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Welcome

- **Restrooms:** there are bathrooms just to the left and right of the front doors.
- **Children:** We are grateful and glad that they are here! If you feel the need to, you can go with them to the back gathering area or parent's room. Let us know if there are other ways we can help you focus on the Word.
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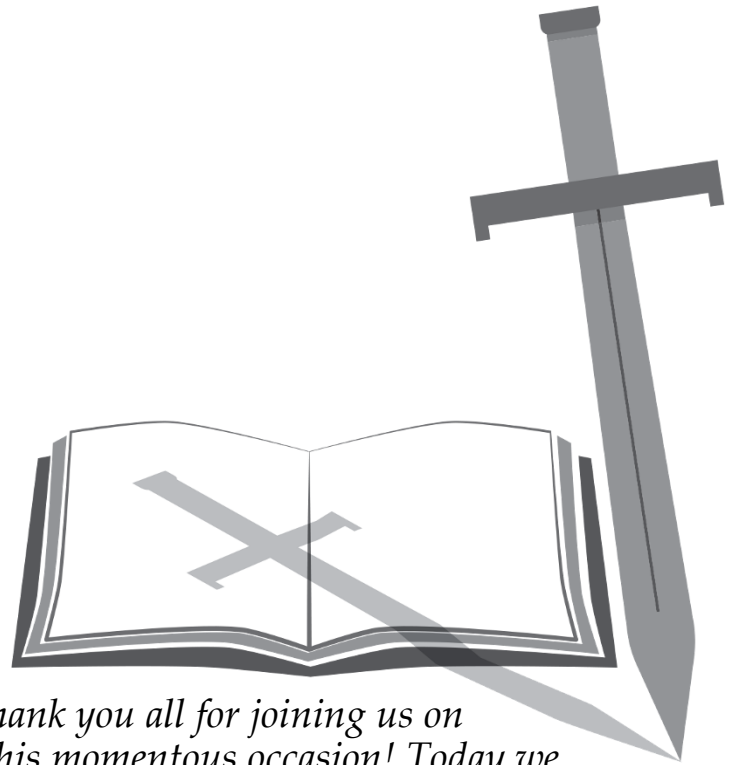
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Thank you all for joining us on this momentous occasion! Today we celebrate the completion of our renovation and expansion project, and we dedicate it for its continued use for the proclamation of the true and unaltered Word of God.

Today we also remember what has brought us here to this moment and to this ministry. We were redeemed through the blood of Jesus Christ even though we were miserable sinners who didn't deserve God's love. Because of God's sacrifice and unending love for us, we have new life and we overflow with joy and thankfulness to God and his Word. This has brought us to this moment of reflection, thanksgiving, and dedication.

Today is also a day for us to rededicate ourselves to the mission of this church, to proclaim the timeless truths of the Bible and to share the good news with the world. We commit ourselves to that endeavor and we pray for God's help, strength and guidance in the years ahead.

In all of this, may God alone receive the glory.

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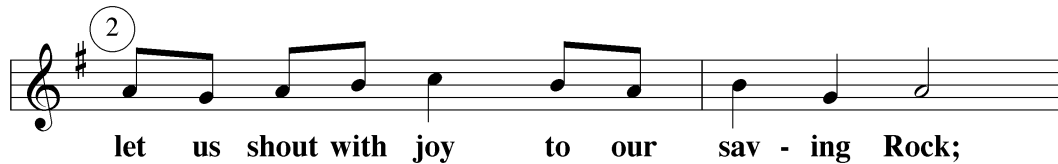
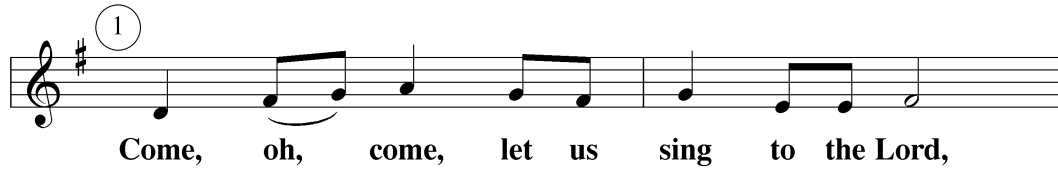
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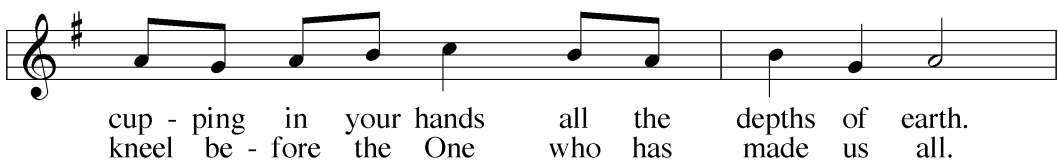
Call to Worship *Hava Nashira, Shir Alleluia*

This Hebrew song means "let us sing together, sing Alleluia"

Please stand

Hymn *Come, Oh, Come*

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Confession of Sins

M: In the ancient temples there was a room where God himself promised to dwell. The presence of God was there, but how could any sinner approach it? God is holy, we are not. How could we dare be in the very presence of God?

This area of the Tabernacle and Temple had a barrier, a large thick veil that separated us unclean people from the clean, holy and perfect Lord. We know why the veil was there because we know our rebellious and failing state. Therefore let us confess our unworthiness to our Creator and ask for his mercy:

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: God himself has provided a sacrifice to make us right with Him. God himself has torn the veil, from top to bottom. By Jesus' merit and by Jesus' sacrifice we have been forgiven for all our sins and made worthy to stand before God. One day soon we will walk in the presence of God forever, unhindered by sin. Thanks be to our merciful God. Let us praise the Lord!

Psalm 150

Hallelujah, or "Hallelu Yah" is the Hebrew phrase used in Psalm 150. It means "Praise the Lord". Let us join those ancient worshipers as we declare God's praises!

M: Hallelujah

C: Praise the Lord.

M: Praise God in his sanctuary.

C: Praise him in the expanse that shows his might.

M: Praise him for his acts of power.

C: Praise him according to his abundant greatness.

M: Praise him with a blast of the ram's horn.

C: Praise him with the harp and the lyre.

M: Praise him with hand drums and dancing.

C: Praise him with the strings and the flute.

M: Praise him with the sounding cymbals.

C: Praise him with loud cymbals.

M: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

C: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Hymn *Now all the Vault of Heaven Resound*

- 1 **Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed!" He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 3 **O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- 4 **Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Please be seated**Purpose Statement** *the following is an excerpt from the first bulletin of our congregation*

St. Paul is the name of our congregation chosen by our voting members. The symbol of St. Paul (Spiritus Gladius), the Sword of the Lord, will no doubt often be used by us in the future. How significant for our day when the Verbal Inspiration of the Bible is under attack from within the Church! Our membership holds with Scripture that the Inerrancy of Scripture applies not only to its truths but also to its text. "We speak... words... which the Holy Ghost teacheth." - 1 Cor. 2,13. "Spiritus Gladius" The Sword of the Spirit. May it ever be our chief aim to lift high the chief Christ and Him Crucified! So help us, our blessed Lord and Savior!

Reading *Ephesians 1:1-6*

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To the saints who are in Ephesus, who are believers in Christ Jesus:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

⁴He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, ⁶and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

Hymn *Father God of Grace*

**1 Father, God of grace, you knew us,
Chose us, named us as your own,
Through eternal ages planning
To redeem us in your Son.
Praise the Father, God who loved us
Ere creation was begun!**

Reading *Romans 6:6-11*

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hymn *Father God of Grace*

**2 We, your creatures, sinned against you,
And our guilt was crimson red.
Son of God, you came incarnate,
Crushed the crafty serpent's head,
Died our death, now live triumphant:
Praise the firstborn from the dead!**

Reading *1 Corinthians 3:5-11*

⁵What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? They are ministers through whom you believed, and each served as the Lord gave him his role. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. ⁷So then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but it is God who causes the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters are united, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹For God is the one whom we serve as coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰In keeping with the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. But let each person be careful how he builds on it. ¹¹In fact, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Hymn *Father God of Grace*

**3 Counselor, you bring as promised
From the Father and the Son
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished,
Free forgiveness, heaven won.
Praise the Spirit! He assures us
Our salvation's work is done!**

Reading *Romans 8:31-39*

³¹What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³²Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

³³Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies!

³⁴Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶Just as it is written:

*For your sake we are being put to death all day long.
We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.*

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn *Father God of Grace*

**4 Lord, your changeless Word has fed us,
Spanning time, transcending space.
Water, bread, and wine sustained us
When the darkness hid your face.
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd,
By your saving means of grace!**

Reading *Acts 9:1-9*

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he might bring them to Jerusalem as prisoners.

³As he went on his way and was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

He replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you need to do."

⁷The men traveling with him stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone.

⁸They raised Saul up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. They took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he could not see, and he did not eat or drink.

Reading *1 Corinthians 6:9-11*

⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor males who have sex with males,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor the verbally abusive, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And some of you were those types of people. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Hymn *Father God of Grace*

**6 Praise the Father, great Creator.
Praise the Son, who took our place.
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier,
God of free and faithful grace!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Amen.**



Meditation

Song Cornerstone

*My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name*

*Christ alone; cornerstone
Weak made strong; in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all*

*When Darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.*

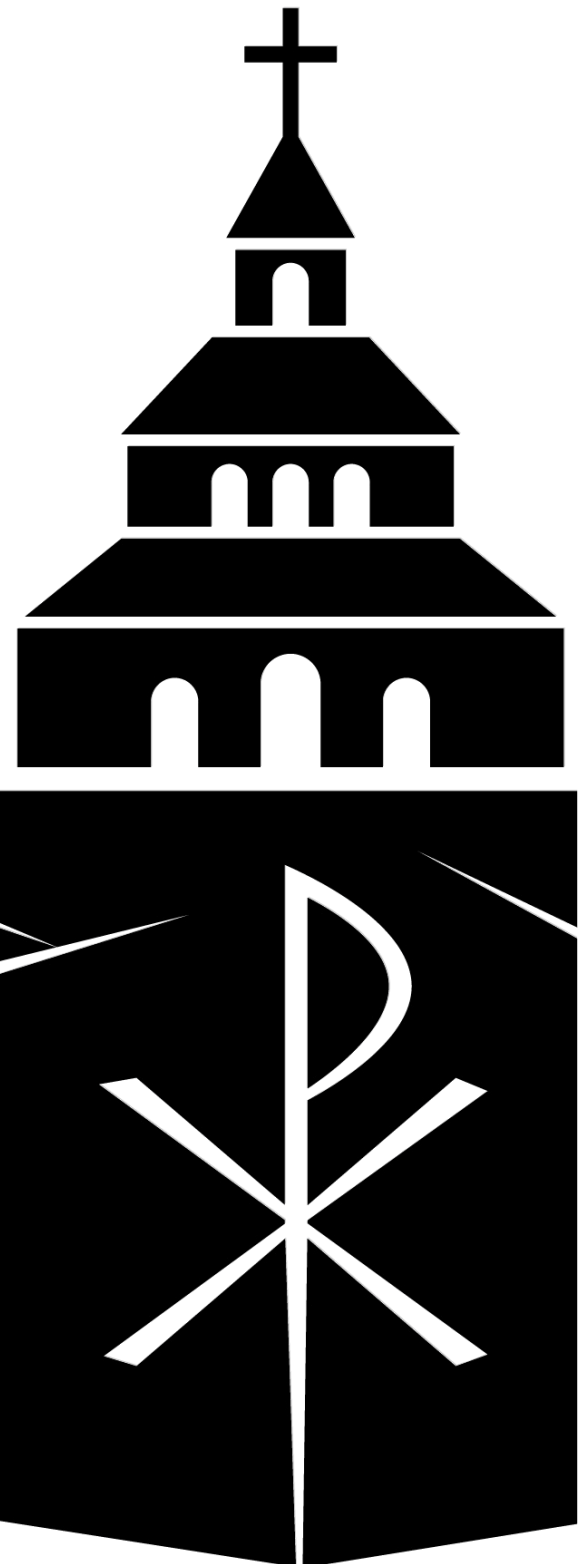
Confession of Faith *Apostle's Creed*

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**



Hymn *For Builders Bold Whose Vision Pure*

- 1 For builders bold whose vision pure
Saw more than brick or stone,
Who laid in hope foundations sure
With Christ the cornerstone;
For those who honored your commands
And trusted your strong Word,
Who offered faithful hearts and hands,
We give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 As here they raised a soaring spire
Which thrusts toward worlds above,
So may our prayers, like tongues of fire,
Leap kindled by your love.
And let your living Word descend
As seed on waiting hearts
And, fruitful, there its grace extend
To earth's most distant parts.
- 3 Here saints newborn you generate
Through water and the Word,
Through bread and cup communicate
The gift of Christ the Lord.
We gather, Christ's own family,
Christ's meal of love we share.
Come, help us live in unity,
Each other's burdens bear.
- 4 We come, O Lord, inheritors
From those whose work is done.
Lord, make us now contributors
To years beyond our own.
Let faith's enkindled flame not fail;
Let love's best gifts increase.
Let hope in Christ's sure Word prevail
Till earth and time shall cease.



Prayer

M: For every house is built by someone,

C: but God is the builder of all things.

Hebrews 3:4

M: Oh Great I AM, you once led your people through the wilderness, and there, in the middle of the desert, you had them build you a dwelling place. They did not build your house with what mere leftovers they had but with what you had already provided then with. You Lord sent them there the materials they needed.

C: Lord, you built this house. We thank and praise you for it!

M: Not only did you provide your flock with the materials to build the Tabernacle, you had prepared skilled workers. You blessed the people with Bezalel of the tribe of Judah, Oholiab of the tribe of Dan and others whom you gave the abilities to complete this task. We thank and praise you for the skills used to craft this building. You have blessed us with diligent and talented crews to plan, prepare and complete this project.

C: Let their work be a blessing to many.

M: While we can prepare, we know that it is only you, Lord, who can give success.

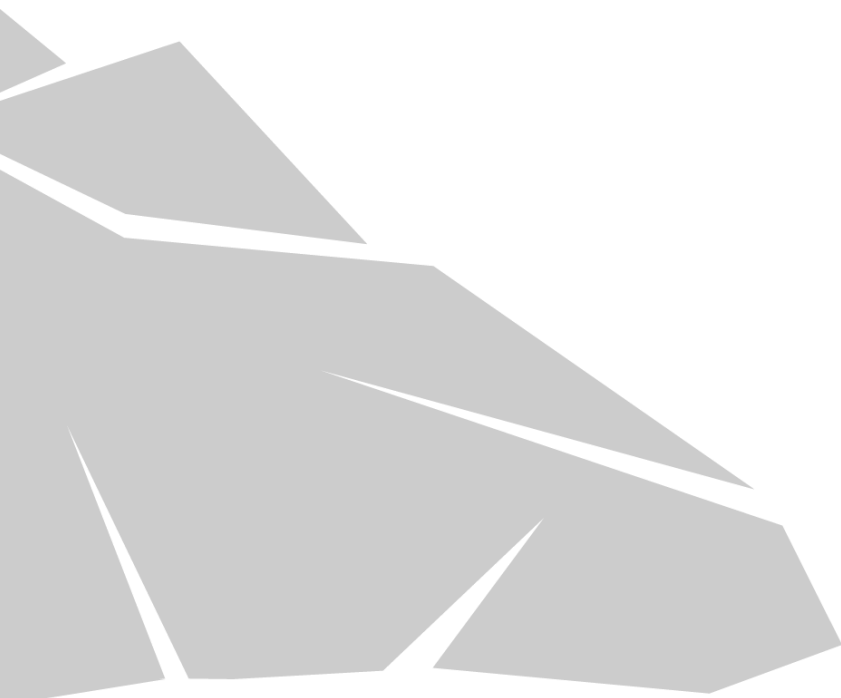
C: Thank you that all who worked here safely finished their tasks.

M: This temple to you would not have been completed if it had not been for all of those who gave their time, talents and resources to complete it. We praise you for those who volunteered to see this project completed.

C: To you, O Lord, be the glory!

M: Lord, you have blessed this project, now help us use it to its fullest, to your glory!

C: Amen, so let it be!





Rite of Dedication

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Divine Trinity most blessed, we dedicate this building to serve the ministry God has prepared for us to do in advance. We set this building aside as a place to learn about and worship the name of the LORD as He has revealed to us in His perfect, unchanging and unchanging Word. We consecrate this temple not to our will, but to God's, for that alone will give us true peace, true victory and true life.

**C: Amen! We dedicate this church to the only foundation that will last.
Lord help us use this campus to fulfill your Will!**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Lord of hosts, the heavens, even the highest heavens, cannot contain you. Yet you are pleased to have on earth a house as your dwelling place where your people may gather in your name. We thank you for your gracious love and ask you to sanctify and bless with your presence this church building which we dedicate today to the glory of your name. Hear the prayers which shall ascend from this place to your throne of mercy. Let your blessing be on us as your servants lead us in worship, proclaim your Holy Word, and administer your blessed sacraments. Grant that your Word be preached among us in all its truth and purity, and that your sacraments be administered as instituted by your dear Son, our Savior, that your people may be sanctified in truth and preserved to life everlasting.

Hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Song *Bless This House*

*Bless this house, O Lord we pray, Make it safe by night and day .
Bless these walls so firm and stout, Keeping want and trouble out .
Bless the roof and chimneys tall, Let thy peace lie overall .
Bless this door that it may prove, Ever open, To joy and love .
Bless these windows shining bright, Letting in God's Heavenly light,
Bless the hearth, ablazing there, With smoke ascending like a prayer!
Bless the people here within, Keep them pure and free from sin .
Bless us all that we may be, Fit O Lord to dwell with thee .
Bless us all that one day we may dwell, O Lord! With Thee!*

Dedication of the Cross

In the name of the Most Holy Triune God, we dedicate this cross to the service of the Lord. Let us always be reminded by it of the weight and reality of our sins. For on a cross like this the Son of God suffered the eternal punishment we deserve. However, let this cross also remind us of why Jesus suffered for us and what was accomplished. God loved the world so much he willingly died for us. His death has purchased for us the forgiveness of sins and a new and eternal life. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, what once was a symbol of death and suffering, is now a symbol of life and joy for all those who trust in Him.

C: Amen.

Praise be to God, he gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Hymn *Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle*

Sung by Choir

3 *Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
Did his work and met his death;
Like a lamb he humbly yielded
On the cross his dying breath.*

4 *Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit your equal be,
Symbol of the world's redemption,
For your burden makes us free.*

Please join in singing stanza 5

5 **Unto God be praise and glory;
To the Father and the Son,
To th' eternal Spirit honor
Now and evermore be done-
Praise and glory in the highest
While the timeless ages run.**



Prayer

M: Oh Most Holy Trinity, we praise and thank you for the blessing of this building. You have given us blessings upon countless blessings. Let this building not be about us, but about you, about your great mercy and love.

C: **We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD!
His power, and the wonders that he has done.**

M: Lord, as we expand the walls of this building, let us never be confined to them. Let us be like your servant Paul, who so encouraged the founders of this earthly congregation that they called it by his name as a constant reminder of the power of your Word.

C: **Like Paul let us be all things to all people yet grounded in Your Word.
Use us as your ambassadors and messengers.**

M: We are excited about this building, but we are even more excited about the work being done in your name. Let our true joy ever be you and your Word. Like all earthly props, this building will decay. But the Word of the Lord endures forever!

C: **No one can lay any other foundation than the one that has been laid,
which is Jesus Christ.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

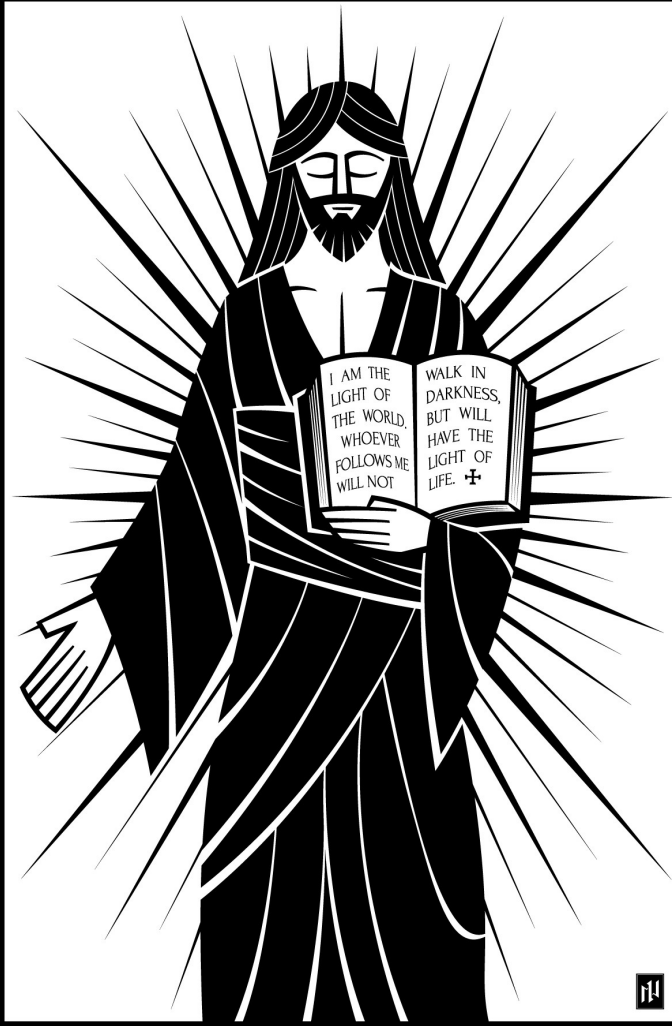
Benediction *Aaronic Blessing*

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



C: **A - men. A - men. A - men.**

Hymn *The Church's One Foundation*



- 1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

- 3 The Church shall never perish.
Her dear Lord, to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish,
Is with her to the end.
Though there be those that hate her
And strive to see her fail,
Against both foe and traitor
She ever shall prevail.

- 4 Though with a scornful wonder
The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

Please stand for the final stanza

- 5 Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.



*We will not hide them from their descendants.
We will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders that he has done.*
Psalm 78:4



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