

**+ Reminiscere - Second Sunday in Lent +  
Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184  
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**As We Gather:  *Holding God to His Word***

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen. 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Mt. 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: “*Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.*” This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. “*O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire*” (Mt. 15:27–28). This is the sanctifying will of God (1 Thess. 4:1–7)—to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint (Rom. 5:1–5).

*As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it.*

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

**Invocation**

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

**C** Amen.

**Exhortation**

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**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.*

**Confession of Sins**

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**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal

**punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Absolution**

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**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Opening Hymn ‘The Will of God Is Always Best’**

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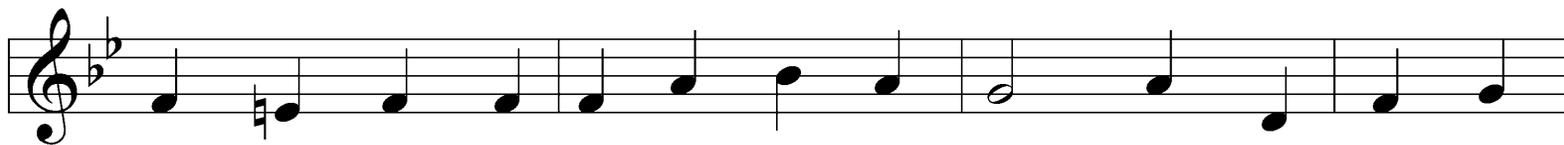
1 The will of God is al - ways best And shall be done for -  
 2 God is my com - fort and my trust, My hope and life a -  
 3 Lord, this I ask, O hear my plea, De - ny me not this  
 4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I this world am



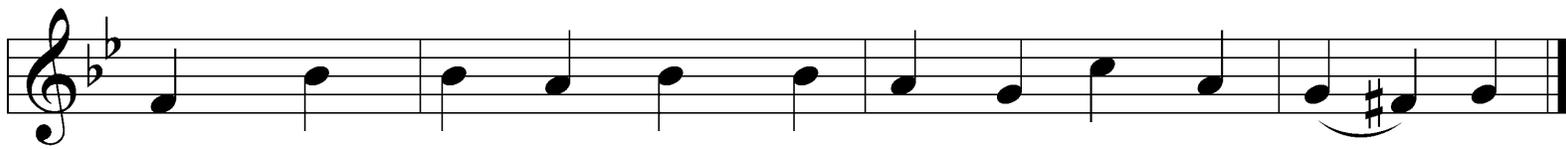
ev - er; And they who trust in Him are blest;  
 bid - ing; And to His coun - sel, wise and just,  
 fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly trou - bles me,  
 leav - ing, Grant me to say, "Your will be done,"



He will for - sake them nev - er. He helps in - deed In  
 I yield, in Him con - fid - ing. The ver - y hairs, His  
 Then do not let me wa - ver. O guard me well, My  
 Your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing. My dear - est Friend, I



time of need; He chas - tens with for - bear - ing. They who de -  
 Word de - clares, Up - on my head He num - bers. By night and  
 fear dis - pel, Ful - fill Your faith - ful say - ing: All who be -  
 now com - mend My soul in - to Your keep - ing; From sin and



pend On God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.  
 day God is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.  
 lieve By grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.  
 hell, And death as well, By You the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

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**Gloria Patri**

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**☐** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



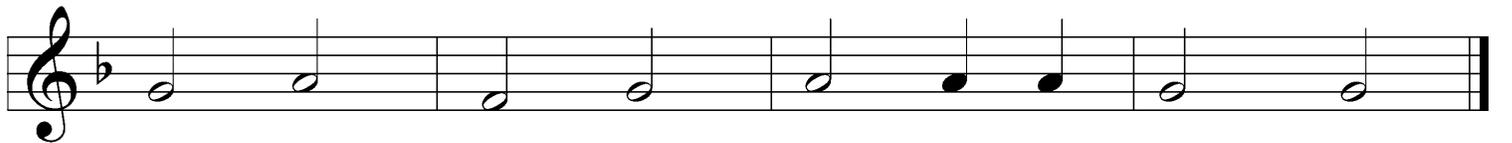
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Kyrie**

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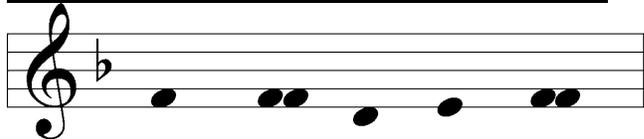
**☐** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

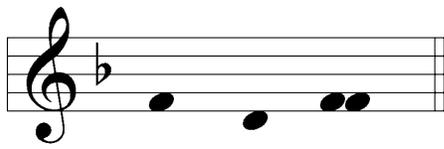
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**☐** The Lord be with you.

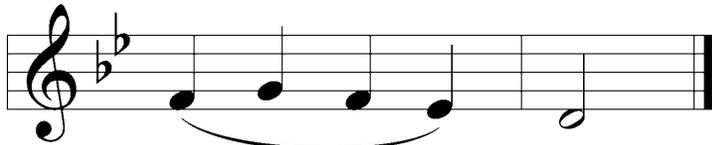


**☐** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated.*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 32:22–32*

<sup>22</sup>The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup>Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Introit**

*Psalm 25:1–2a, 7–8, 11; antiphon: vv. 6, 2b, 22*

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

**Let not my enemies exult over me.**

**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

**Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;**

**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

Good and upright is the LORD;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

**For your name's sake, O LORD,**

**pardon my guilt, for it is great.**

**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.**

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

**Let not my enemies exult over me.**

**Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.**

### **Epistle**

*Romans 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

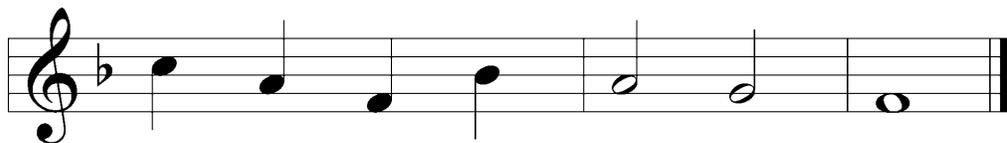
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 15:21–28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Apostles’ Creed

**C** 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.

*Please be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day 'What God Ordains Is Always Good'**

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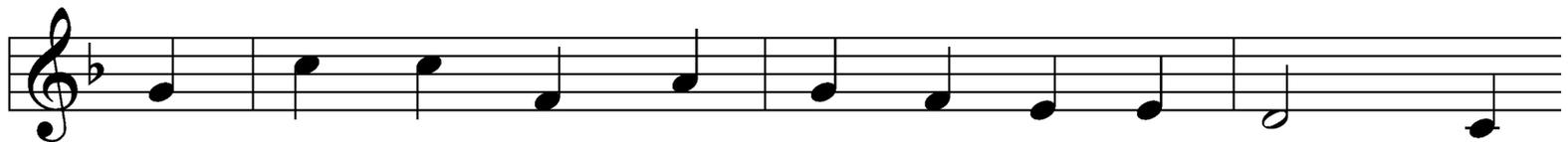
1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is  
2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er  
3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing  
4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my



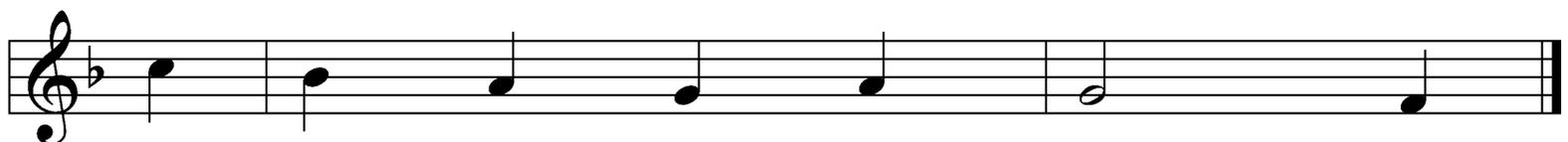
just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,  
will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,  
thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup  
friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed  
And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent  
That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;  
Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know



In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;  
What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness  
Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,  
Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly



To Him, then, I will yield me.  
Will turn my tears to glad - ness.  
My life to Him com - mend - ing.  
That He has loved me dear - ly.

5 What God ordains is always good:  
Though I the cup am drinking  
Which savors now of bitterness,  
I take it without shrinking.  
For after grief  
God gives relief,  
My heart with comfort filling  
And all my sorrow stilling.

6 What God ordains is always good:  
This truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
I shall not be forsaken.  
I fear no harm,  
For with His arm  
He shall embrace and shield me;  
So to my God I yield me.

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## Sermon

‘Good Suffering’

*Romans 5:1-11*

## Votum

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Offertory

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**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it  
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-  
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For new and contrite hearts, that we may receive God's absolution while lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretched estate, yet in the confidence that He disdains nothing He has made and forgives the sins of those who are penitent, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the Church and all pastors in Christ, especially Matthew, our Synod president; \_\_\_\_\_, our district president; and \_\_\_\_\_, our circuit visitor; for this and every congregation; and for faith to cling to Him in adversity, boldness to oppose the devil and resist the flesh, and compassion to serve one another in love, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For hearts eager to overcome brotherly strife among us, that after the example of Jacob with Esau, we would make peace with one another through persistent prayer and humility, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our leaders, especially Donald, our president; \_\_\_\_\_, our governor; and all congressmen, judges and civil servants, that God would grant them steadfastness and wisdom; and for peace between nations and a spirit of humility and concord among our citizens, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who await the healing of the Lord, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*,] that God would hear their cries and grant healing in His appointed season, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who commune, that God would receive us in His mercy and enable us to make the good confession, both of our sin and of Him, our only Savior; and that, though it is not right to give the children's bread to dogs, He would lead us to approach Him in faith to eat from our Master's table, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For self-control to flee all immorality, that we might show a godly witness in this world and adorn the Gospel with a holy life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

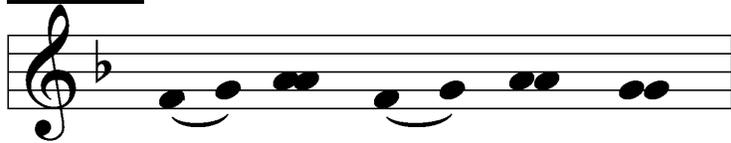
**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary continually afflicts us and as a roaring lion walks about, seeking to devour us: We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Your grace and be preserved unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

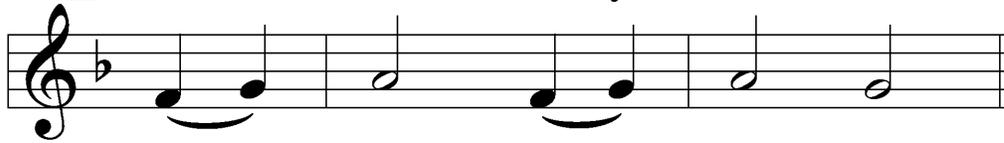
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Preface

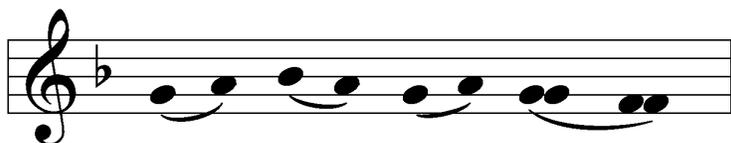
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**P** The Lord be with you.



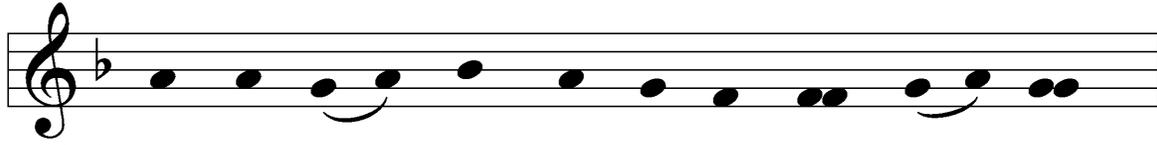
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface (Full)**

**P** It is truly meet, 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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**

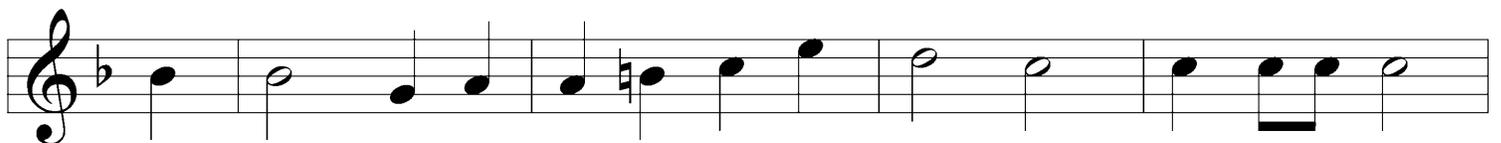
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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



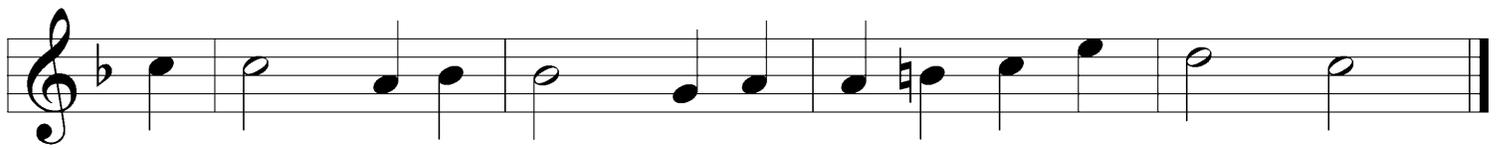
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



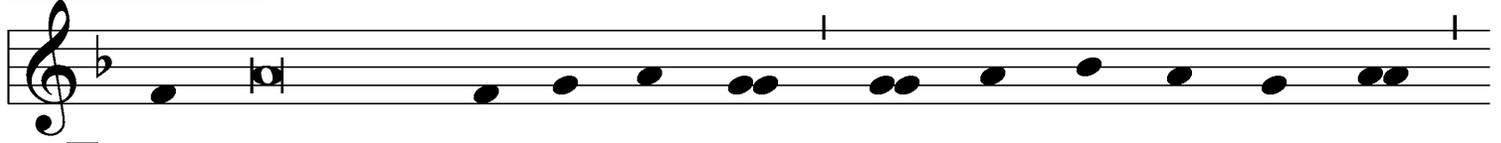
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



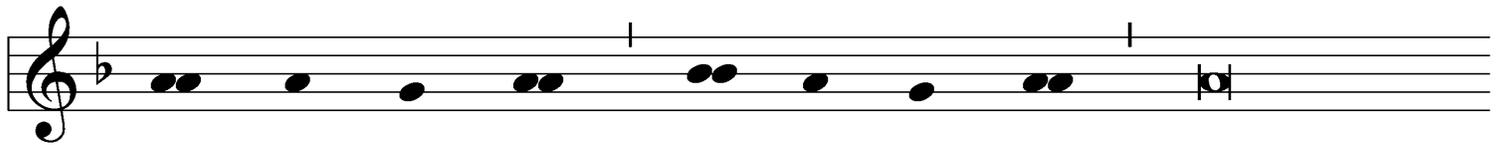
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Lord's Prayer

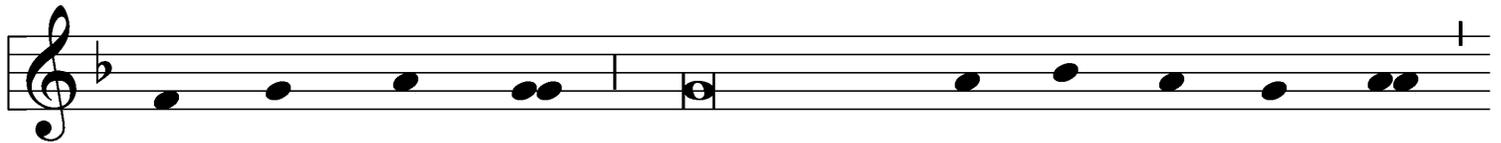
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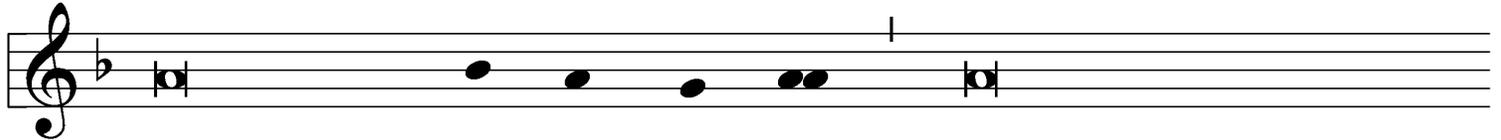
**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



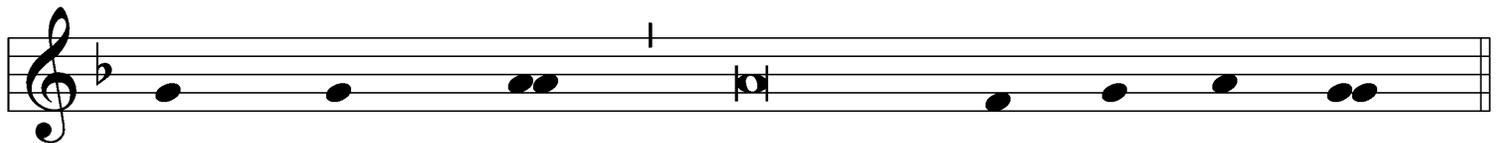
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



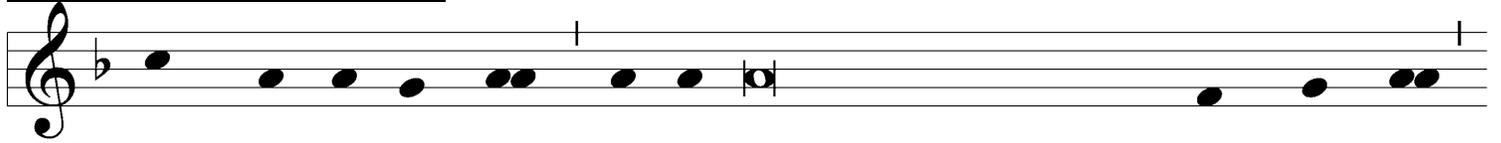
**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



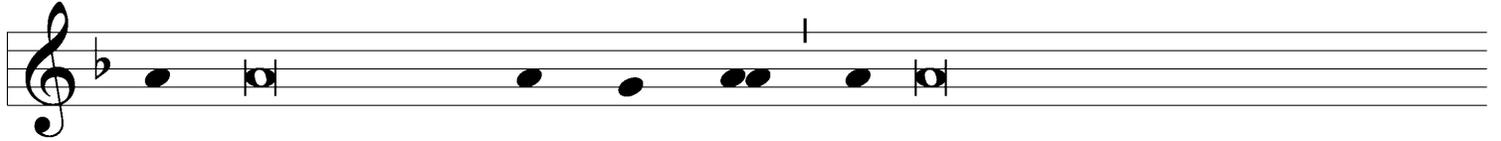
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**The Words of Our Lord**

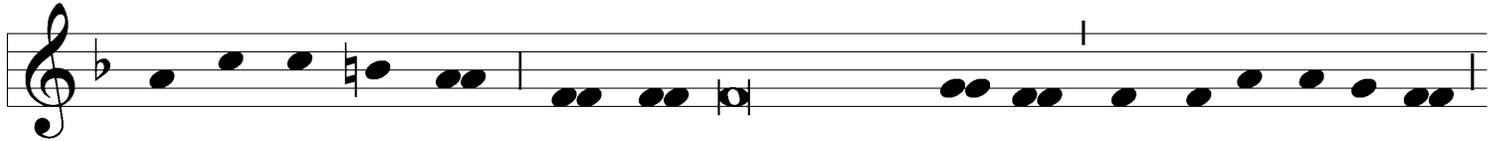
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**P** Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



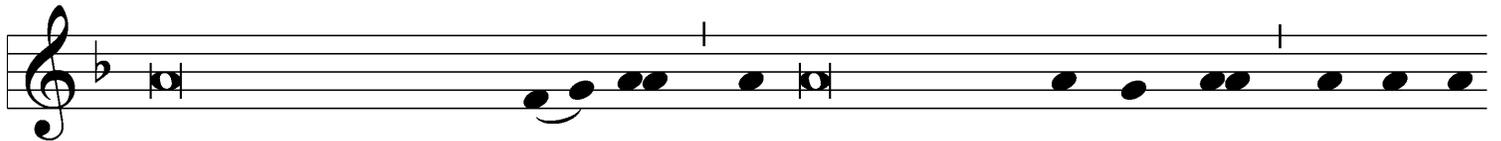
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



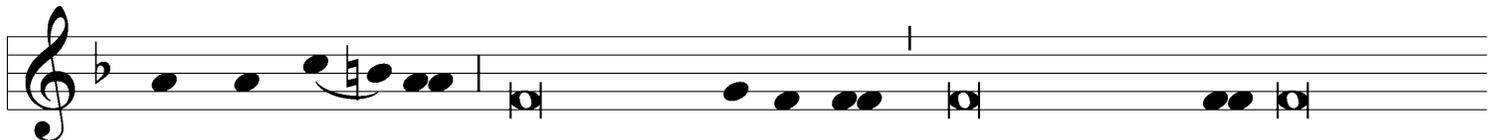
dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\dagger$  bod - y, which is giv - en for you.



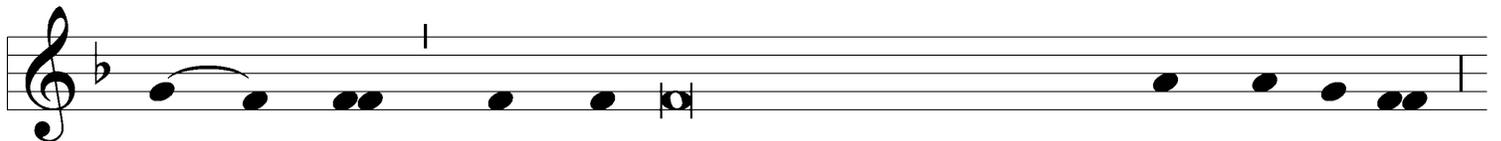
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



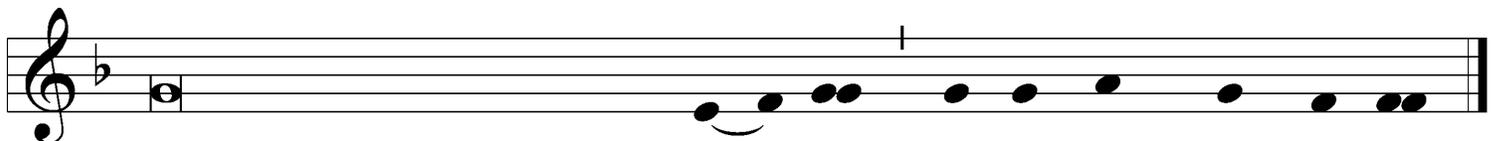
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



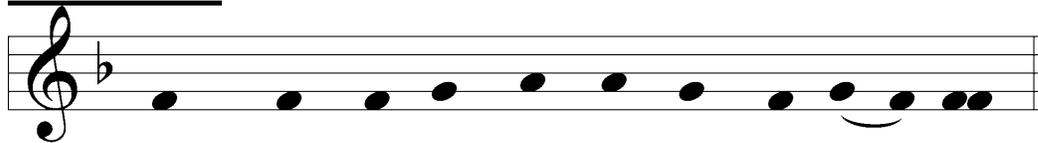
My  $\dagger$  blood, which is shed for you for the for - give - ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re - mem - brance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



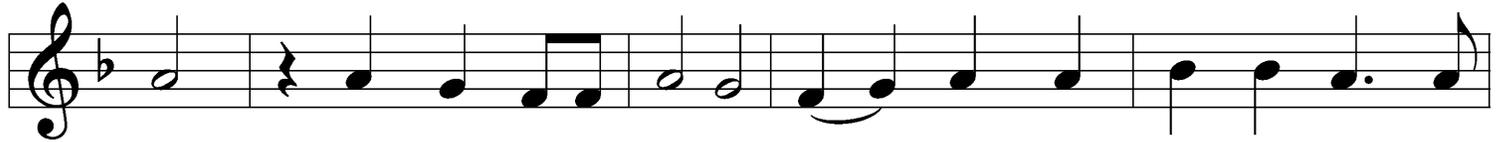
**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

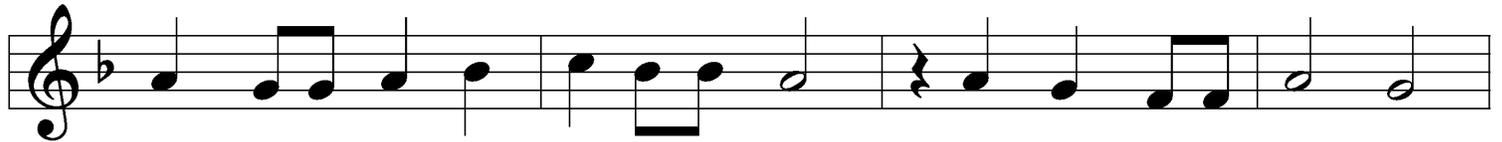
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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

# Distribution Hymn 'All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall'

LSB 562



1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon  
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in  
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and  
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the  
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our  
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the  
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.  
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell  
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
So by one Man, who took our place,  
We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
This grace our ev'ry way attend  
Until we reach our journey's end.

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*Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–61*

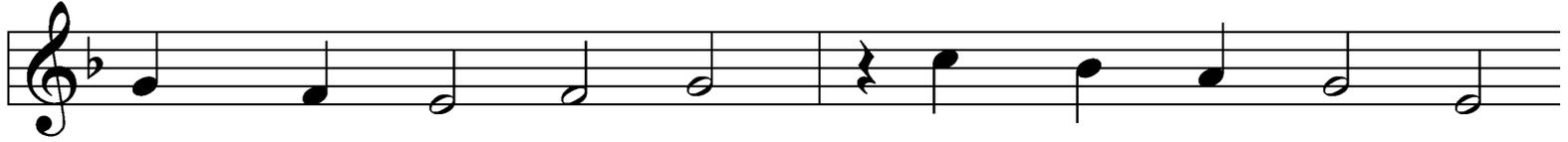
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# Distribution Hymn 'When in the Hour of Deepest Need'

LSB 615



1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not  
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may  
3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's  
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of  
meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful  
cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -  
woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,  
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;  
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.  
Be with us in our anguish still;  
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

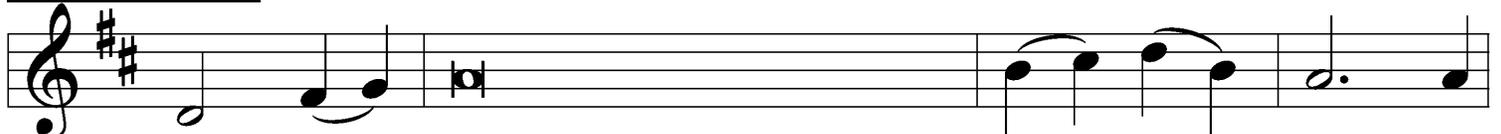
6 So we with all our hearts each day  
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
Then walk obedient to Your Word,  
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -**

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

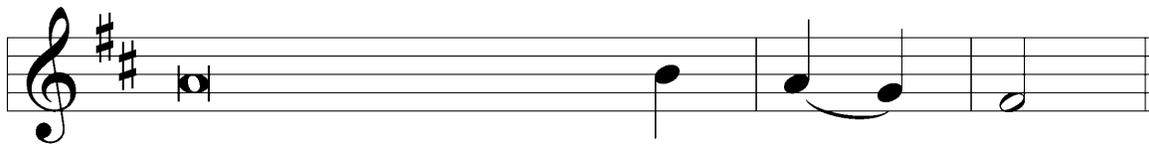
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

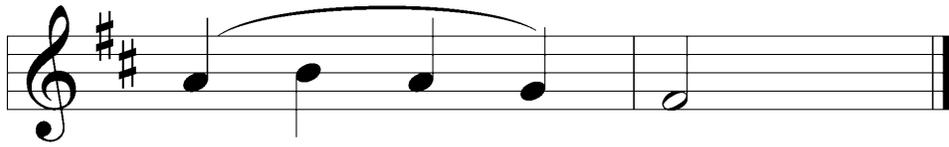


**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

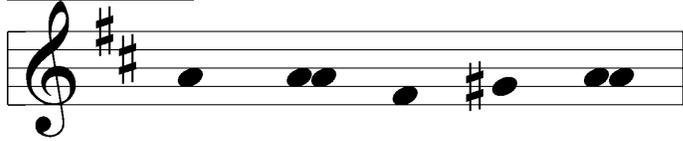
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

**Salutation**

*LSB 201*



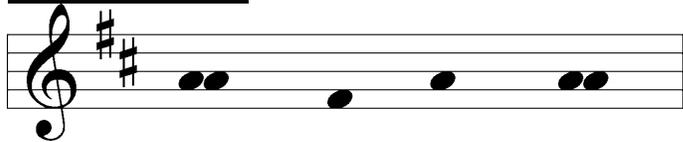
**P** The Lord be with you.



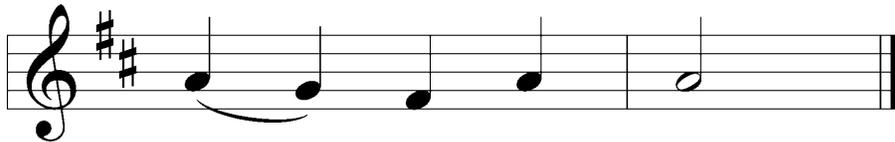
**C** And with thy spir - it.

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*



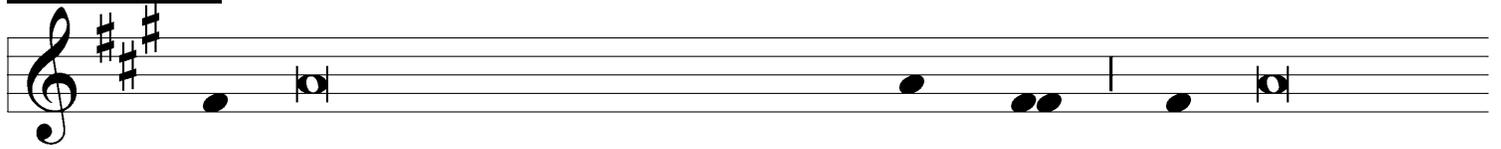
**A** Bless we the Lord.



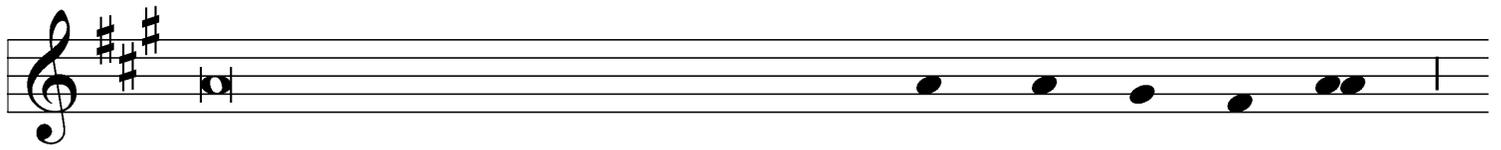
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

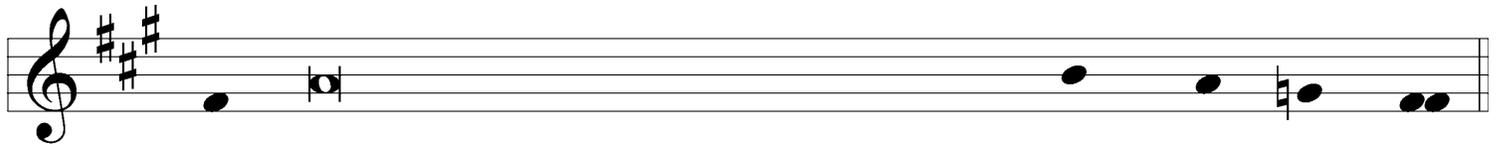
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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn 'I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name'

LSB 734



1 I trust, O Lord, Your ho - ly name; O let me not be  
2 Bow down Your gra - cious ear to me And hear my cry, my  
3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock, My for - tress that with -  
4 With You, O Lord, I cast my lot; O faith - ful God, for -  
△ 5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty To Fa - ther, Son, and



put to shame Nor let me be con-found - ed. My faith, O  
prayer, my plea; Make haste for my pro - tec - tion, For woes and  
stands each shock, My help, my life, my tow - er, My bat - tle  
sake me not, To You my soul com-mend - ing. Lord, be my  
Spir - it be, Our God for - ev - er glo - rious, In whose rich



Lord, Be in Your Word For - ev - er firm - ly ground - ed.  
fear Sur - round me here. Help me in my af - flic - tion.  
sword, Al - might - y Lord— Who can re - sist Your pow - er?  
stay, And lead the way Now and when life is end - ing.  
grace We run our race Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

*Text: Adam Reusner, 1496–c. 1575; (sts. 1–4): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1907, Pittsburgh, alt.  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guests:** Welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! If you are visiting us for the first time, please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving. Please join us for fellowship after the service.

**Communion Statement:** As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together, we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine & understanding of God's Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, & confessed by the Pastor & congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail & please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar & Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine & practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 & 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

**Clarification on Individual Cups for Communion:** The Individual Cups in the middle of the tray during the Lord's Supper have a lighter color to them, as they are a few drops of wine mixed with water. The practice is to dilute the wine for those who have wine allergies or wine sensitives. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Koepp.

**Loose Giving Envelopes** are available in the pews and on the entryway table for visitors and for regular churchgoers who may have forgotten their offering envelopes. Congregation members, please place your offering inside the envelope that has been designated for you. Thank you.

**We encourage members to consider electronic giving.** It is a secure and convenient way to provide consistent financial support to our church. We would love for you to get started! Pick up an authorization form on the entryway table and return to the church secretary.

**Midweek Lent Meals sign-up** is on the entryway table.

**Sunday School:** We are looking for Sunday School teachers for 2025-2026. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table.

**New Portals of Prayers** are in your boxes.

**March calendars** are on the entryway table.

**2nd Plate Missions** for today is St. Silas. St. Silas Lutheran Church is a mission church of Iowa District East (LCMS) in North Liberty, IA. A second offering plate is available as you enter the sanctuary.

**Sunday School:** The account of Jacob's favorite son, Joseph, serves as today's lesson, "Hope in Hardship." This account occupies a turning point in the history of God's people. The unusual timeline of Joseph's life includes him being despised by his brothers, being sold into slavery, attaining success, and then losing it all to false accusations, being imprisoned, and serving in the court of Pharaoh. Joseph summarizes his life in one sentence addressed to his brothers, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20). Discuss how God can use negative things for our benefit.

**Stewardship:** *Matthew 15:27* – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table — He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions, and income. That’s where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

**Building Healthy Families:** How is it that, though we’re connected today to the entire world 24/7 through technology, we’re feeling lonelier than ever? Isolation from others, limited in-person social connections, families living apart, and chronic stress are among the things that have us experiencing loneliness and depression at higher rates than any previous generation. LFS is here to help you or someone you know who is struggling. Through in-person meetings or via telehealth screen to your home, LFS counselors you can trust are now available to help with chronic or a sudden bout of depression, loneliness, anxiety or any other concern. Why struggle alone when help is readily available? Call us – it’s why we’re here! Learn more at [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org) ~ [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**A Life Quote:** “This is love—the God who became a human baby for us, who suffered for us, who rose from the dead to give us everlasting life. This is love, shining into our own darkness to give us joy and salvation.” *Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotions* ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)**

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for March 8th:** Hear "What Was the Price on That?" based on 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 by guest speaker Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola. When we couldn’t pay the price of our redemption, God did so completely by the life of Jesus. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m.**

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for March 1st:** Salvation comes only through faith in Christ, who was “lifted up” on the cross as the payment for the world’s sins (John 3:14-15). Not even Abraham our forefather was saved by his works or inner worth (Romans 4:2-3). In choosing to redeem us by His own grace apart from our works, God shows us that our value is not found in a person’s own qualities. Instead, every person is precious to God and worthy of dignity because “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16).

**BOOK OF PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs:11-20. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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### **CONFIRMATION MEMORY WORK FOR MARCH 4th**

\*shortened class times

#### **5th & 6th Grades**

Lord's Prayer: Fourth Petition and Meaning

#### **7th & 8th Grades**

Review

## **MIDWEEK LENT SERVICE SCHEDULE**

*Meal served at 5:15pm*

*Evening Prayer Services at 6:30pm*

### **Lessons from the Upper Room**

March 4: Faith

March 11: Witness

March 18: Endurance

March 25: Prayer

**Village Closet** items may be put in the plastic bin under the information table in the entryway. Thank you for your support! ~ Board of Evangelism

**BABY ITEMS NEEDED: NEWBORN - 12 MONTHS (3 - 6 MONTHS MOST NEEDED), DIAPERS, WIPES, BOTTLES, HOODED BATH TOWELS, WASH CLOTHS, BURP CLOTHS, BREAST FEEDING ITEMS, TOYS IN GOOD CONDITION, BABY SWINGS, CAR SEATS, BATH TUBS, OTHER BABY EQUIPMENT, MATERNITY CLOTHES.**

**Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)**

**February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday)**

Attendance 51

**Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)**

**For the Week of February 22, 2026**

Attendance 55

**Calendar of Events for This Week**

- Today 8:00am Elders Meeting  
9:00am Reminiscere (2nd Sunday of Lent)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Plate Missions: St. Silas  
10:30am Council Meeting  
11:30am Bible Study  
10:30am Sunday School  
Bible Study  
Greeter: Haase  
Usher: Tim B.  
Servers: Sue F. & Lindsey W.  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Thatcher & Elsie  
Elder: Joel M.
- Wednesday 4-5pm 7th/8th Grades Confirmation  
5-pm 5th/6th Grades Confirmation  
5:15pm Fellowship Meal  
6:30am Lent Evening Prayer Service  
Usher: Steve H.
- Thursday 11:00am Bible Study
- Next Sunday 9:00am Oculi (3rd Sunday of Lent)  
10:30am Sunday School / Bible Study  
10:30am LWML  
11:30am Board of Education  
Bible Study  
Greeter: Huebner  
Usher: Keith T.  
Servers: Karla C. & Robin M.  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Thomas & Alivia  
Elder: Steve H.