

**+ JUBILATE (THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER) +**  
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**May 11, 2025**

**As We Gather: *Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice***

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. “*The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him*” (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. “*A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me*” (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. “*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength*” (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. “*And no one will take your joy from you*” (John 16:22).

*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.

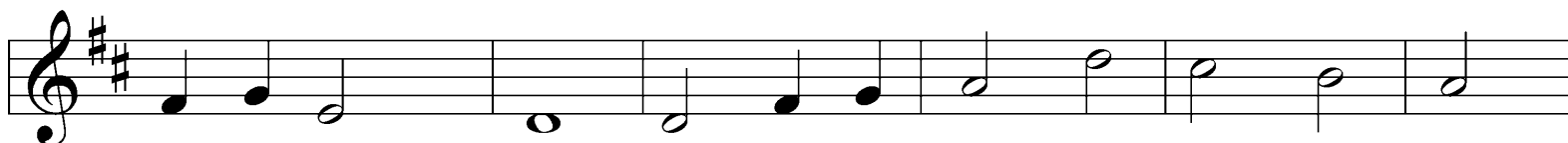
**C** Amen.

## Opening Hymn 'With High Delight Let Us Unite'

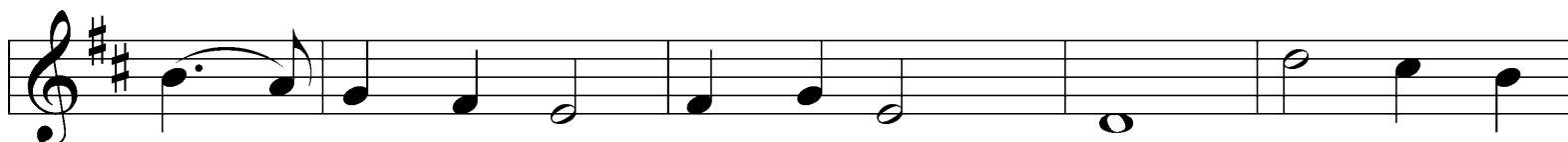
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1 With high de-light Let us u-nite In songs of great  
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in-to life,  
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



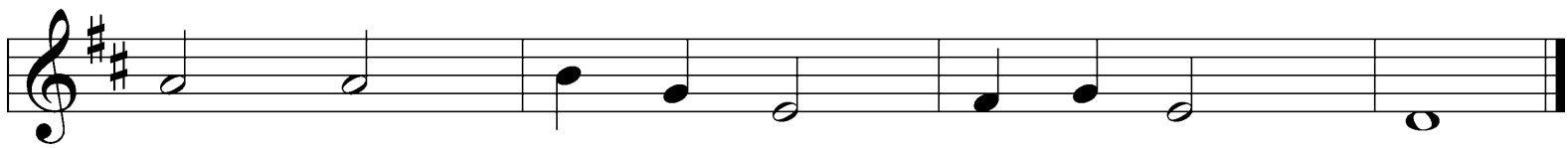
ju-bi-la-tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,  
all sub-du-ing. His en-e-my Doth van-quished lie;  
ad-o-ra-tion. His hon-or speed By word and deed



Sing Je-sus Christ, our sal-va-tion. To set us  
His death has been death's un-do-ing. "And yours shall  
To ev-'ry land, ev-'ry na-tion. So shall His



free For-ev-er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's  
be Like vic-to-ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who  
love Give us a-bove, From mis-er-y And death set

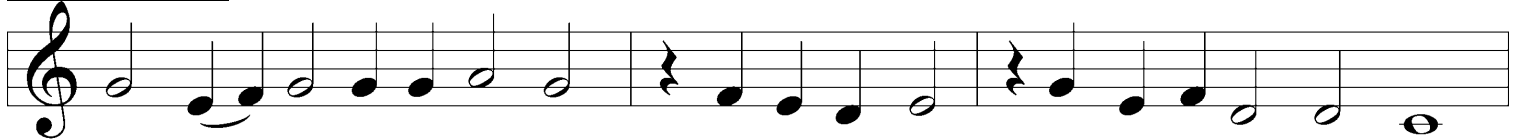


ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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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;



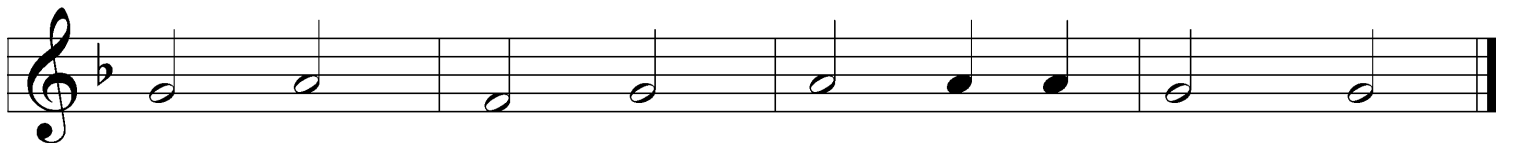
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

**Kyrie**

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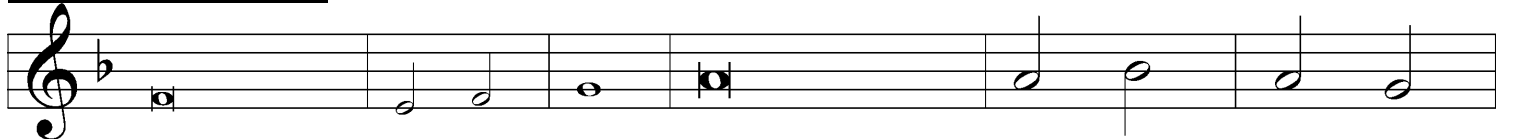
**☐** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



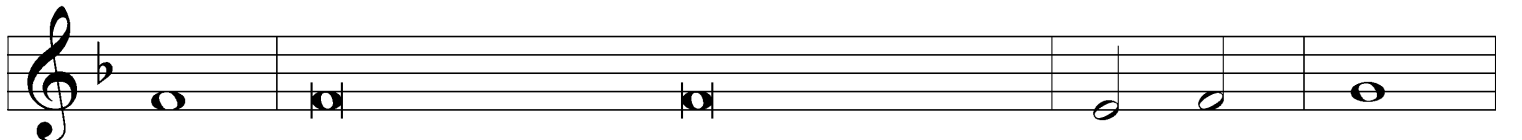
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

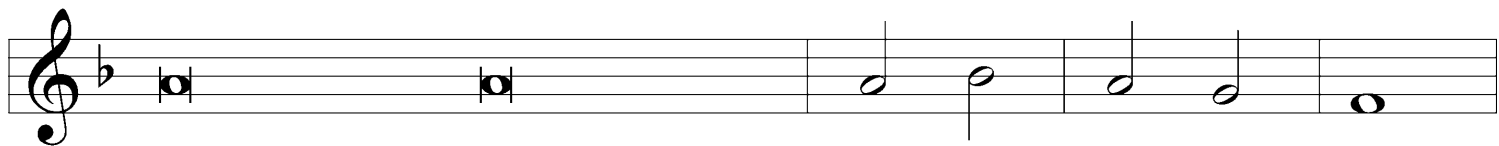
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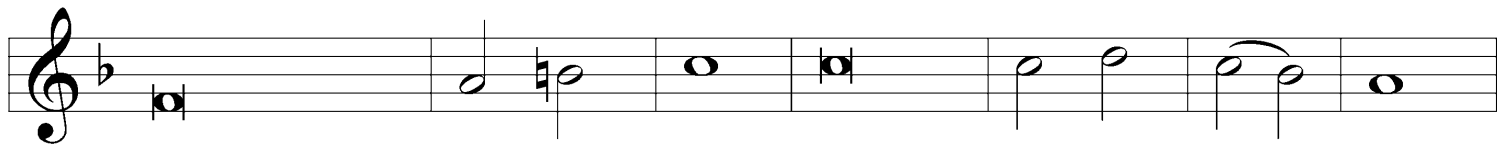
**☐** Glory be to God on high: **☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward



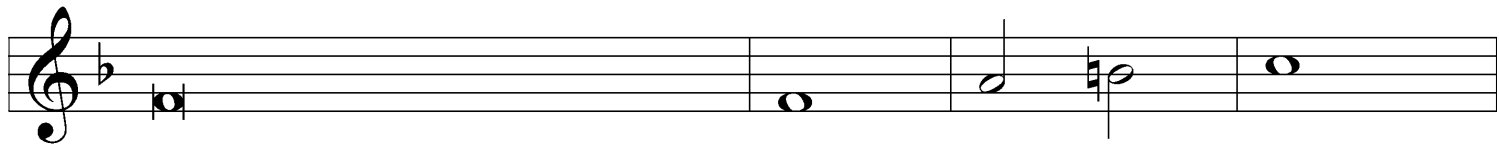
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



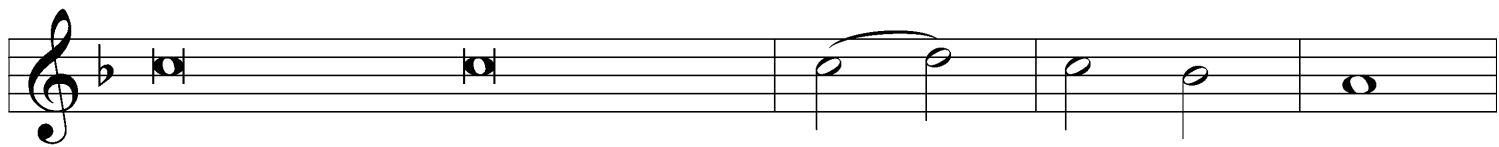
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



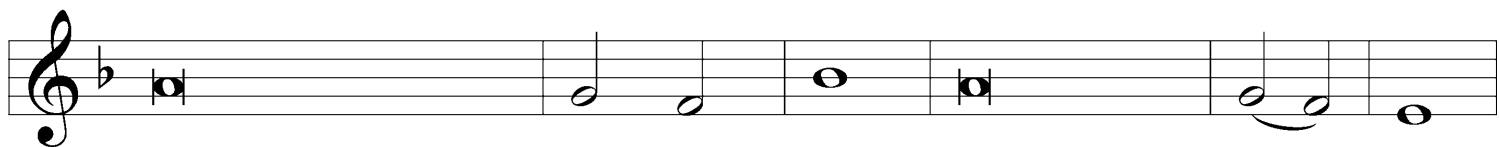
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



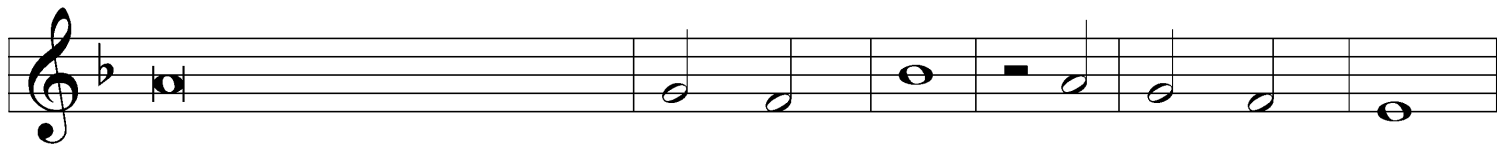
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



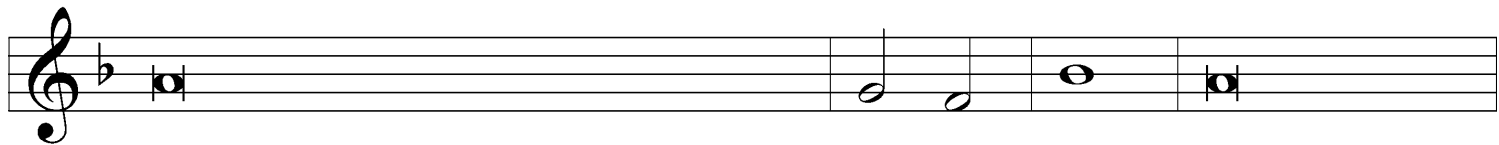
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



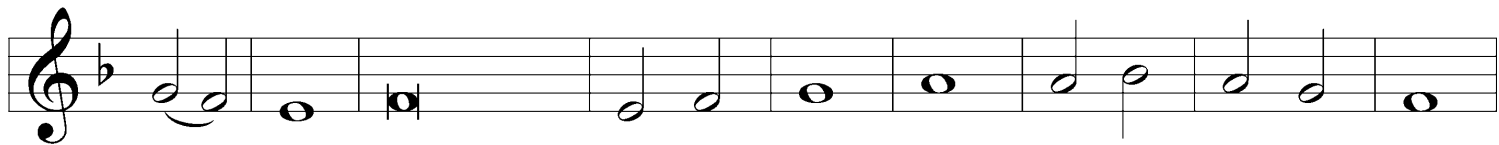
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



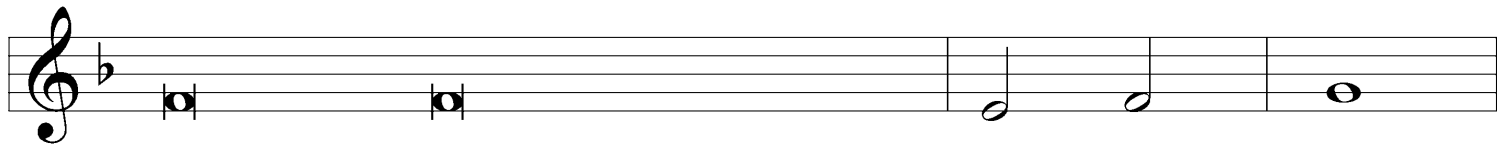
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



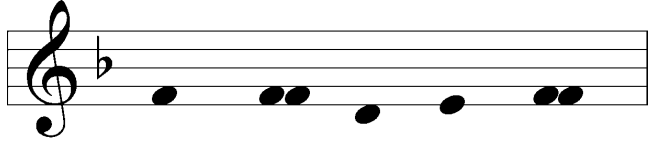
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



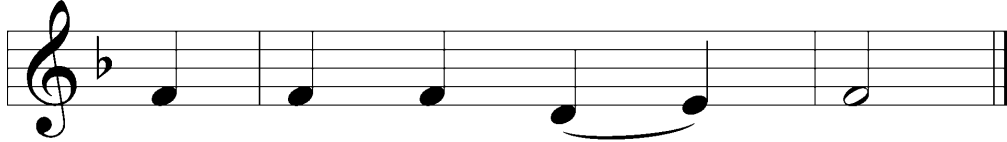
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Easter 4 (One-Year Lectionary)*



**P** The Lord be with you.

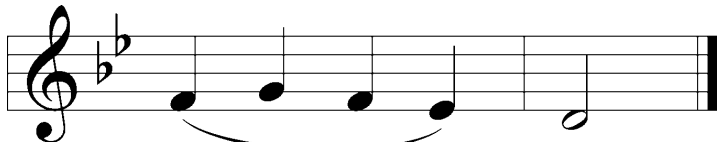


**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; 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

*Isaiah 40:25–31*

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Introit**

*Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2*



Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

**Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!**

**So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.”**

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**Bless our God, O peoples;**

**let the sound of his praise be heard,**

who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

**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.**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

## Epistle

*1 John 3:1–3*

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Alleluia

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**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 16:16–22*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



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

16 [Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” 17 So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” 18 So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” 19 Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. 21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

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



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

### 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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.



*Please be seated.*

**Sermon Hymn 'God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It'**

*LSB 594*



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



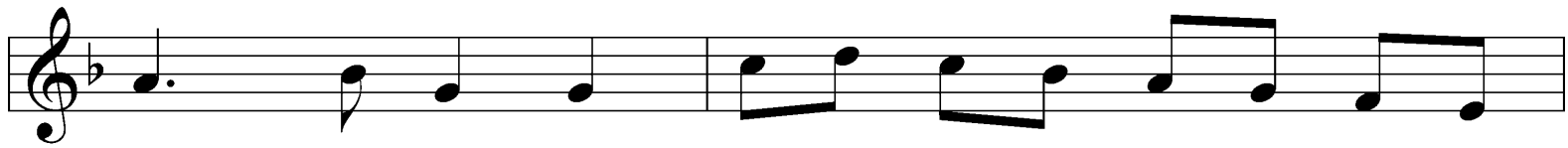
in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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**Sermon**

"Mothers: The Gift that Keeps on Giving"

*1 John 3:1-3*

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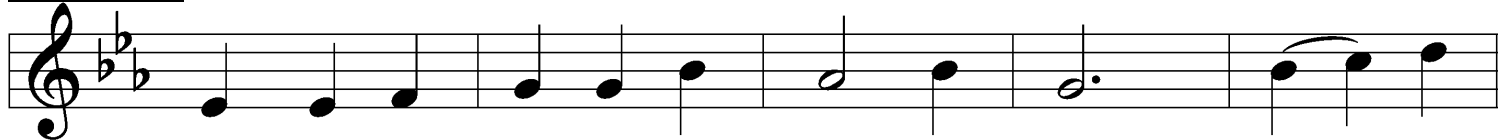
**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

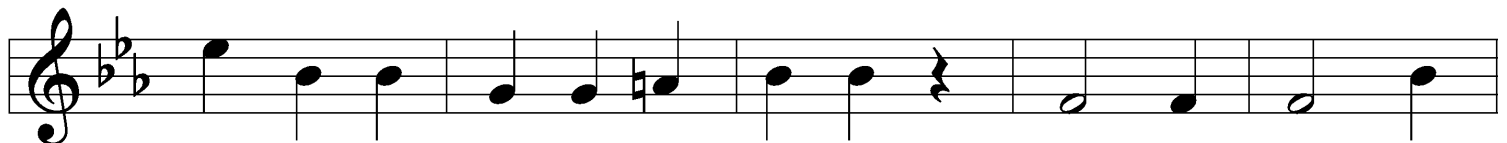
*Please stand as you are able.*

**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** In praise of the awesome works of our God—chiefly the resurrection of Jesus Christ; and for those in error’s darkness, that through the light of God’s honor and great power He would lead them to submit themselves to Christ’s gracious redemption, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the Church, that God would preserve her from every sorrow and mockery of the enemy; that in this little while between Christ’s resurrection and our own, the threats of persecution, loss or discomfort would not turn us from the joy and confidence of His redemption; and that He would sustain all preachers faithful to their calling, all confessors steadfast in their trials, and all Christians firm in the faith for life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the gift of mothers who raise their children in all things good, a mirror of God’s love, that they may be strengthened in their calling and sustained through weary and difficult times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For humility before the rulers God Himself has appointed, that His will would be done in our land; and for strong faith in His heavenly authority, which will not permit the righteous to be moved, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** In supplication and intercession for every need, [*especially for \_\_\_\_\_,*] asking for everything in the name of Christ, our Mediator, until the Last Day when we will ask for nothing, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who commune, that here in the Sacrament God would give us joy in the midst of sorrow, repentance, firm faith and honest fellowship in the blessings of Christ's testament; and that we would receive consciences thus cleansed from evil and renewed in Him, that we may stand undaunted until the day of visitation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

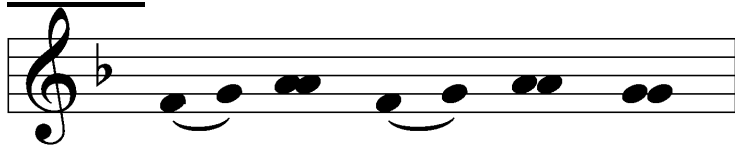
**P** Lord God, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod to conform us to Your only begotten Son here in suffering on earth and hereafter in glory. Comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we would not despair, but trust continually in Your Son's promise that our trials will endure but a little while and then be followed by eternal joy. Grant that we would overcome all evil in patient hope and at last obtain eternal salvation; 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.

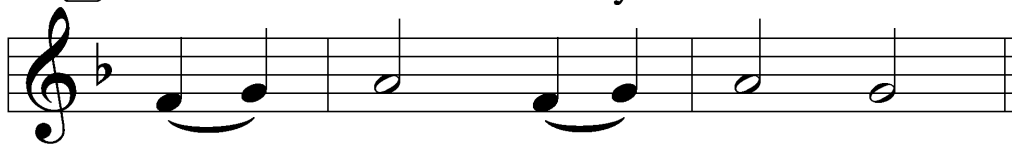
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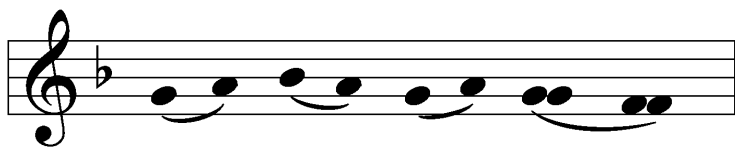
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**P** The Lord be with you.



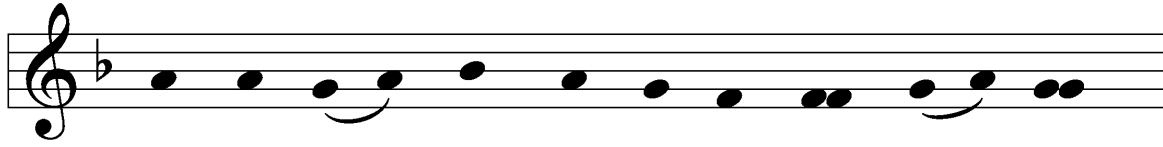
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

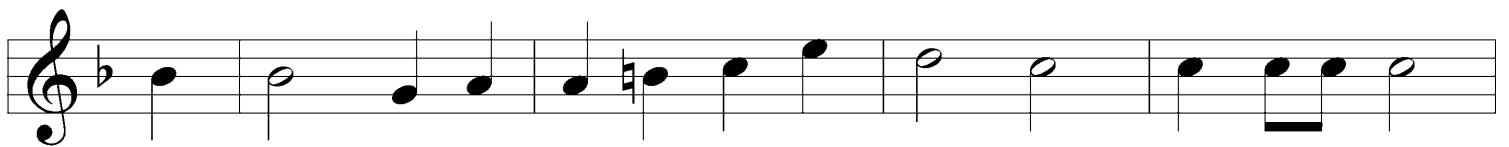
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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



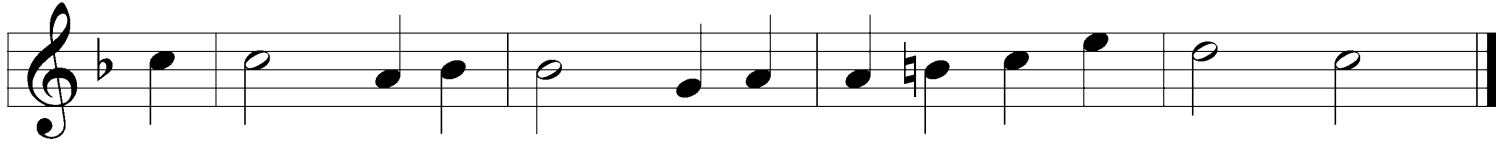
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



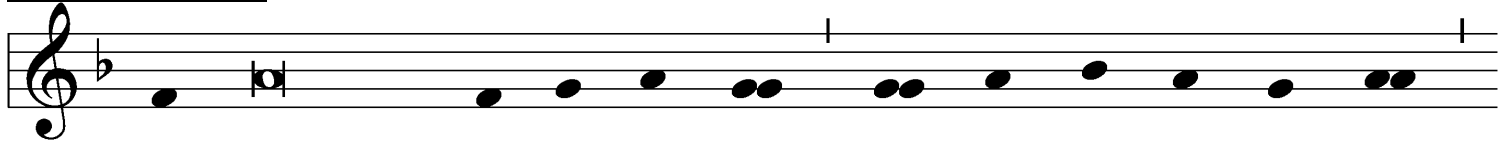
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



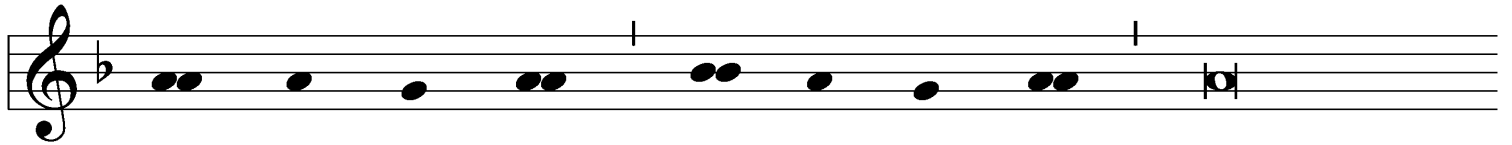
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Lord's Prayer

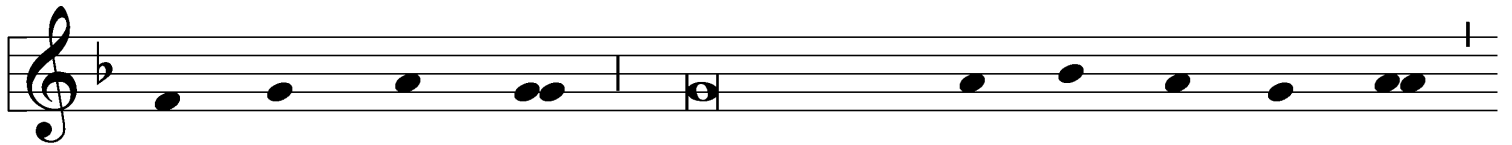
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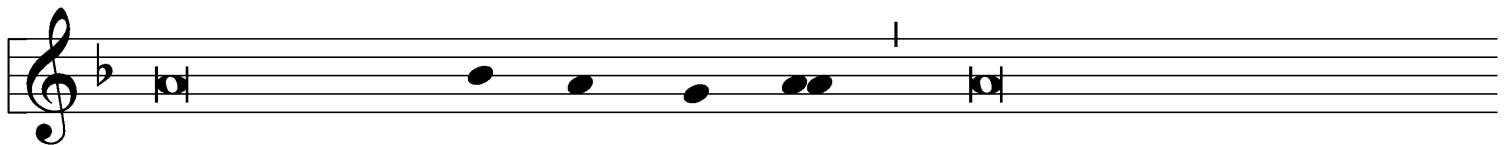
**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



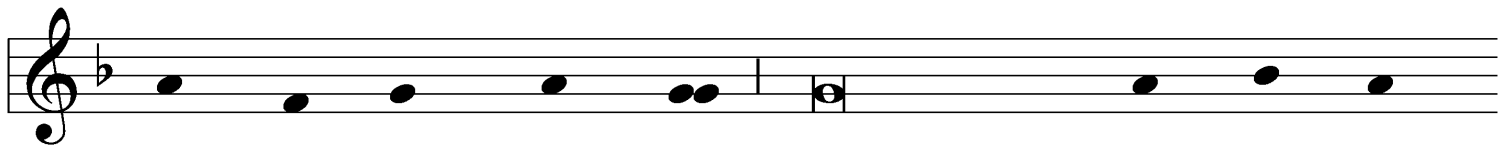
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



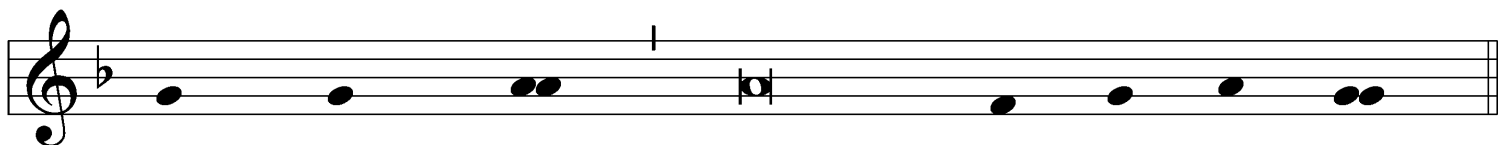
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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.



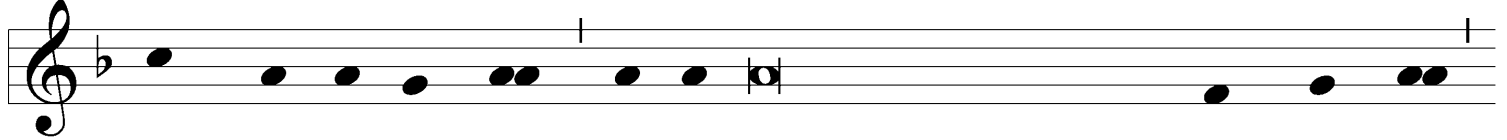
**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



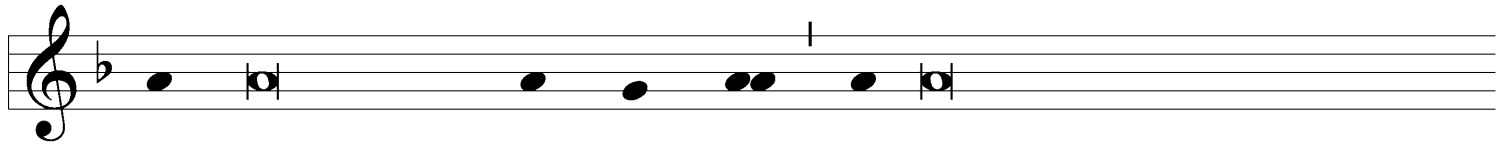
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*



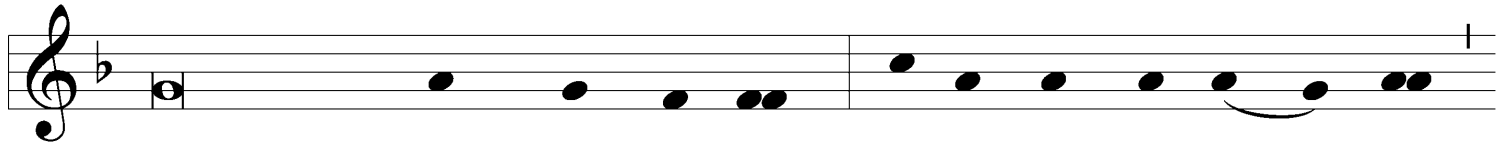
**P** Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



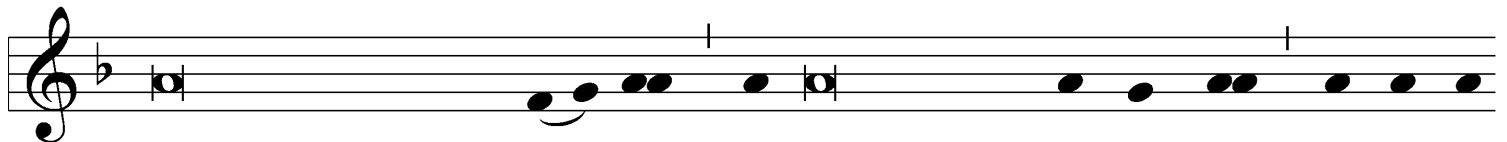
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



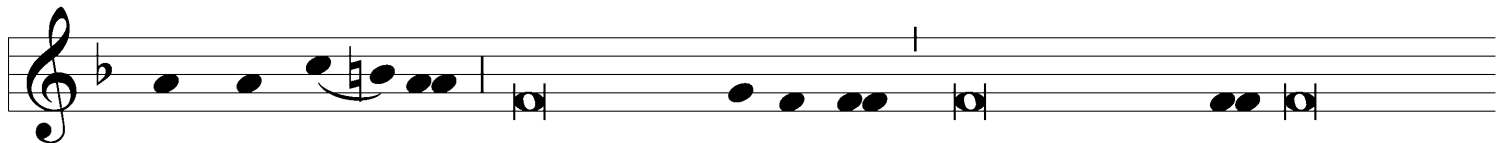
dis - ci - ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  bod - y, which is giv - en for you.



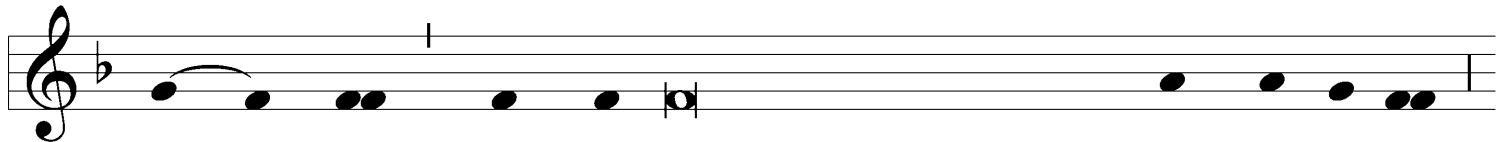
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



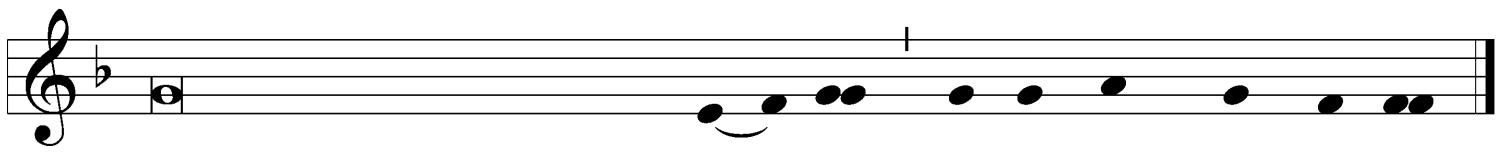
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



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



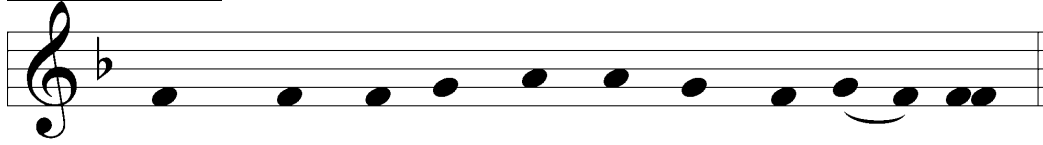
My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for - give - ness of sins.



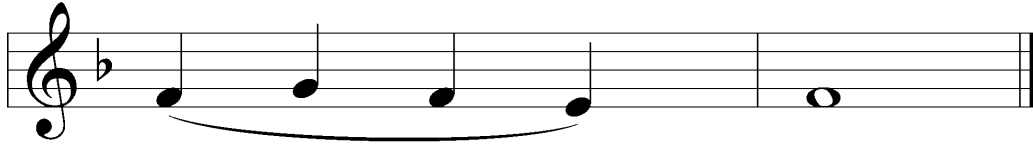
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*



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



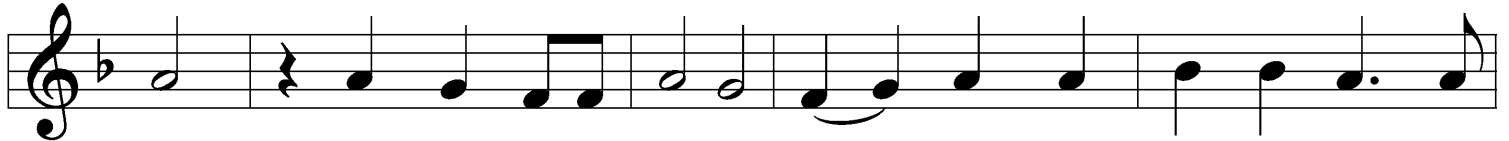
**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

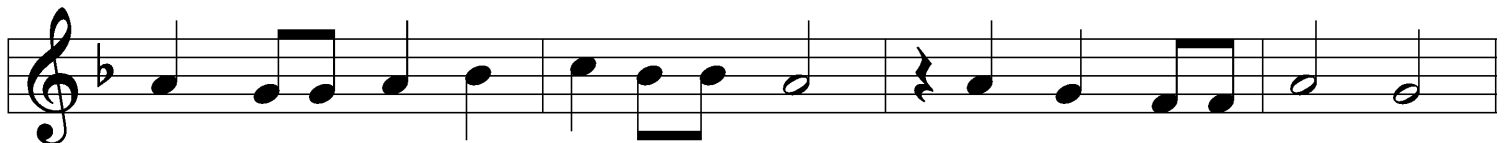
*LSB 198*



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



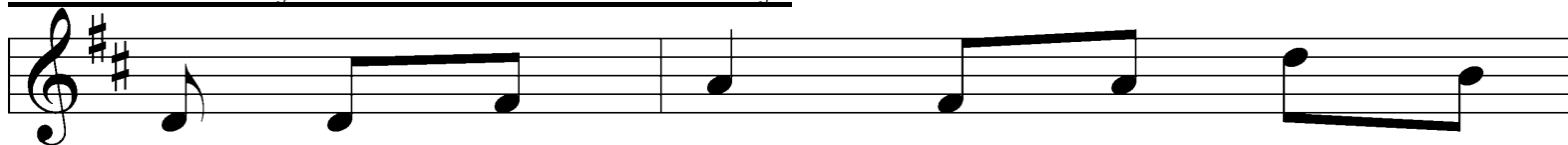
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please be seated.*



## Distribution Hymn 'God Loves Me Dearly'

LSB 392



1 God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -  
2 I was in slav - 'ry, Sin, death, and  
3 He sent forth Je - sus, My dear Re -  
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did  
5 Now I will praise You, O Love E -

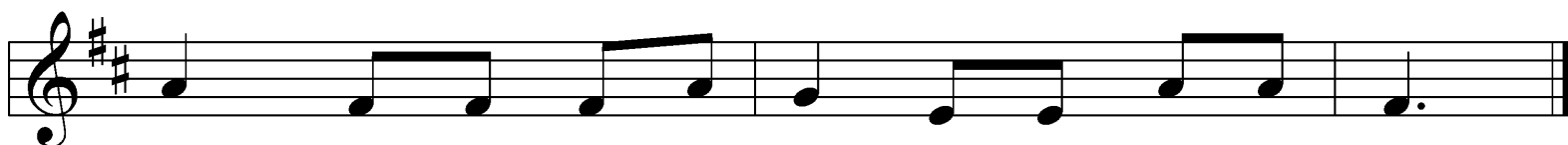


va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.  
dark - ness; God's love was work - ing To make me free.  
deem - er, He sent forth Je - sus And set me free.  
of - fer; Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Paid all I owed.  
ter - nal; Now I will praise You All my life long.

### *Refrain*



There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

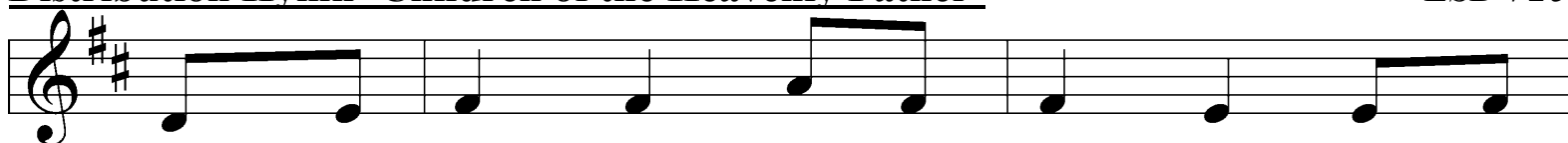
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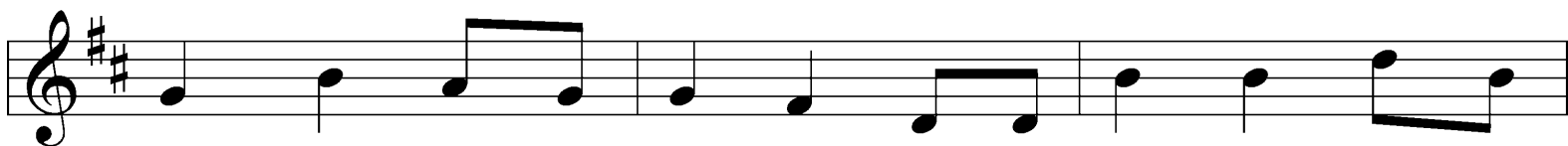
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## Distribution Hymn 'Children of the Heavenly Father'

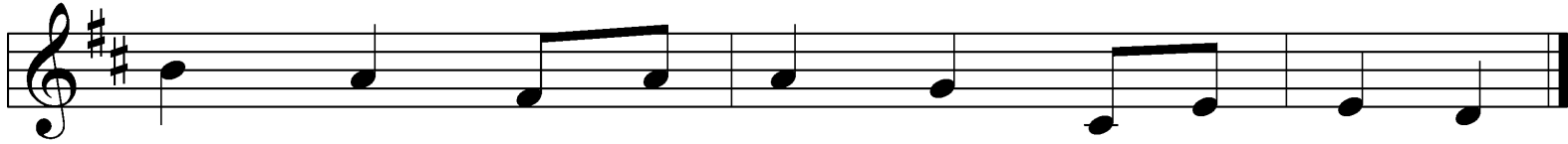
LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



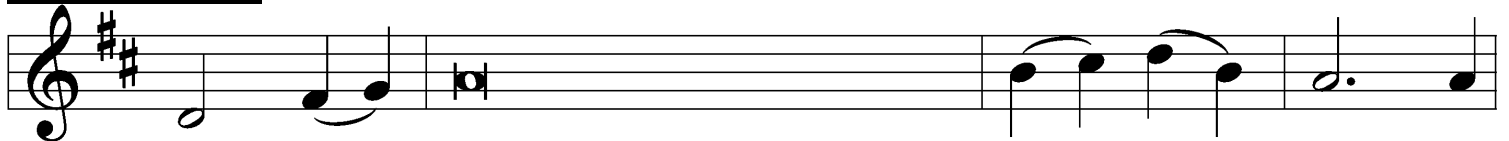
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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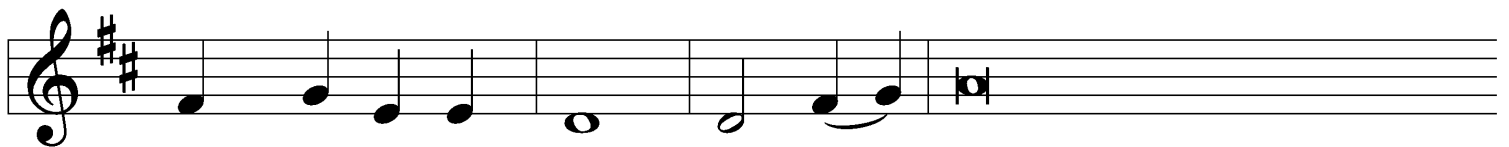
*Please stand as you are able.*

**Nunc Dimittis**

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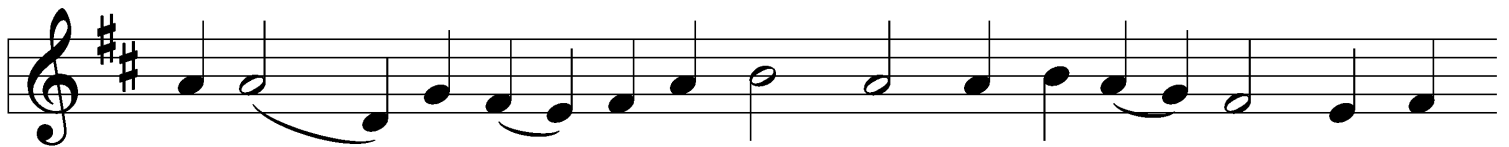
**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -**



**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.

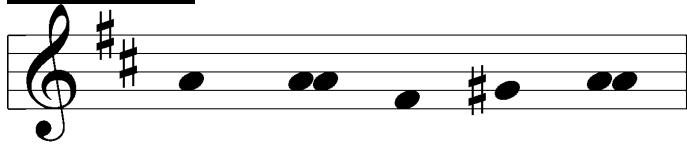
### Post-Communion Collect

**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.

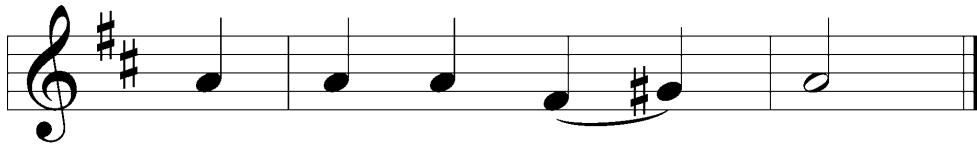
**C** A - men.

## Salutation

LSB 201



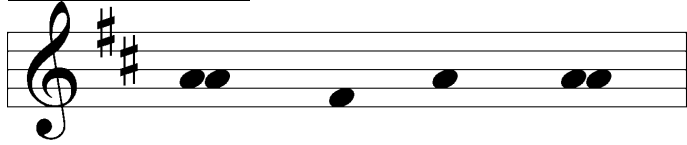
**P** The Lord be with you.



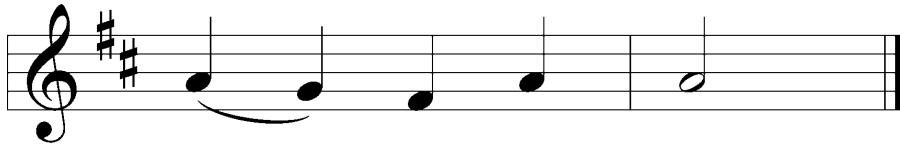
**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



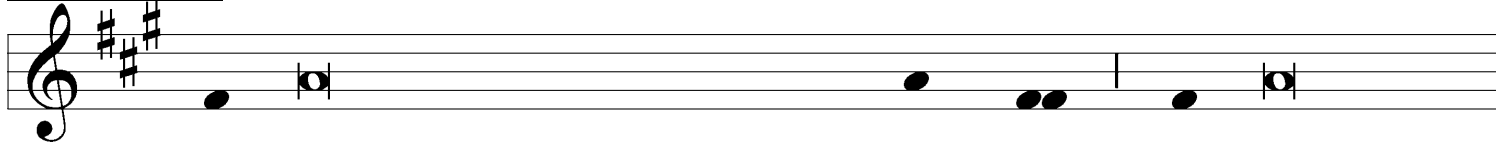
**A** Bless we the Lord.



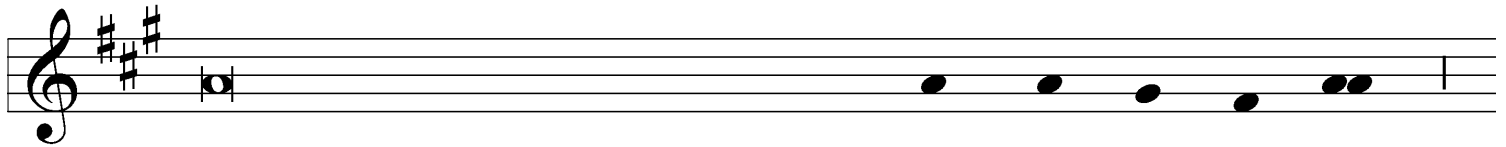
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202



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



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



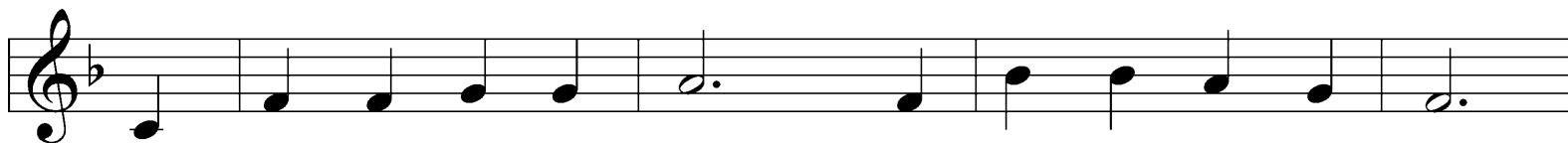
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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



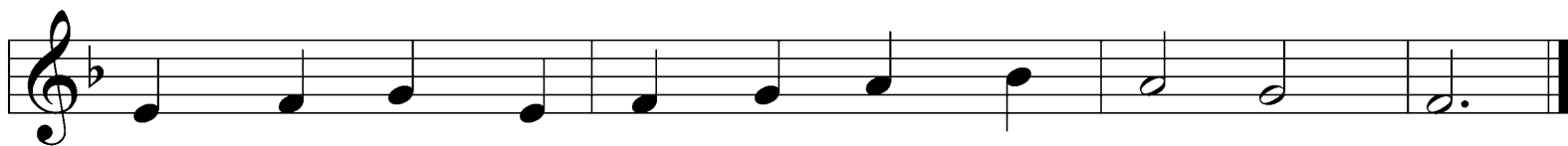
1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name All fa - ther-hood is known,  
2 O Christ, Thy - self a child With - in an earth - ly home,  
3 O Spir - it, who dost bind Our hearts in u - ni - ty,



Who dost in love pro - claim Each fam - i - ly Thine own,  
With heart still un - de - filed, Thou didst to man-hood come;  
Who teach - est us to find The love from self set free,



Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well, With con - stant love as  
Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place That they may all be -  
In all our hearts such love in - crease That ev - 'ry home by



sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.  
hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.  
this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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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.

**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.

**Stewardship:** *1 Peter 2:11 – “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.”* Passions of the flesh — that means the things our flesh desires. One way to sum up all the “passions of the flesh” is to call them greed: the desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed. It wages war against our soul, and it urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that we are sojourners and exiles. We belong to the kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him. That knowledge frees us from greed, and it frees us for generosity.

**Building Healthy Families:** Parents, grandparents and pew buddies! Did you know that even from the womb a child comes to know his or her mother's voice, nurturing their bond, providing comfort, and building trust? As we celebrate Mother's Day today, we also mark Good Shepherd Sunday on the church calendar. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, says "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). Thank you, Lord for the gift of mothers who reflect the comfort, security, and love of our Good Shepherd, Jesus and for the incredible gift of hearing his voice in our churches and homes! Happy Mother's Day! ~ *Lutheran Family Service* [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)

**A Life Quote:** "As Christians, we know that God's commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother's womb, God's work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life." *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life* ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)**

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for May 18th:** Hear "Truth That Takes Us In" based on John 15:9 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love. ~ **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:** With motherly tenacity and tenderness, Jesus insists none of His little ones perish (John 10:28). Each one comes from the Heavenly Father's own almighty hand (John 10:29), no matter size or skills or circumstances (Revelation 7:9). He desires the whole human community to share His delight in caring for them all (Acts 10:28), even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis.

**DECLARING TO YOU THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent interview topics include: Papal Indulgences, A New Report on the Dangers of the Abortion Pill, God's Revelation in the Genesis Account, Government Incentives for Increased Fertility and more.

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(4/28 at 10:00 a.m. CT) for a discussion of confession and excommunication in the church. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!



## MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
LWML Iowa East District Prayer Calendar	Featuring LWML Dubuque Zone		Pray for our leaders: local, state and national		<i>St. Paul, Delaware</i>	Rev. Matthew Vesey
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Men's Bible Study, we pray for growth and continuation	Orphan Grain Train	<i>Our Redeemer, Dubuque</i>	Rev. Jesse Cearlock Rev. Mark Zieroth	Bless our missionaries and their work world wide.	Our Redeemer Pre-School	<i>S. Paul, Dubuque</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
All Mothers	Rev. Jonathan Crawford	Parking Lot Picnics	Friendship Tea	<i>Trinity, Guttenberg</i>	Rev. Michael Keller	Goody Bags for Mothers and Father's Days
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Hospital Tray favors	<i>St. Paul, McGregor</i>	Rev. Michael Keller	Quilting for Lutheran World Relief	<i>Our Savior, Manchester</i>	Rev. Isaiah Armbrecht	Celebrating 60th Anniversary. Special service June 22
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<i>St. John's, Monticello</i>	Remembering all who have gone before us.	Rev. Caleb Schewe	Swaddling Clothes	<i>St. Matthew, Sherrill</i>	Rev. Jesse Cearlock Rev. Mark Zieroth	Cookie Walk





## *A Prayer for Mother's Day*

Dear Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Your great Trinitarian love has given every one of us a mother.

As she remains alongside me and carries my crosses with me, I come to know Your own presence and power.

**Thank you** that she prepares, preserves, and protects Your gift of life.

**Thank you** that she shows me devoted attention and affection from You.

**Thank you** that she reflects how gently You instruct and how relentlessly You defend me.

**Thank you** that she conveys your patience in her listening, assisting, and encouraging.

**Thank you** that she sacrifices her body to serve my well-being after the example of Your Son.

**Thank you** that she stretches her heart to heal and strengthen mine because You have created, redeemed, and called every human being as Your precious treasure forever.

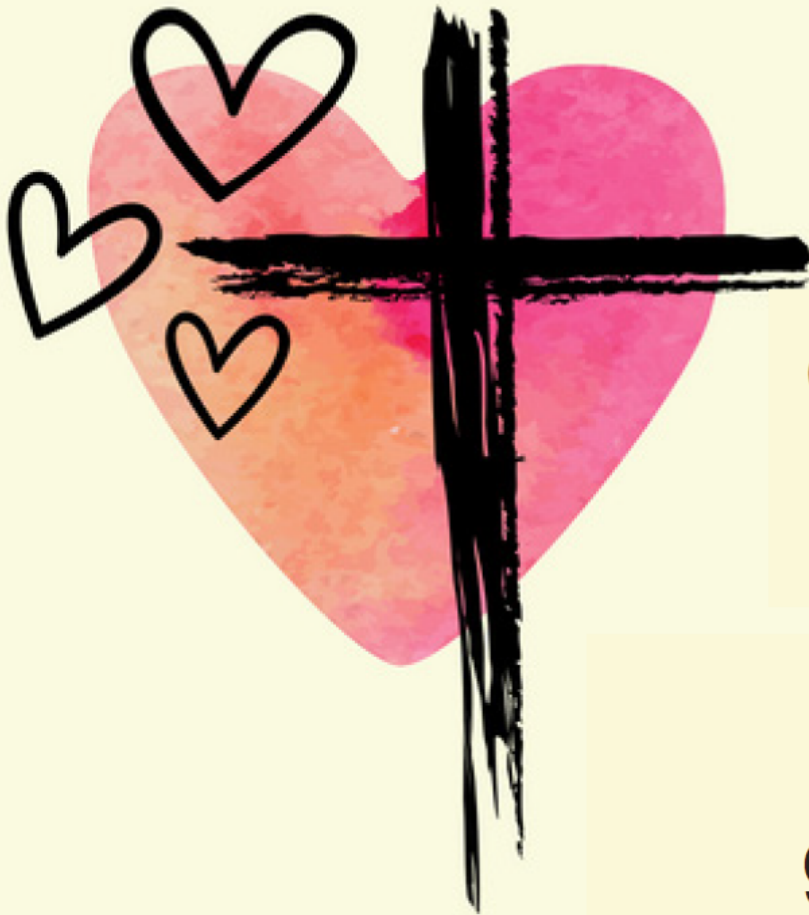
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, grant unto her a double portion of the loving-kindness You have showered upon me through her.

Increase her comfort and confidence in her mothering as a holy and blessed vocation from Your hand.

Bless especially the ones upon whom the burden and work press heaviest, including single mothers, stay-at-home mothers, mothers who work outside of the home, mothers of large families, and mothers whose sons or daughters have extraordinary needs.

In the mercy of Your forgiveness, in the promise of new creation, and in the communion of Your kingdom, relieve our sisters for whom motherhood has brought loss or sorrows, as well as Your daughters who have not known the joy of motherhood.

With Your Son, Your saints and angels, and the righteous women who have gone before us to deliver the faith, gather them, and by their witness gather us, into the never-ending wedding feast of the Lamb, where they will shine with Your own glory and honor. Amen.



# VBS

## God or Not God?

*"Be Watchful,  
Stand Firm in the Faith,  
Be Strong."*

*1 Corinthians 16:15*

**July 21, 22, 23**  
**9:00am -11:00am**

**Please let the Board of Education know if any parents or grandparents plan to have their children and/or grandchildren attending so we can properly prepare. Even if they are only doing one or two of the three days, please sign-up and inform the Board of Education.**

**Registration forms are available on the entryway table at church and on our website.**

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

May 4, 2025

Attendance 38

### **Calendar of Events for This Week**

- Today            8:00am Council Meeting  
                    9:00am Jubilate (Fourth Sunday of Easter)  
                         Greeter: K. Schultz  
                         Usher: Lucas B.  
                         Servers: Amber B. & Melissa M.  
                         Acolyte/Crucifer: Thatcher & Alivia  
                         Elder: Joel M.  
                         No Sunday School
- Tuesday        9:00am Winkle, Pastors in Oskaloosa
- Thursday 11:00am Bible Study
- Next Sunday 9:00am Cantate (Fifth Sunday of Easter)  
                    10:30am Bible Study  
                    10:30am Last Day of Sunday School-Popcorn Sunday  
                         Greeter: Schutt  
                         Usher: Tim B.  
                         Servers: Sherry B. & Diane S.  
                         Acolyte/Crucifer: Elsie & Sophia  
                         Elder: Joe W.