



Risen Christ Lutheran Church  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday Worship July 13, 2025 9:30am

**REMEMBER, YOU ARE IN GOD'S SANCTUARY. AS YOU ENTER  
HIS SANCTURARY, PLEASE SIT QUIETLY, PRAY, AND READ  
THROUGH THIS WORSHIP FOLDER  
TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**



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**ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION** – (2nd & 4th Sundays) We believe that the Lord’s Supper is not symbolic. We believe what Jesus Himself said: that His body and blood are truly present in this, His meal that He instituted for forgiveness and spiritual strength, that God desires our sincere confession, continuous seeking and giving forgiveness and, that being genuine in taking Communion so that we not harm ourselves by taking it in an unworthy manner. If you believe the above and you are a baptized believer who trusts in the death and resurrection of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, and you have examined yourself, you are welcome to commune with us. Please talk to the Pastor if you have any questions. The bread is offered before the “individual” and “common” cups of wine. (Note: White Grape Juice is in the center of the tray.)

**OFFERING** – Through the offerings of His faithful people, our Lord provides for the ongoing work of His Church. If you are a visitor, we are glad that you came to be served by the Lord this day. If you choose to contribute to the ongoing work of the Gospel, we give thanks that God has moved you to contribute toward the work of sharing the Gospel here in Plymouth and around the world through your here! You can also take advantage of Online Giving by visiting [www.RisenChrist.info](http://www.RisenChrist.info)

**A WORD TO OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS** – Welcome and thank you for coming. Everyone please complete a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate. For Guests, Pastor will send you a welcome card and please indicate that you “desire” a call for any further contact.

**Large Print Bulletins** – Available from an usher.

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**Parent Room** – A row of seating and plenty of area for standing or walking is available in the Welcome Area/Lobby (“Narthex”)

**For Children** – Children’s Book Cart for Worship: Available in the Welcome Area.

**AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP TODAY** – In 2005, the wrecking ball came down on Busch Stadium in St. Louis. Opened in 1966, the stadium had hosted football games, baseball games, and other special events for decades. Countless spectators could recall moments they enjoyed within the walls of the colosseum-like structure. Yet, this once grand structure did not endure. It was replaced by a newer, more modern stadium. But it’s not just sports stadiums that do not endure. Automobiles do not endure. Nations do not endure. Our own health does not endure. Still, today’s Psalm 136 reminds us that one thing does endure—the steadfast love of the Lord. Reinforced by a glorious repetition, the psalm reminds us, “His steadfast love endures forever.” When we are surrounded by decay and the temporary things of this world, God reminds us that His love endures. Out of His steadfast love, the Lord sent His only-begotten Son to give us something else that will endure—His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation!

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation**

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

**C** Amen.

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re- flect Thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

## Opening Verses

*Psalm 41:13; Psalm 136:23–26; antiphon: v. 1*

**P** Blessed be the Lord, **C** the God of Israel,

**P** from everlasting to everlasting!

**C** Amen and Amen.

**P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** It is He who remembered us in our low estate,

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever;

**P** and rescued us from our foes,

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever;

**P** He who gives food to all flesh,

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**P** Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

**C** 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** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever.

## Confession and Absolution

*Leviticus 19:17–18; Colossians 1:13–14*

- P** You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people,
- C** **but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.**
- P** We have not always loved the Lord or loved our neighbor. Because we are by nature sinful, we are too often eager to hate, take vengeance, or bear a grudge. In repentance, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of 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.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ,
- C** **You have come to us who are beaten up by sin and harassed by the devil to give us forgiveness and victory through Your death and resurrection.**
- P** Grant that, having been loved so richly by You, we would go and do likewise, loving our neighbor as ourselves;
- C** **for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Leviticus 18:1–5, 19:9–18*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

<sup>2</sup>“Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. <sup>3</sup>You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes.

<sup>4</sup>You shall follow my just decrees and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>You shall therefore keep my statutes and my just decrees if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. <sup>10</sup>And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup>“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup>“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

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

## Psalm

*Psalm 41; antiphon: v. 1*

**L** Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;

**I** *The Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land;  
You do not give him up to the will of his enemies.*

**II** *The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness You restore him to full health.*

**I** *As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against You!"*

**II** *My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die, and his name perish?"*

**I** *And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity;  
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.*

**II** *All who hate me whisper together about me; they imagine the worst for me.*

**C** **Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;**

**I** *They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."*

**II** *Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.*

**I** *But You, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!*

**II** *By this I know that You delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.*

**I** *But You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in Your presence forever.*

**II** *Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.*

**C** **Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him.**

## Epistle

*Colossians 1:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, <sup>7</sup>just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf <sup>8</sup>and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

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

## Nicene Creed

**C** **I believe 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.**

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

**1.** What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

**2.** Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

## Verse

*Luke 10:27*

- P** Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God  
**C** **with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 10:25–37*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**  
**P** And behold, a lawyer stood up to put Him to the test, saying,  
**C** **“Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”**  
**P** He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered,  
**C** **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”**  
**P** And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus,  
**C** **“And who is my neighbor?”**  
**P** Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had **COMPASSION**. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said,  
**C** **“The one who showed him mercy.”**  
**P** And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”  
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon – “The Good Samaritan”

**Offering – ONLINE GIVING available at [www.RisenChrist.info](http://www.RisenChrist.info) –** Whether you are a visitor or a member, please turn in a **Worship Card** so we may know whom the Lord has served with His

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** With hearts of thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

**MEN –** Heavenly Father, Your Son is the ultimate Good Samaritan. He has not ignored our need to be rescued from sin and certain death. He has had compassion on us and provided for our needs of both body and soul. Motivated by His love, strengthen us to “go and do likewise.” Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**WOMEN –** Heavenly Father, as we live in this fallen world, we are so often tempted to chase after those things that do not endure. We give into temptation to love and trust in temporal things, rather than in You. Help us to seek first Your kingdom and enduring love. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**MEN –** Heavenly Father, You care for the hurting and bind up the injured and broken. Have compassion on those who are suffering or ill. According to Your gracious will, restore them in mind and body. Work through others in their life to be visible reminders of Your love for them. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**WOMEN –** Heavenly Father, You are Lord of the nations and Creator of the heavens and the earth. Guide the nations of this world so that rulers may govern with wisdom and justice. Bless our land with peace. Watch over and protect those who serve in the armed forces of our country. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**ALL –** Heavenly Father, we thank You for those who have gone before us in faith and are now in Your nearer presence. Give us confidence that one day we will be reunited with these brothers in sisters in Christ. Bless us with an eager expectation of Your Son’s return and the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**C for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**P** O Lord, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.

**C Amen.**

## **Lift Up Your Hearts**

**P** The Lord be with you      **C** And also with you

**P** The Lord be with you      **C** And also with you

**P** Lift up your hearts

**All Sing**  
**We lift them to the Lord**  
**Let us give thanks**  
**To the Lord our God**  
**It is right to give Him**  
**Thanks and praise**

## Proper Preface

**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. In Your great mercy, You have given Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame the darkness of death and opened the kingdom to all believers. Through faith in Him, we boldly come to You as children in their Father's presence. 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have made us a new creation through Baptism. We also rejoice that You now feed us through Your Son's body and blood, given and shed for us. Motivated by these gifts and Your great love for us, we love our neighbor with thanksgiving.

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.

## 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."
- 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  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

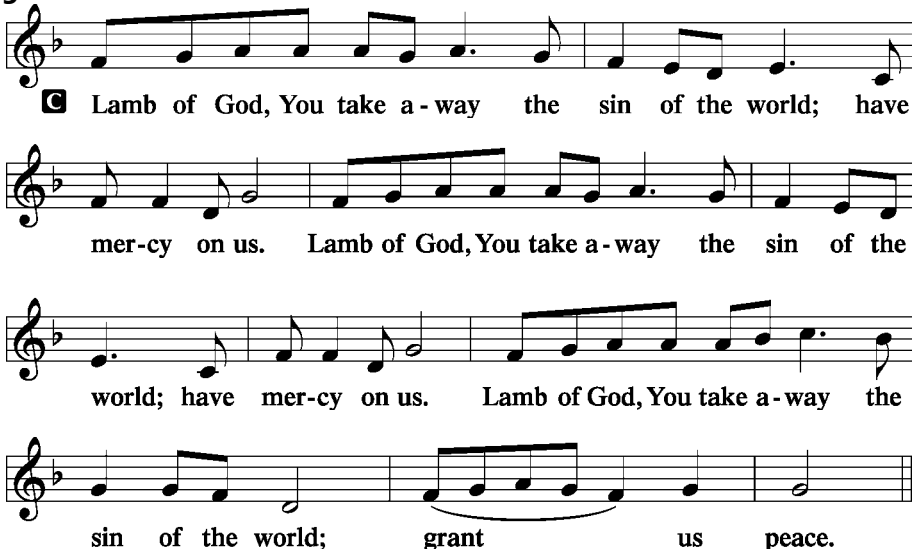
## Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So 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.**

## Pax Domini

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

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion

### How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

3. I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

### Jesus Draw Me Close

Jesus draw me close  
Closer Lord to You  
Let the world around me fade away  
Jesus draw me close  
Closer Lord to You  
For I desire to worship and obey

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** *Let us pray* – We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You shelter us in Your Church and feed us with Your Holy Supper. Keep us firm in the faith until the day of Your Son's return, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### Mighty to Save

1. Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

**CHORUS: Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave**

2. So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender **CHORUS**

**BRIDGE: Shine your light and...  
let the whole world see  
We're singing...  
for the glory of the risen King...Jesus  
Shine your light and...let the whole world see  
We're singing...For the glory of the risen King **CHORUS****

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## Benediction

*Psalm 41:13*

- P** Blessed be the Lord,
- C** **the God of Israel,**
- P** from everlasting to everlasting!
- C** **Amen and Amen.**
- 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.**

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