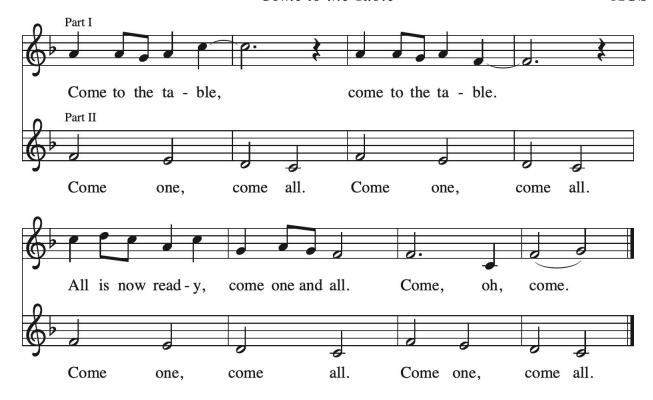


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SENDING

*THE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

*SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

ELW # 853

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "A Trumpet Fancy" Leon Nelson

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GENERAL INFORMATION: If your family is in need of a **nursery** attendant during the 10:00 service, please let our ushers know and they will contact one of our attendants. **Restrooms** are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located in the Educational Building and *do not require the use of stairs*. If needed, please see an usher for assistance in locating them.

TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS ONLINE: This QR code goes straight to the "Easy Tithe" page on the website that accepts tithes and offerings electronically.

DONATION FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Today is the last day to contribute! We will be collecting money for school supplies for Woodhill Elementary in Gastonia. Boxes will be placed in the church pews. Please mark the donation as school supplies. Thank you so much!

2025 YEARBOOK: The 2025 Yearbook is now available for *members of the church*. Copies can be found in the Narthex or the church office. One copy per family, please!

BASEBALL OUTING REMINDER!: For those who have signed up, the Hickory Crawdads Baseball game is on **Tuesday**, **July 22nd**. The bus will leave at 5:00 pm, the buffet will open at 6:30 pm, and the game starts at 7:00 pm.

THE CHOSEN: Join us for the Evening Suffrages on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, followed by an episode of the Chosen with a discussion and snacks to follow in the Memorial Chapel.



CLOTHING CLOSET: The clothing closet is in great need of spring and summer clothing and shoes. Do you have some clothes that you don't like or that don't fit anymore? Please consider going through your closet and sharing! Thank you!



LOVE OFFERING FOR JULY: July's love offering will be sent to the Holy Angels which provides programs and services for children and adults with varying degrees of mental retardation; some of whom have physical disabilities, and are medically fragile requiring specialized care. Programs provided to the residents include residential services, special education, medical services, creative arts therapy, so-

cial work, habilitation services, nutrition, recreation, vocational training, and opportunities for spiritual growth. The support and donations given to this ministry offer families the peace of mind in knowing that their special child is receiving the highest quality of compassionate care and a loving home.



Sunday, July 20 8:30 am Fellowship

9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 am Council Meeting (Conference)8:00 pm Faith Group (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, July 21

Tuesday, July 23 8:30 am Preschool

10:00 am Clothing Closet Workday

Wednesday, July 24 8:30 am Preschool

7:00 pm Evening Suffrages and Episode of the Chosen (Chapel)

Thursday, July 25 8:30 am Preschool

11:00 am Bible Study (Library)
6:00 pm Pickup basketball (Gym)

Friday, July 26

Saturday, July 27 9:30 am Hungry Peeps in (Fellowship Hall)



DAILY PRAYER - A HOME ALTAR ALTERS THE HOME!: Sunrise, noon, sunset and at meals are times for daily prayer (*Psalm 1 55:17*). May God bless you as you turn to Him day by day.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - Week 30 July 20 to July 27, 2025

07/20 Morning Reading: Acts 22—Evening Reading: Psalms 26, 27, 28

07/21 Morning Reading: Acts 23:1-15—Evening Reading: Psalms 29, 30

07/22 Morning Reading: Acts 23:16-35—Evening Reading: Psalms 31, 32

07/23 Morning Reading: Acts 24—Evening Reading: Psalms 33, 34

07/24 Morning Reading: Acts 25—Evening Reading: Psalms 35, 36

07/25 Morning Reading: Acts 26—Evening Reading: Psalms 37, 38, 39

07/26 Morning Reading: Acts 27:1-26—Evening Reading: Psalms 40, 41, 42

07/27 Morning Reading: Acts 27:27-44—Evening Reading: Psalms 43, 44, 45

This QR code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that lists the commemorations and Psalms appointments for the week.



PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP: Shirley Bradley, Gail Brown, Miles Carpenter, Ruby Cook, Judy Gault, Baker Hampton, Henry Hoffman, James Hovis, Trish Ratchford, Kay Robinson.

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To share concerns and updates for the prayer list you can contact the church office (704-864-6491) or call/text Pastor Comer (704-787-6439)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS:

Wednesday, July 23 ~ Evening Suffrages

Psalm 75 "God is the Judge" - Chosen "Matthew 4:24"

Thursday, July 24 ~ Story of Salvation Bible Study

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-5 "Why?"

Sunday, July 27 ~ Ante Communion

Jeremiah 17:1-14 and Luke 11:1-13 "The Gift of Prayer"



Series on the Holy Communion ServicePart 1

Why do we pray this almost every Sunday service?

The Lutheran Confessions assert that "The chief Service of God is to preach the Gospel" (Apology of the Augsburg Confession, 15:42). So, where is the good news in the Service millennia by millennia, Sunday by Sunday? Consider this little commentary on the Holy Communion Service. If the Holy Spirit has passed these scriptures and songs down to us,

then maybe they are worth putting in our hearts, right?

The Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie Eleison) – This is the cry of blind Bartimaeus and the lepers in distress (Mark 10:47 and Luke 17:12-13). We cry to God in Jesus' Name and He will hear us (John 14:13-14). This ancient prayer recognizes that our human condition is entirely contingent and dependent on God. It is also part of daily prayers. Why? I need God's help. Don't we all?



The Daily Prayers

Abide in Me. John 15:5, Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray. Psalm 51:17

Sunrise. Noon. Sunset. In Christian freedom – do as your devotions suggests! Simple prayers from the Small Catechism may be a path, especially when prayed individually. The full prayers of Morning and Evening Prayer may be a path, especially when prayed as a congregation. The Psalms, the Lord's Prayer, reading the Bible for yourself, and time talking and listening to our Father in Heaven are all history parts of Lutheran liturgies. Luther's counsel on simple pray is summarized below.



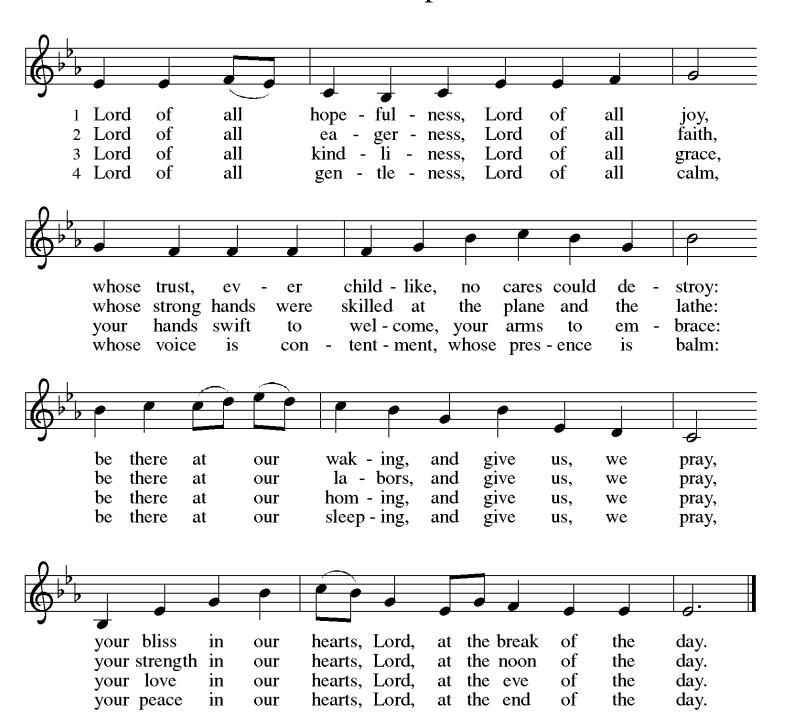
Luther's Simple Way to Pray counsels to use God's Word as a garland praying for **instruction** (re: Psalm 19 and 119:105 – What is the plain sense given us? How then will you live?), **thanksgiving** (re: Psalm 9:1-2 and 105:1-3), **confession** (re: Psalm 25:11 and 51), and lift up **supplications** (re: Psalm 55:22 and 62:8) for others, yourself, and all known needs.

Luther's Morning Collect: We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Your dear Son, that You have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that You would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please You. Into Your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let Your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

A Noon Prayer: Almighty God, Your Son our Savior suffered at human hands and endured the shame of the Cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of the Cross and find it the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Luther's Evening Collect: We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Your dear Son, that You have graciously protected us today. We ask You to forgive our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into Your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let Your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us. Amen.

Lord of All Hopefulness



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When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

When Morning Gilds the Skies



Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896