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Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184
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As We Gather: *Jesus Overcomes the Strong Man*

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the Word of the Lord (Jer. 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Luke 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub, Satan. Like Pharaoh of old, their hearts were hard (Ex. 8:16–24). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross. He exorcizes and frees us by water and the Word. We were once darkness, but now we are light in Christ the Lord (Eph. 5:1–9). As children of light, our tongues are loosed to give thanks to Him who saved us.

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

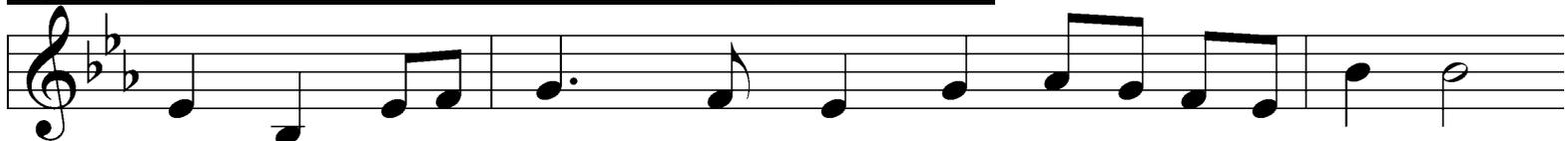
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P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of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

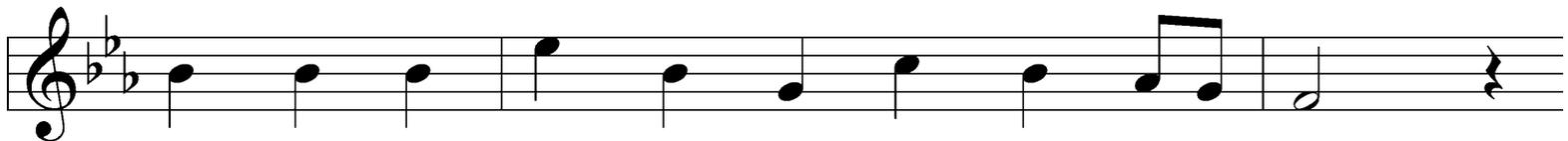
C Amen.

Opening Hymn 'Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure'

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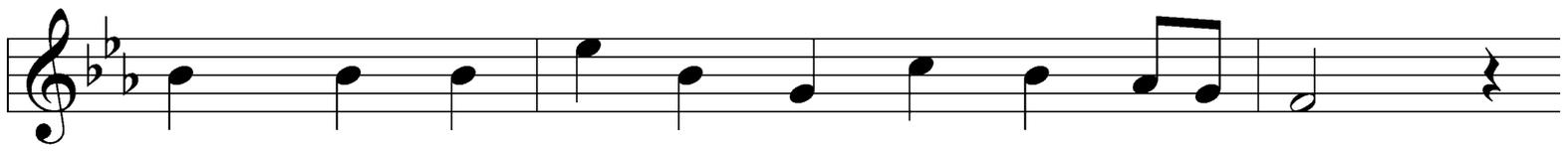
1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



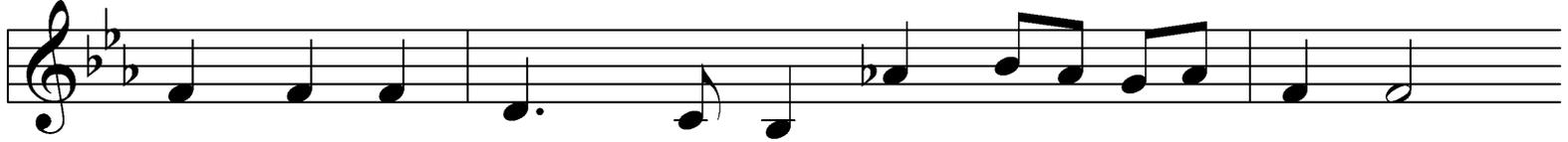
Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



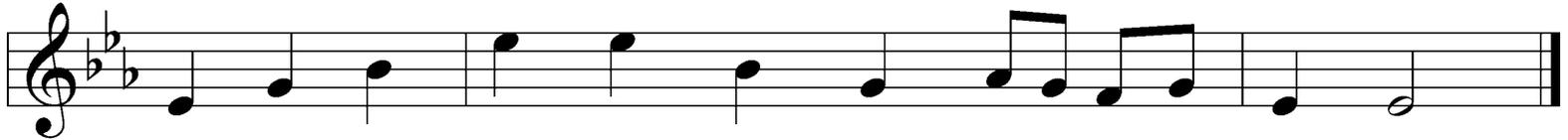
God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

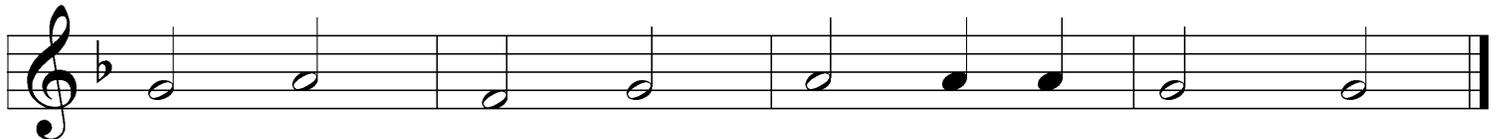
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Kyrie

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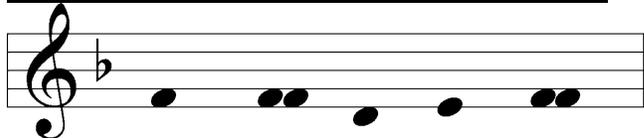
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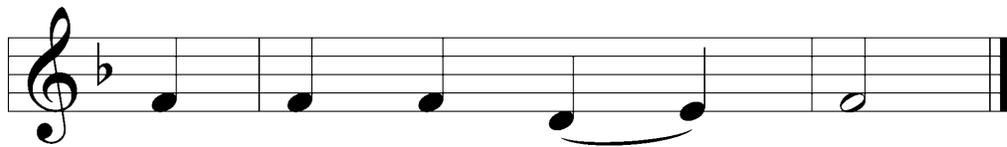
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

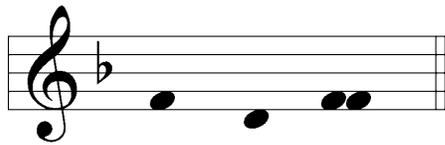
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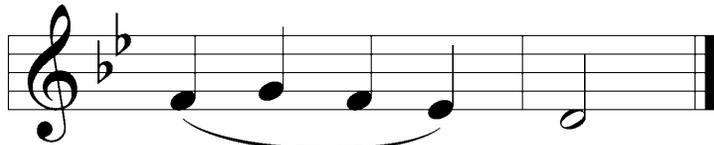


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Jeremiah 26:1–15

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: ²“Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. ³It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. ⁴You shall say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, ⁵and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, ⁶then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.’”

⁷The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. ⁸And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1–9

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true).

A This is the Word of the Lord.

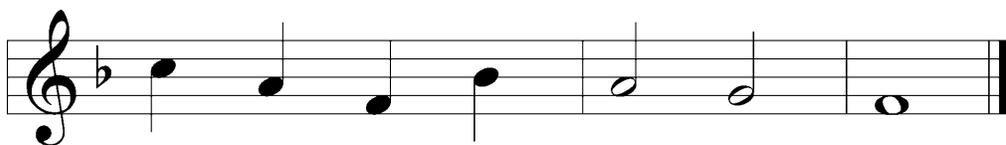
C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons,” ¹⁶while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²²but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.

²³Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴“When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ ²⁵And

when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first.”

²⁷As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, “Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!” ²⁸But he said, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”

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.

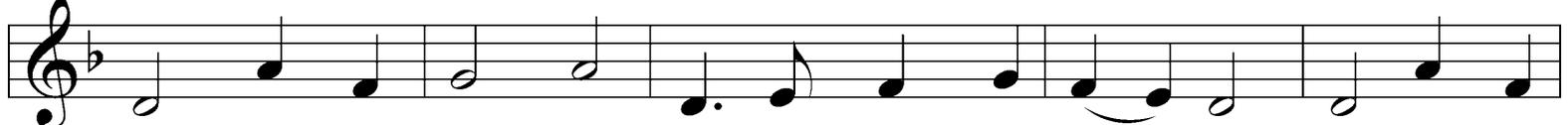
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,

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 'Lord of Our Life'

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1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our
 2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your
 3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our
 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their
 shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when
 Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.
 fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.
 hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:
 end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

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Sermon

"Courageous Faith"

Luke 11:14-28

Please stand as you are able.

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 spiritual weapons and tongues sharpened by the words of Christ, that His people would be guarded against all powers of the devil, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all Christians, plundered from Satan's kingdom and liberated by Christ's blood to join the ranks of His saints, that God would preserve us faithful to the end, guard us from abandoning or blaspheming the Spirit's work, and turn us in brotherly love toward one another to live according to God's holy will, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the members of every Christian family, that the Lord who calls us to live in purity and holiness would protect us and guide us; and that we would love and seek chastity and decency, learning to grow in virtue and godly living, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the leaders of our land, that they would humble themselves under the hand of God and serve their people sacrificially in every danger or need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Lord to grant comfort, aid, healing and peace to the sick in their afflictions; for the dying near the end of their earthly lives; and for those who struggle with adversity and sorrow, [*especially for _____*,] let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the unity of the Church in doctrine and life; for our communion this day; for strength in faith and an increase in love; and that our Lord would accept our sacrifices of thanksgiving and the offerings we bring, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That God, our sword and shield, would by His mighty finger drive out all the powers of darkness and fight for us; and that He would cast out the devil, sweep clean our souls and fill our hearts with His Spirit to fight the good fight of faith and dwell secure in His kingdom of light, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

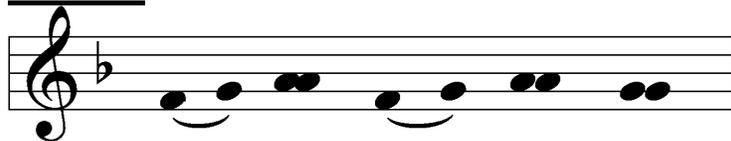
P Lord God, heavenly Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to take up our flesh, that He might overcome the devil and defend us poor sinners against the adversary. We thank You for Your merciful aid and implore You to attend us with Your grace in every temptation. Preserve us from carnal security and, by Your Spirit, keep us in Your Word and fear, that we may be delivered from the enemy and 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.

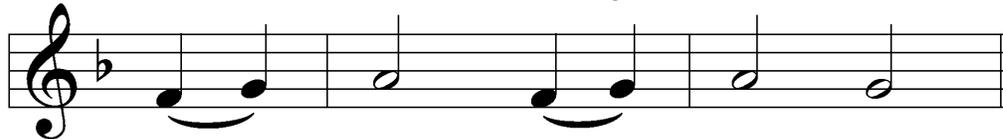
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Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



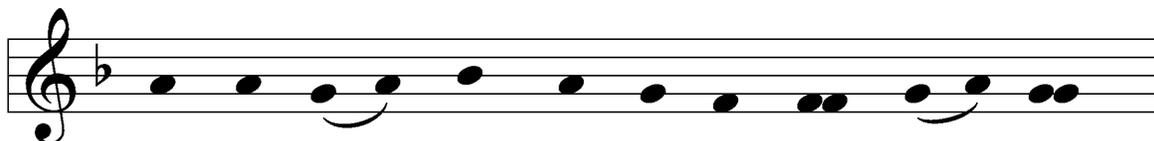
C And with thy spir - it.



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;



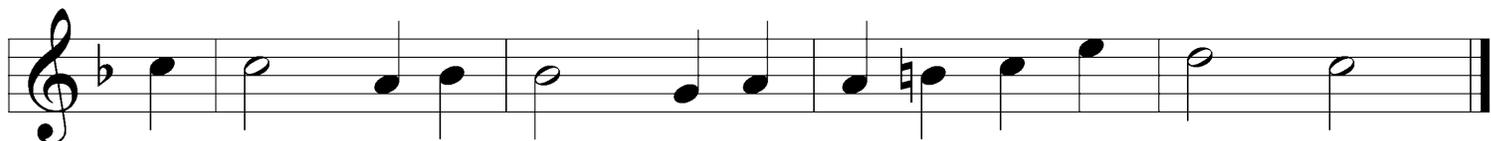
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



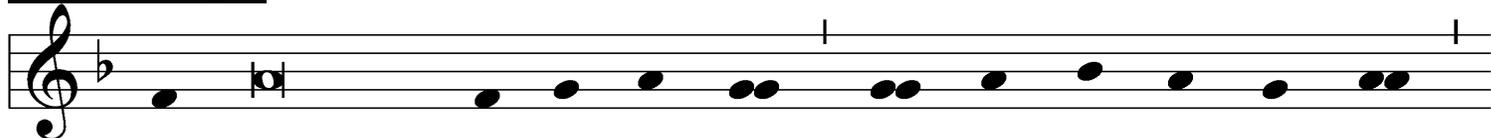
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



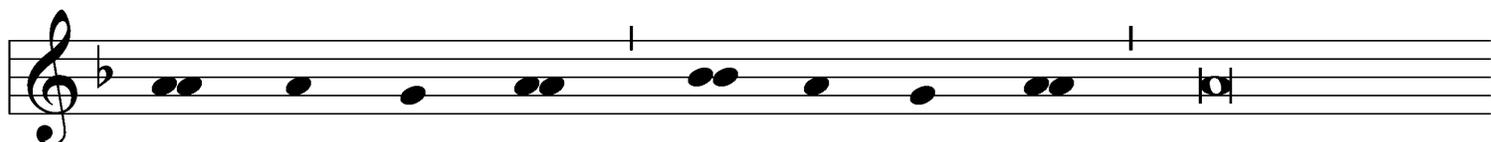
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Lord's Prayer

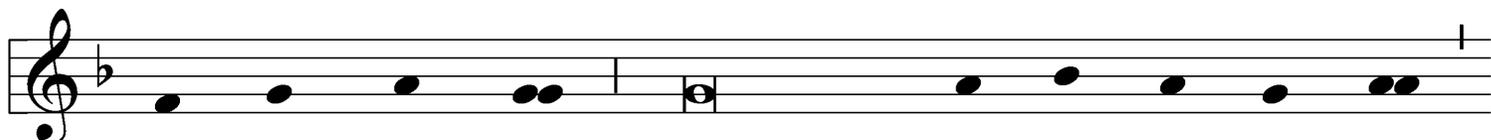
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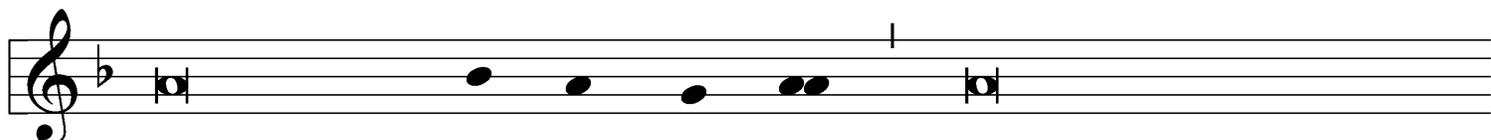
P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



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,

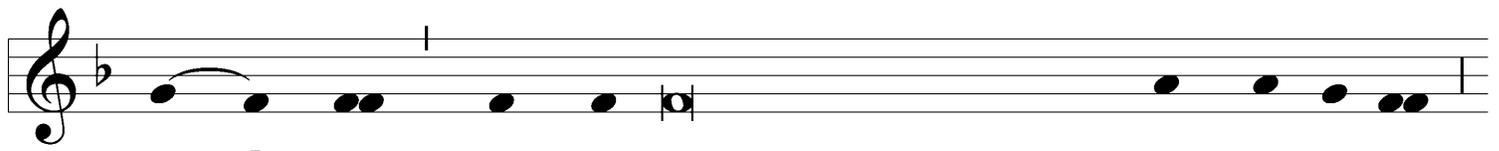
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the

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

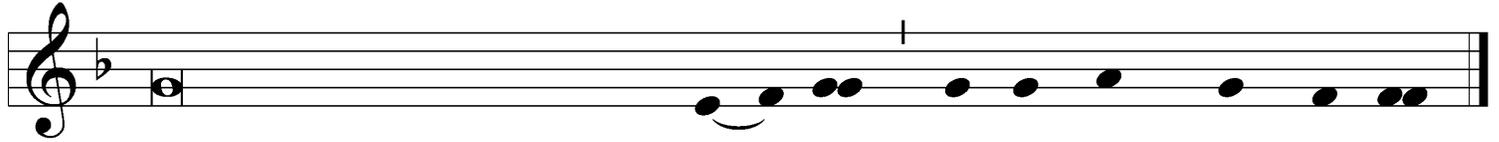
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so

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 ✝ 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.



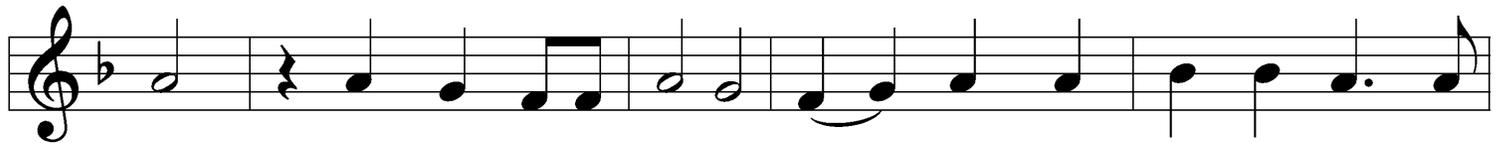
G A - men.

Agnus Dei

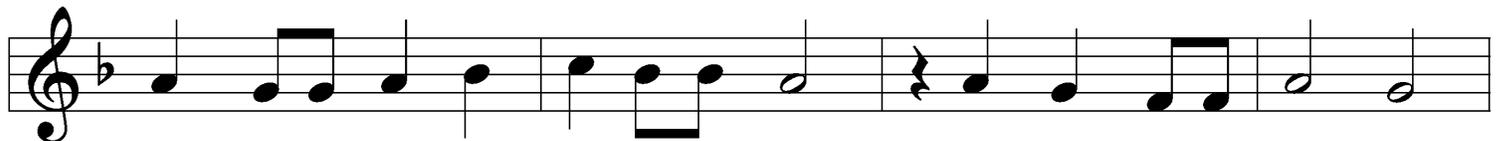
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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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

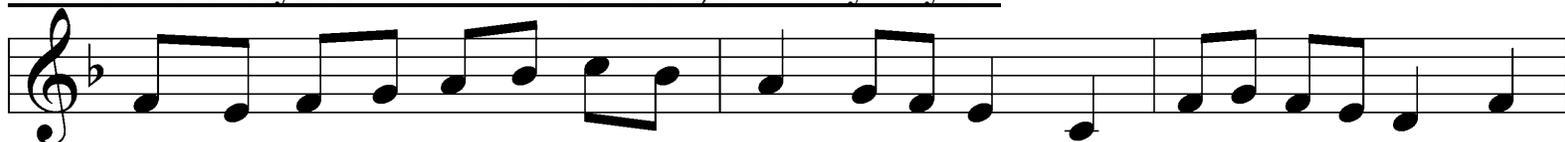


world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymn 'God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It'

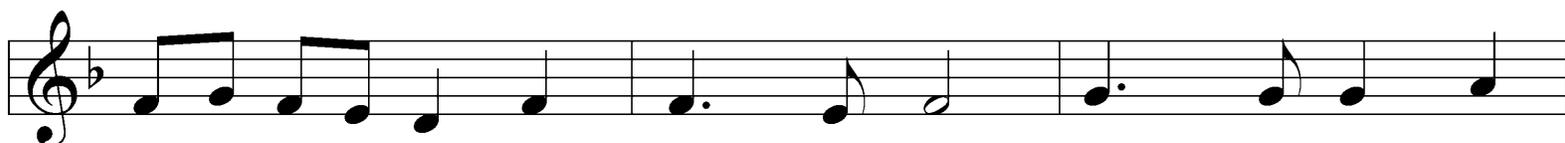
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1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
5 There is noth - ing worth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



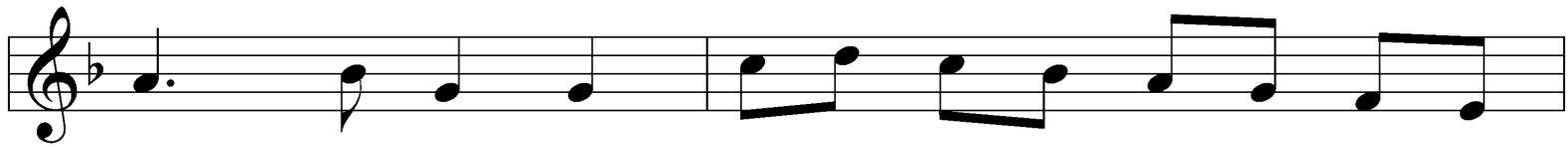
in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



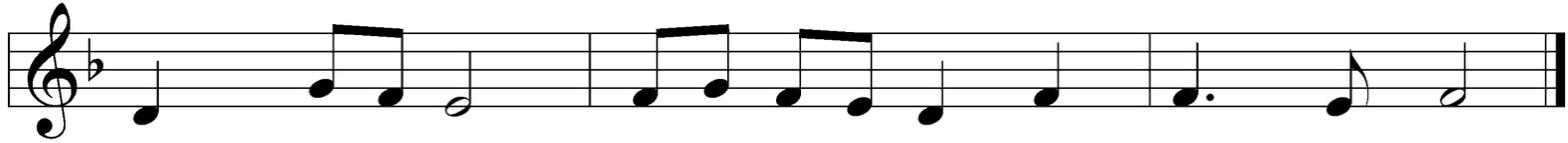
Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



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

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1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



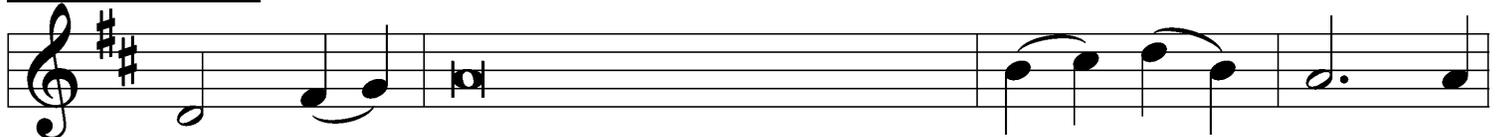
Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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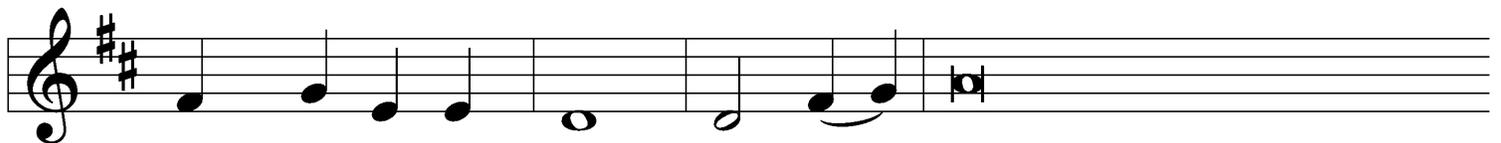
Please stand as you are able.

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

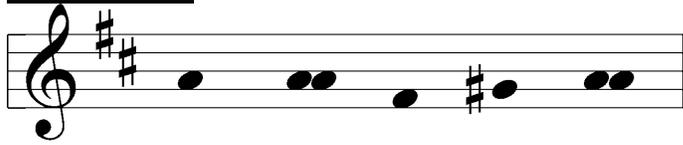
A Let us pray.

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.

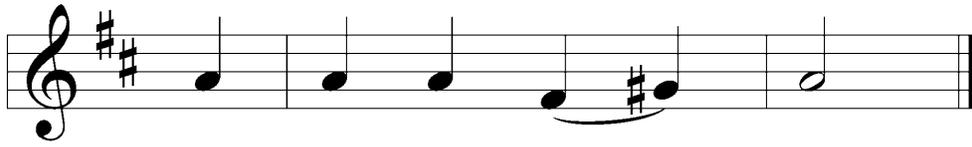
C A - men.

Salutation

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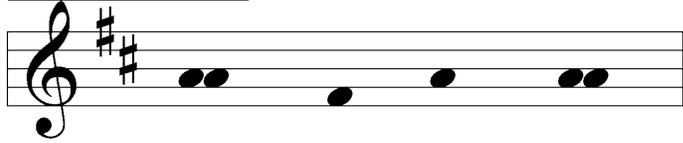
P The Lord be with you.



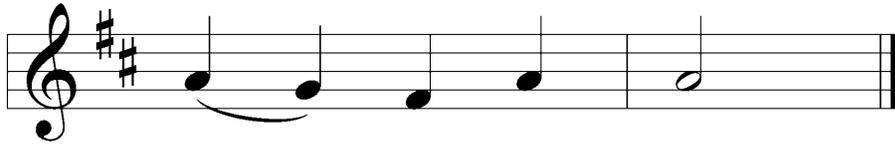
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



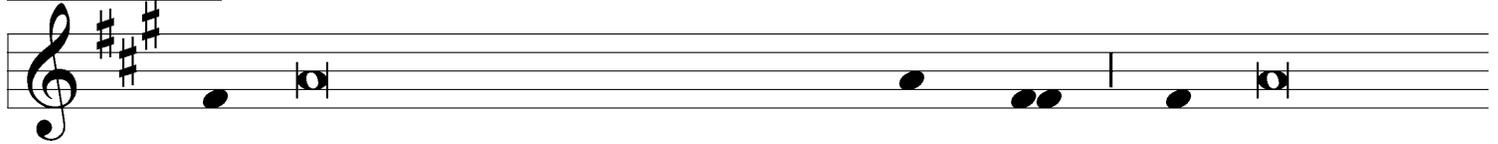
A Bless we the Lord.



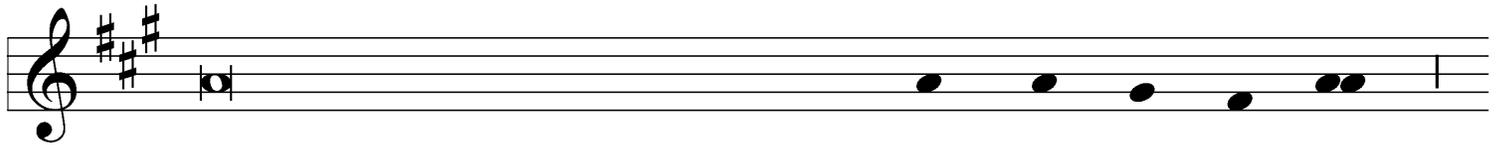
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

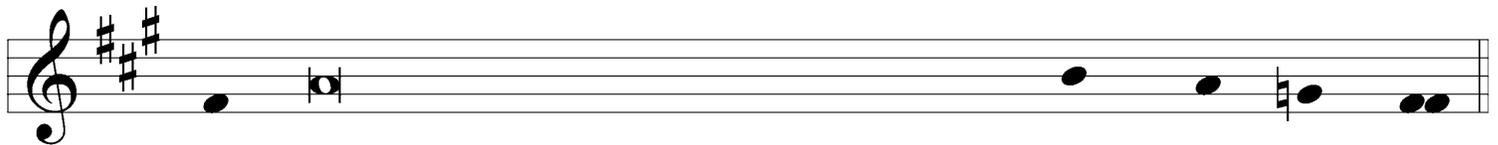
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



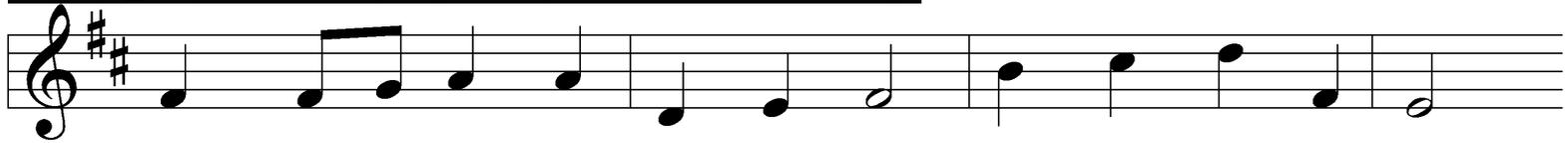
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



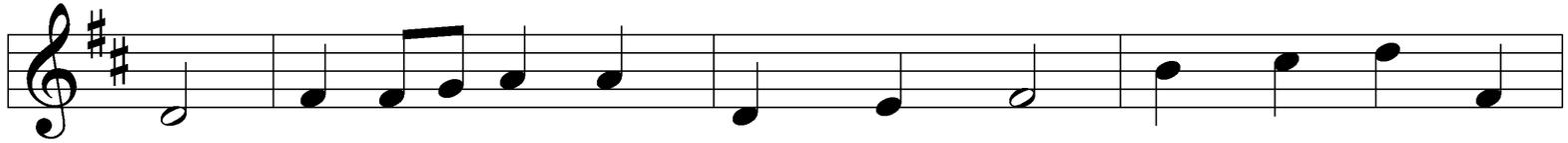
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 'Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray'

LSB 663



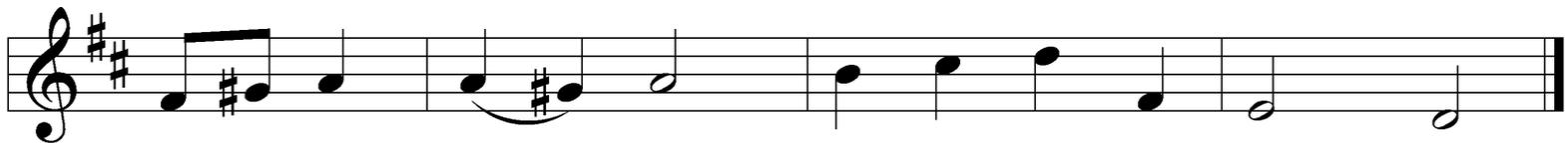
1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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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. To ensure all offerings are recorded, please enclose your offering in your assigned envelope. Thank you!

Anyone interested in singing/chanting Psalms during Lent midweek or Holy Week Services, please contact Pastor.

Easter Lilies: Lilies will be placed at the altar for Easter morning services. The cost for a plant is \$15. Lilies can be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. The deadline for orders is March 30. Checks should be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church with "Easter Lilies" written in the memo line. Please place your order form along with payment in the offering plate. If you wish to provide your own plant, please fill out an order form indicating so and the in memory/in honor of portion.

April calendars are available on the front table.

The Pictorial Directory has arrived and are in your boxes.

Stewardship: *Luke 11:21–22* – “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil.” Jesus is stronger than Satan and He disarms him for us. But Jesus has disarmed Satan in a most unusual way: He has disarmed him by allowing Satan to cast all his weapons into Jesus. Satan has nothing left to attack us with — he spent it all on Jesus. And now Jesus is our Stronger Man. He guards and keeps us and ours, and we have none to fear.

Sunday School Lesson: This week’s Bible lesson is “A Trusting Widow.” Jesus sits in the temple, observing people depositing money into the offering box. But one offering stands out: a widow brings two small copper coins. Jesus commends this offering to His disciples because He knows her offering is everything she has to live on.

Building Healthy Families: Researchers have discovered that people have between 12,000 and 60,000 thoughts each day – and 80% of them are negative. *What’s your percentage?* If it’s too high, don’t be dismayed; you can do something about it! It’s possible to intentionally change your automatic thoughts and as a result, your mood, mental wellness, and relationships will all improve greatly. God’s word encourages us: “...take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:15) Lutheran Family Service counselors are here to help you find mental and emotional strength and wellness, replacing lies with truth, from a perspective that is consistent with your faith. ~ **Lutheran Family Service** www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Quote: “Think of how important we as human beings must be in the eyes of God, if He—as the almighty creator and Lord of the entire universe—was willing to take on human flesh and become one of us. God loves the human race so much He decided to become our brother.” *Thomas P. Nass, CELC President* ~ **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •** lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries for March 30th: Hear "The Difference Between Anger and Contempt" based on John 11:35 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God is love. We believe this only because 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: If Almighty God has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked” (Ezekiel 33:11), how much more does death of innocents grieve Him? Why then should the people of God ever tolerate the killing of unborn sisters and brothers? And if the Lord of all only deals in death when human iniquity does not allow Him to avoid it, will not the same love move us to warn others against dealing in death?

BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES 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 Ecclesiastes. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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CONFIRMATION MEMORY WORK

6th and 7th Grades Memory Work

7th Petition and Conclusion and Meanings

8th Grade Memory Work

Questioning Books

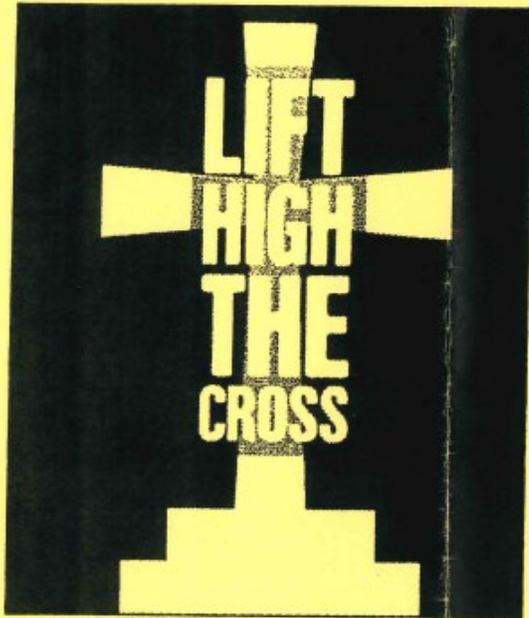
Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Attendance 52

Calendar of Events for This Week

- Today 9:00am Oculi (3rd Sunday in Lent)
10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School
Greeter: Louden
Usher: Lucas B.
Servers: Sue F. & Karla C.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Kaitlynn & Thatcher
Elder: Joe W.
- Wednesday 4-5pm Confirmation Class
5-6pm Confirmation Class
5:15pm Meal
6:30pm Lent Evening Prayer Service
Usher: Joel Koeppe
- Thursday 9:30am Confessions Study Holy Cross in Carlisle
- Next Sunday 8:00am Elders Meeting
9:00am Laetare (4th Sunday in Lent)
10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School-Popcorn Sunday
Greeter: Marcinik
Usher: Keith T.
Servers: Julie M. & Robin M.
Acolyte/Crucifer: Elsie & Finn
Elder: Joel M.



Matthew 16:24

LWML Marshalltown Zone
Spring Rally
April 5, 2025

Redeemer Lutheran Church
1600 South Center Street (Hwy 14)
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

Guest Speaker is Rev. Matthew J. Montgomery

**Advancement Officer
Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne
Topic: Missions and Church Work**

9:00 AM Registration (\$5), Coffee & donuts
9:30 Bible Study, Business, and Guest Speaker
12:30 Lunch

Book Sale (& jewelry puzzles) \$\$ for Mites
Love Offering for Iowa East District LWML
Student Aid
Collection for Marshalltown Zone treasury

RSVP by March 26, 2025
Merikay Hennis 641-752-6171
howardandmerikay@gmail.com

There are two parking lots at Redeemer. The west lot goes directly into the church. There are not many places to park so you can drop your passengers off and proceed to the east lot. The east lot is much larger but there are stairs to get to the main level. There is a chair lift at the east entrance.

Those planning on attending the April 5 LWML Spring Rally in Marshalltown, please contact Pam Haase, not Merikay Hennis, and include your name on the sign-up in the entryway.

Please plan to meet at Immanuel by 8:20am
Saturday morning.

Book of Concord Lenten Reading Plan

A Forty-Day Reading Plan from Concordia Publishing House

Page numbers, given in parentheses, reference *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, second edition (Concordia Publishing House, 2006).



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	5-Mar	Ash Wednesday	The Three Ecumenical Creeds (16–18); Luther's Small Catechism (313–48)
	6-Mar	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	Luther's Large Catechism: Preface–Part I, para. 77 (351–67)
	7-Mar	Friday after Ash Wednesday	Luther's Large Catechism: Part I, para. 78–178 (367–78)
	8-Mar	Saturday after Ash Wednesday	Luther's Large Catechism: Part I, para. 179–291 (379–92)
	9-Mar	Lent 1	
	10-Mar	Monday, Lent 1	Luther's Large Catechism: Part I, para. 292–Part II, para. 70 (392–408)
	11-Mar	Tuesday, Lent 1	Luther's Large Catechism: Part III, para. 1–84 (408–18)
	12-Mar	Wednesday, Lent 1	Luther's Large Catechism: Part III, para. 85–Part IV, para. 86 (419–31)
	13-Mar	Thursday, Lent 1	Luther's Large Catechism: Part V (431–40); Brief Exhortation to Confession (649–53)
	14-Mar	Friday, Lent 1	Augsburg Confession: Preface–Art. XX (27–44)
	15-Mar	Saturday, Lent 1	Augsburg Confession: Art. XXI–XXVI (44–53)
	16-Mar	Lent 2	
	17-Mar	Monday, Lent 2	Augsburg Confession: Art. XXVII–Conclusion (53–63); Apology: Greeting to Reader (73–74)
	18-Mar	Tuesday, Lent 2	Apology: Art. I–IV (74–102)
	19-Mar	Wednesday, Lent 2	Apology: Art. V, para. 1–122 (102–18)
	20-Mar	Thursday, Lent 2	Apology: Art. V, para. 123–212 (118–33)
	21-Mar	Friday, Lent 2	Apology: Art. V, para. 213–79 (133–43)
	22-Mar	Saturday, Lent 2	Apology: Art. VII–XI (143–57)
	23-Mar	Lent 3	
	24-Mar	Monday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XIIIa (158–71)
	25-Mar	Tuesday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XIIIb (171–84)

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	26-Mar	Wednesday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XIII–XX (184–201)
	27-Mar	Thursday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XXI–XXII (202–10)
	28-Mar	Friday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XXIII (210–18)
	29-Mar	Saturday, Lent 3	Apology: Art. XXIV (220–37)
	30-Mar	Lent 4	
	31-Mar	Monday, Lent 4	Apology: Art. XXVII–XXVIII (237–51)
	1-Apr	Tuesday, Lent 4	Smalcald Articles: Preface–Part III, Art. II (259–72)
	2-Apr	Wednesday, Lent 4	Smalcald Articles: Part III, Art. III–XV (272–85)
	3-Apr	Thursday, Lent 4	Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope (294–306)
	4-Apr	Friday, Lent 4	Preface to the Christian Book of Concord (3–12); Formula of Concord: Epitome Summary–Art. I (473–77)
	5-Apr	Saturday, Lent 4	Formula of Concord: Epitome Art. II–VII (477–91)
	6-Apr	Lent 5	
	7-Apr	Monday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Epitome Art. VIII–XII (491–502)
	8-Apr	Tuesday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Introduction–Summary, Rule, and Norm (505–11)
	9-Apr	Wednesday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. I (511–19)
	10-Apr	Thursday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. II, para. 1–56 (520–30)
	11-Apr	Friday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. II, para. 57–Art. III, para. 25 (530–40)
	12-Apr	Saturday, Lent 5	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. III, para. 26–Art. IV, para. 40 (540–52)
	13-Apr	Palm Sunday	
	14-Apr	Monday in Holy Week	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. V–VI (552–61)
	15-Apr	Tuesday in Holy Week	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. VII, para. 1–62 (561–73)
	16-Apr	Wednesday in Holy Week	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. VII, para. 63–128 (573–81)
	17-Apr	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. VIII (581–96)
	18-Apr	Good Friday	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. IX–XI, para. 47 (596– 609)
	19-Apr	Holy Saturday	Formula of Concord: Solid Declaration Art. XI, para. 48–Art. XII, Conclusion (609–19)