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OF
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P: Dear People of Israel,

God commanded Moses to receive gifts from His children for use in the Tabernacle. God's people came forth, each one, whose heart was stirred and whose spirit was moved, and brought the Lord a gift to be used in His sanctuary. (*Exodus 35:20-21*)

St. Paul, in the Spirit, teaches us that all good things should be received with thanksgiving and are made holy by the Word of God and prayer. (1 Tim. 4:4-5) Therefore, it is right and fitting that we, His people, should seek the blessings of the Triune God on these Lutheran Service Books for use in His holy house.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You created Your people to give thanks and praise to You. Grant Your blessing upon these *Lutheran Service Books and the books of the altar*, used for your Divine Service. Let them be for us instruments by which we receive Your gifts and rightly praise and magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Pastor blesses each set of books

P: The Lord almighty bless these hymnals and those who use them in the name of the Father and the † Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: The Lord almighty bless these altar books and the pastors who use them in the name of the Father and the † Son and the Holy Spirit.

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