

+ TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY +
Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184
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As We Gather: Faith Comes from Hearing

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31–37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For “*faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ*” (Rom. 10:9–17). Jesus put His fingers into the man’s ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus’ mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life–giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4–11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus’ sighing “*Ephphatha*” opened the man’s ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, “*In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book*” (Is. 29:18–24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

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.

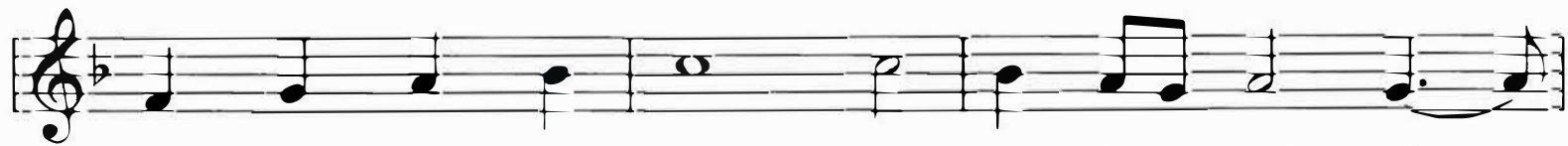
C Amen.

Opening Hymn 'O Son of God, in Galilee'

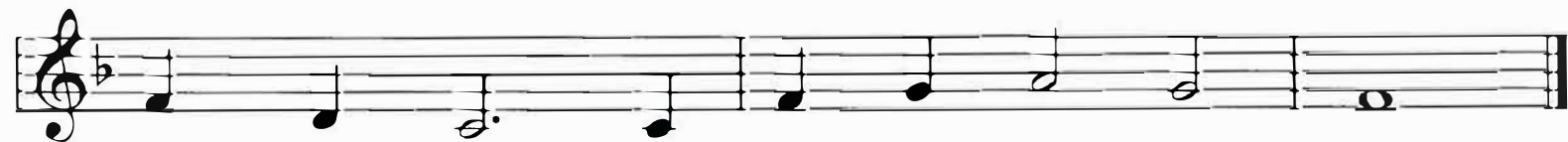
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1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You
2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of
3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You
4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of
5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each



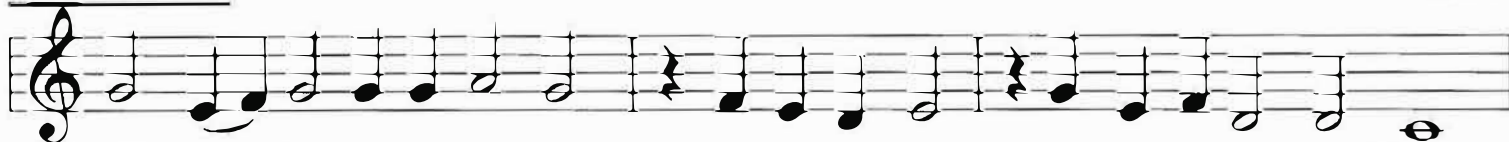
made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the
Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on
can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O
stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring
loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall



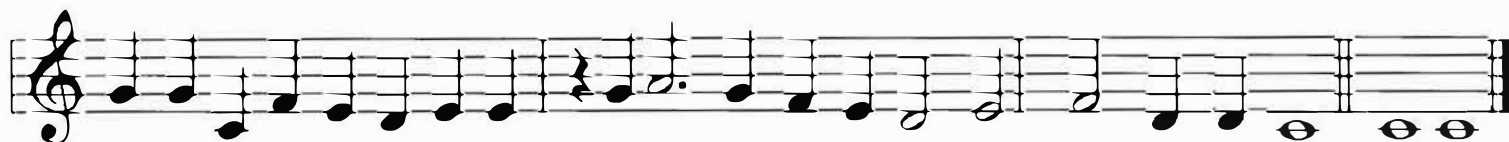
blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.
You their care; Your grace to them make known.
Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.
light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.
un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

Gloria Patri

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



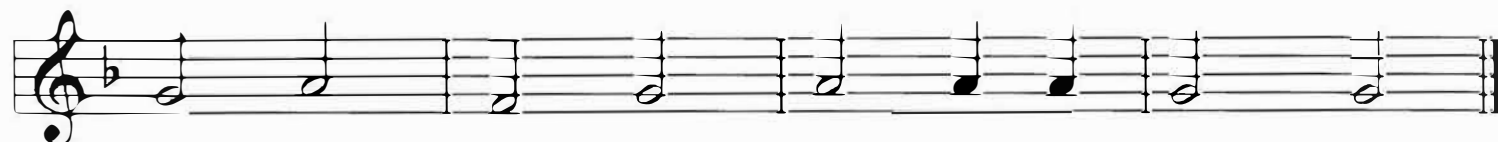
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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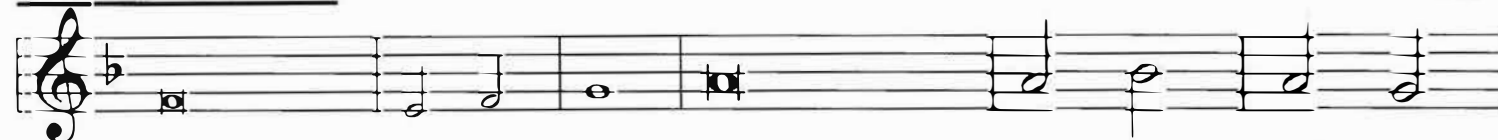
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



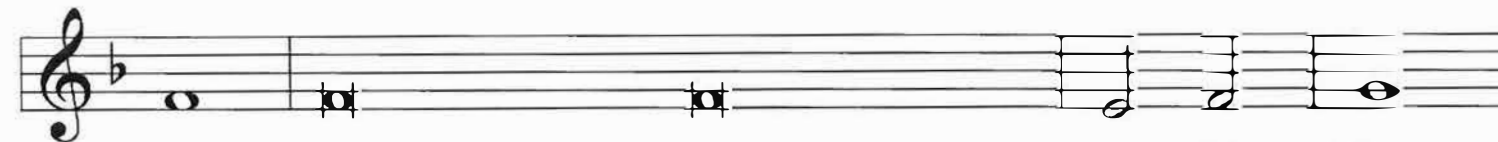
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

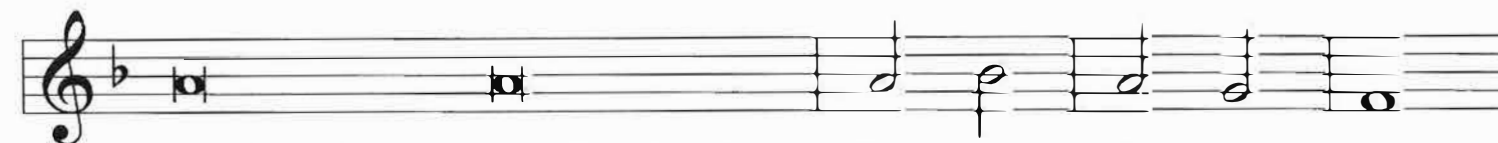
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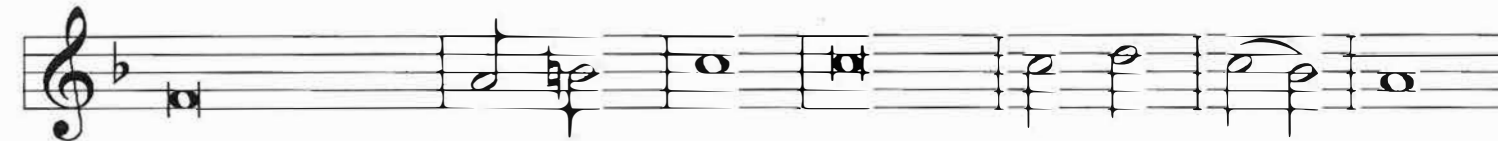
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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



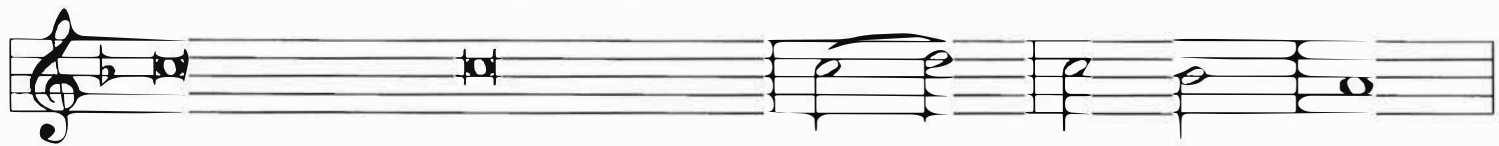
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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.



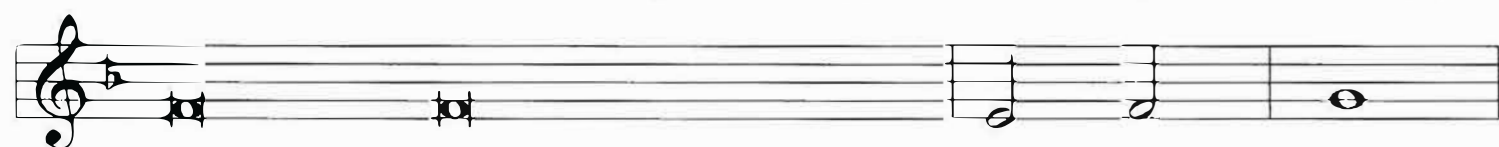
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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,



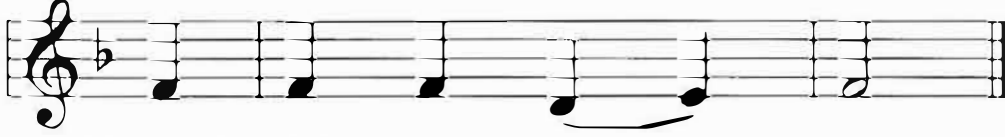
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

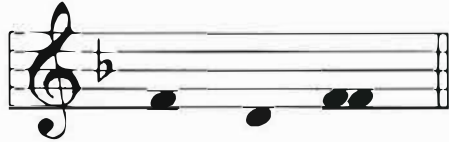
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P The Lord be with you.

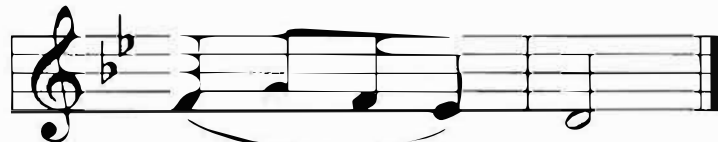


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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 29:17–24

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

²⁰For the ruthless shall come to nothing
and the scoffer cease,
and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off,

²¹who by a word make a man out to be an offender,
and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate,
and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

“Jacob shall no more be ashamed,
no more shall his face grow pale.

²³For when he sees his children,
the work of my hands, in his midst,
they will sanctify my name;
they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob
and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

²⁴And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding,
and those who murmur will accept instruction.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: vv. 1–2a



Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O LORD, make haste to help me!

**Let them be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life!**

Let them be turned back
and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

**May all who seek you rejoice
and be glad in you!**

You are my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, do not delay!

**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.**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

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**Let them be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life!**

Epistle

2 Corinthians 3:4–11

⁴Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? ⁹For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. ¹⁰Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. ¹¹For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Alleluia

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

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:31–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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.

Sermon Hymn 'Word of God, Come Down on Earth'

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1	Word	of	God,	come	down	on	earth,	Liv -	ing	rain	from
2	Word	e -	ter -	nal,	throned	on	high,	Word	that	brought	to
3	Word	that	caused	blind	eyes	to	see,	Speak	and	heal	our
4	Word	that	speaks	God's	ten -	der	love,	One	with	God	be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Sermon

‘Compassionate Groaning’

Mark 7:31-37

Votum

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

C Amen.

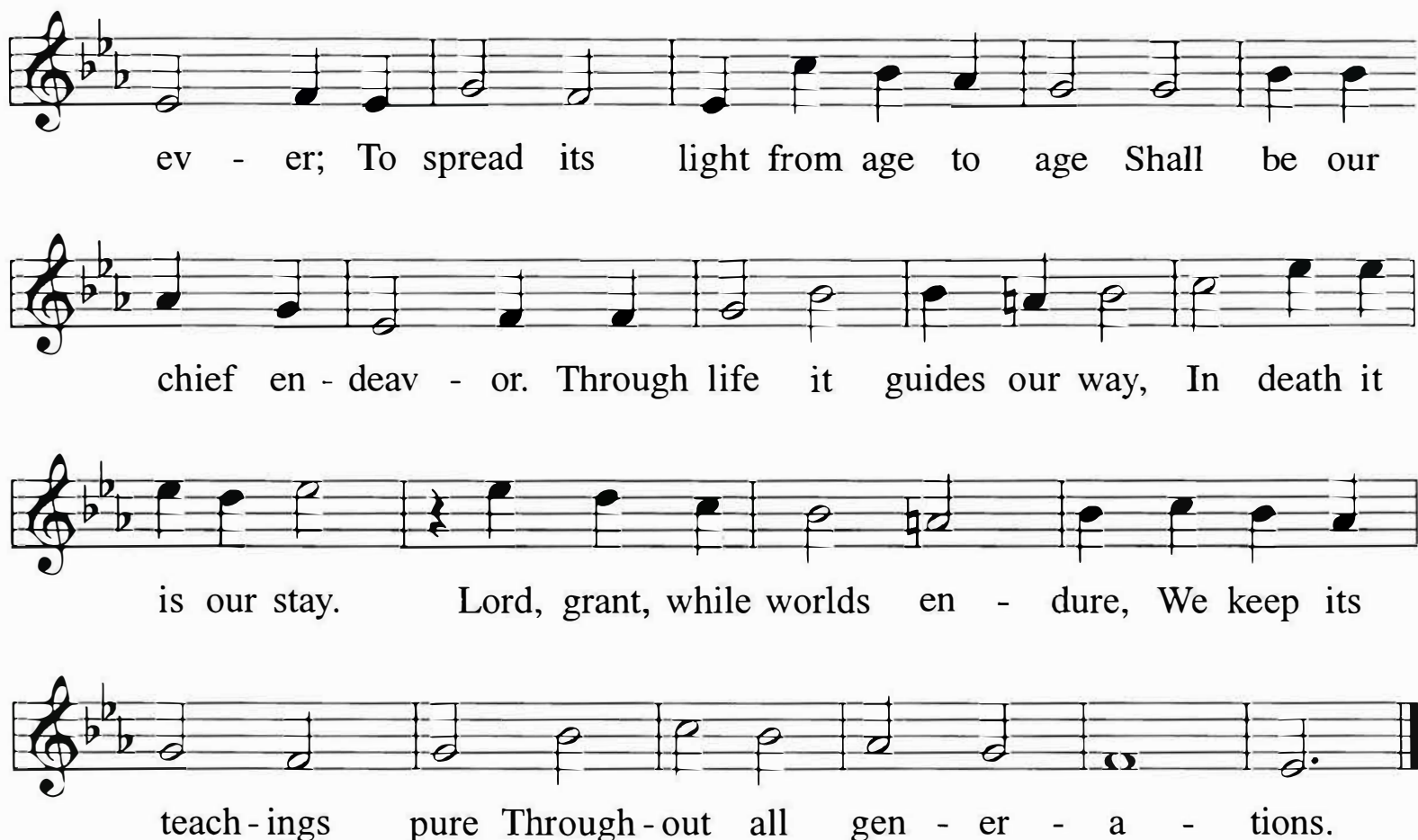
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Hymn ‘God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage’

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God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -



ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way, In death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, as the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' glory, we cannot gaze on Your glory in heaven unless Jesus takes our condemnation and gives us His righteousness. Receive our thanks for Christ's redeeming work, and grant that we may confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in our hearts that You raised Him from the dead to save us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, because none can call on Him in whom they have not believed and none can believe in Him of whom they have never heard, send preachers who will speak Your good news to all. By the message that Jesus lived, died, rose and ascended for us, turn those who do not know You to faith in our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, strengthen all families, and bless the children entrusted to their care. Be with those widowed and orphaned, that they may be protected and cared for; and be with the aged and infirm, that we may surround them with God's love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You are over all things. We pray for nations and governments, for leaders and civil servants, and for peace and justice here in our own land and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Father in heaven, Your Son healed the senses of many and opened them to Your grace. Bless [_____and] all in need of health, and draw them nearer to Him in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant, Holy Father, that all who eat today of this feast of joy may find in the Savior's body and blood a blessed foretaste of the feast to come, for the strengthening of their faith and the growth of their love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, You gather us by the work of Your Spirit and dwell in our midst by Your Means of Grace for the sake of Your Son. Open our mouths to tell of Your name and declare Your praises to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, those who die in Christ rest in Him. With them we await the day when we are received into Your everlasting presence to the life that death cannot end. Receive our thanks for the mighty saints of old and for their witness preserved through the ages. Keep us in Christ, that we may be reunited with all who have gone before us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Mighty God, You have done great things for us, delivering us from death to life through Christ, our Lord. Mercifully hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will for the sake of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

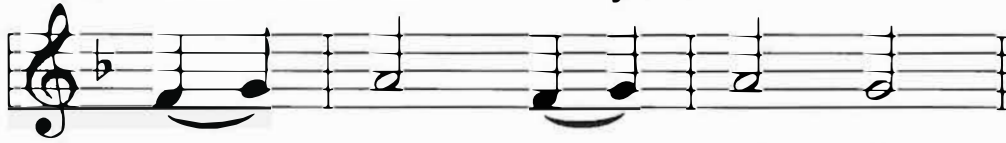
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Preface

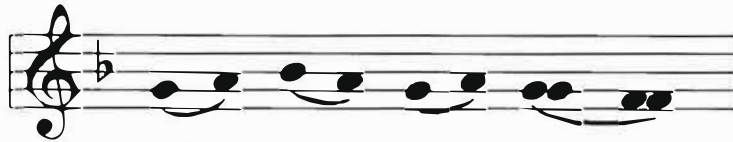
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P The Lord be with you.



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. 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

LSB 195



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



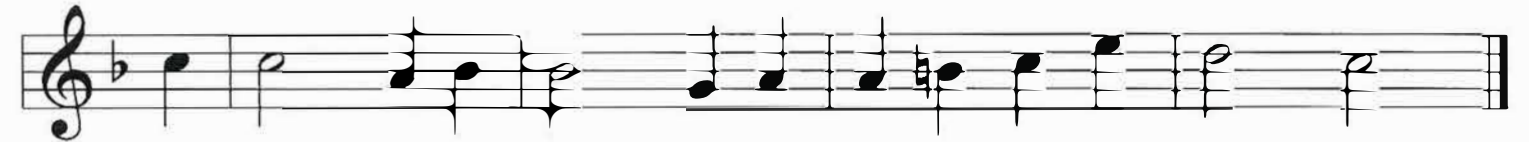
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



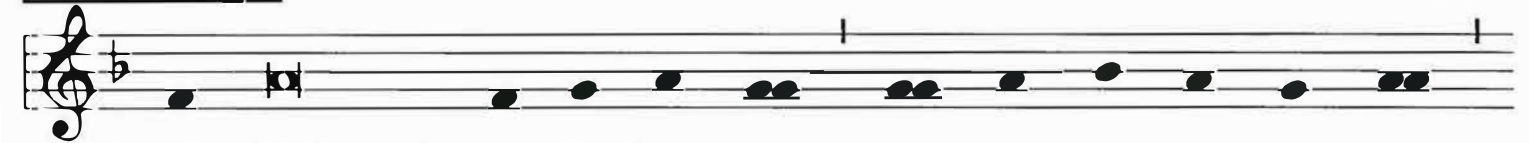
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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



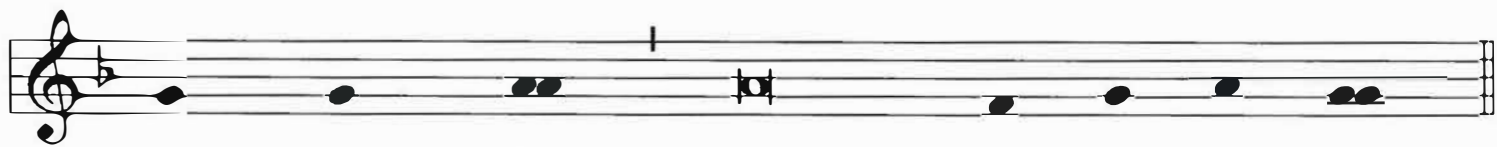
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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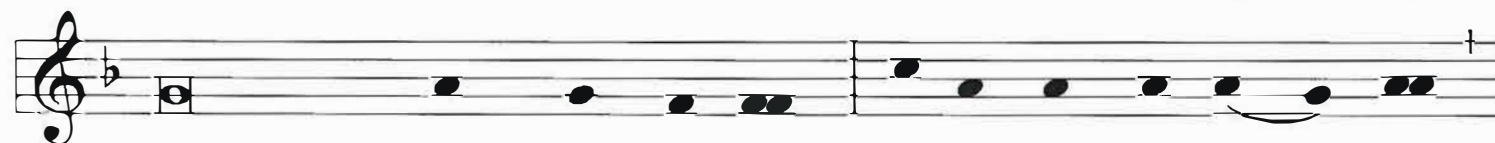
P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



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 I 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.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

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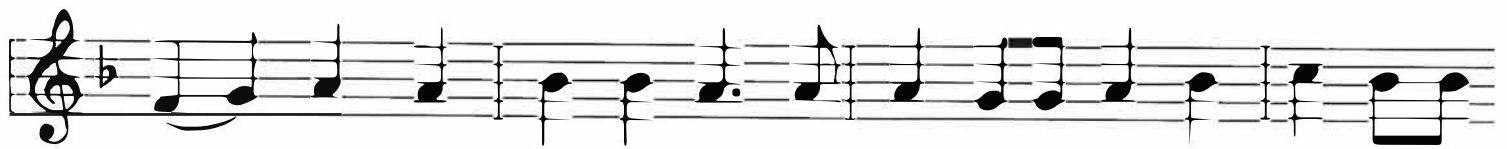
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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 'How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds'

LSB 524



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;

And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

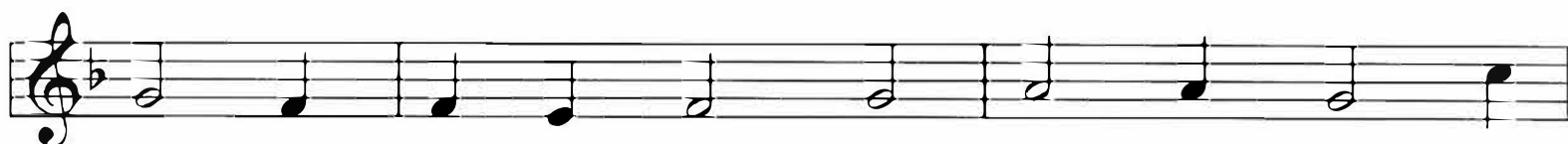
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Distribution Hymn ‘Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray’

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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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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,



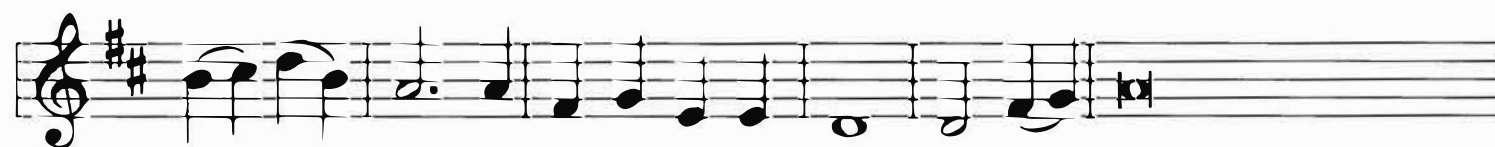
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



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



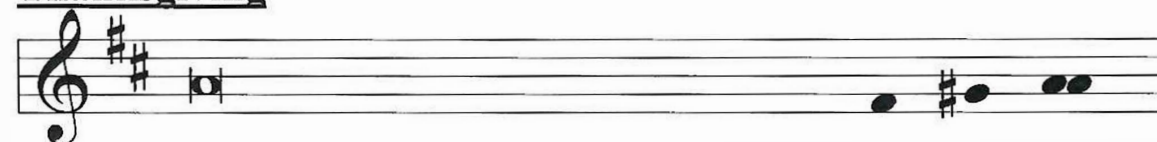
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



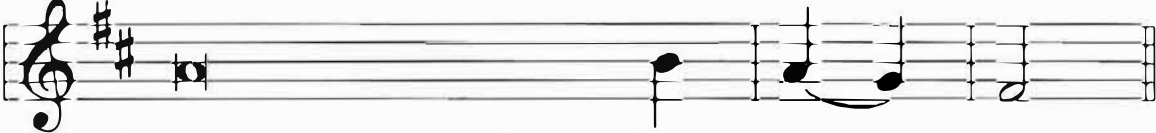
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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

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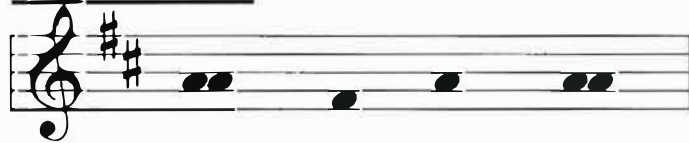
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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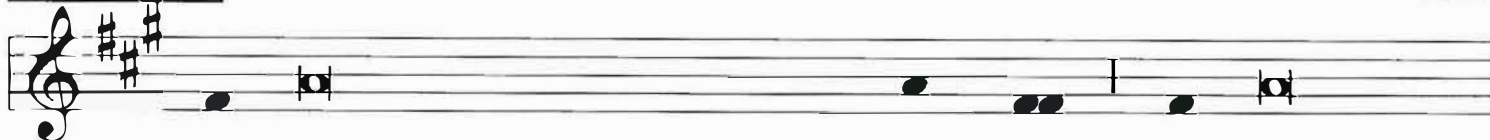
A Bless we the Lord.



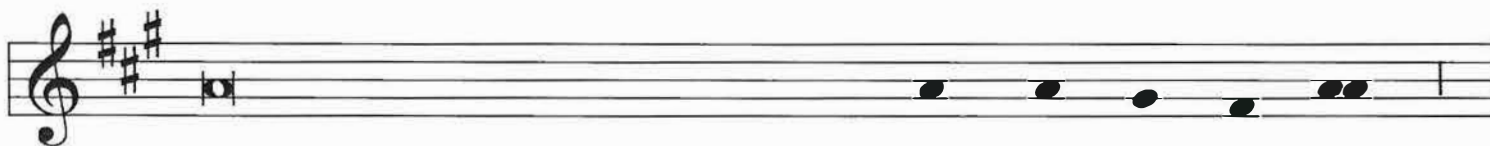
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

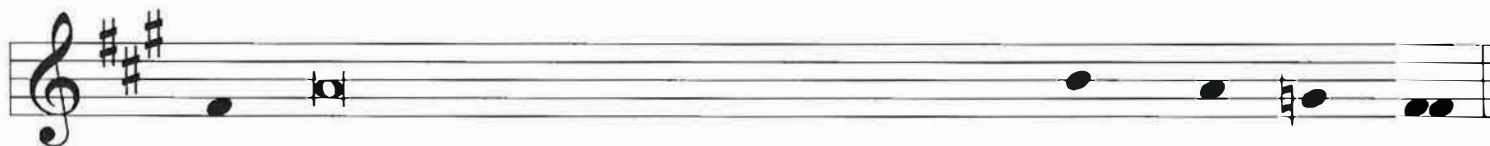
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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 'Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old'

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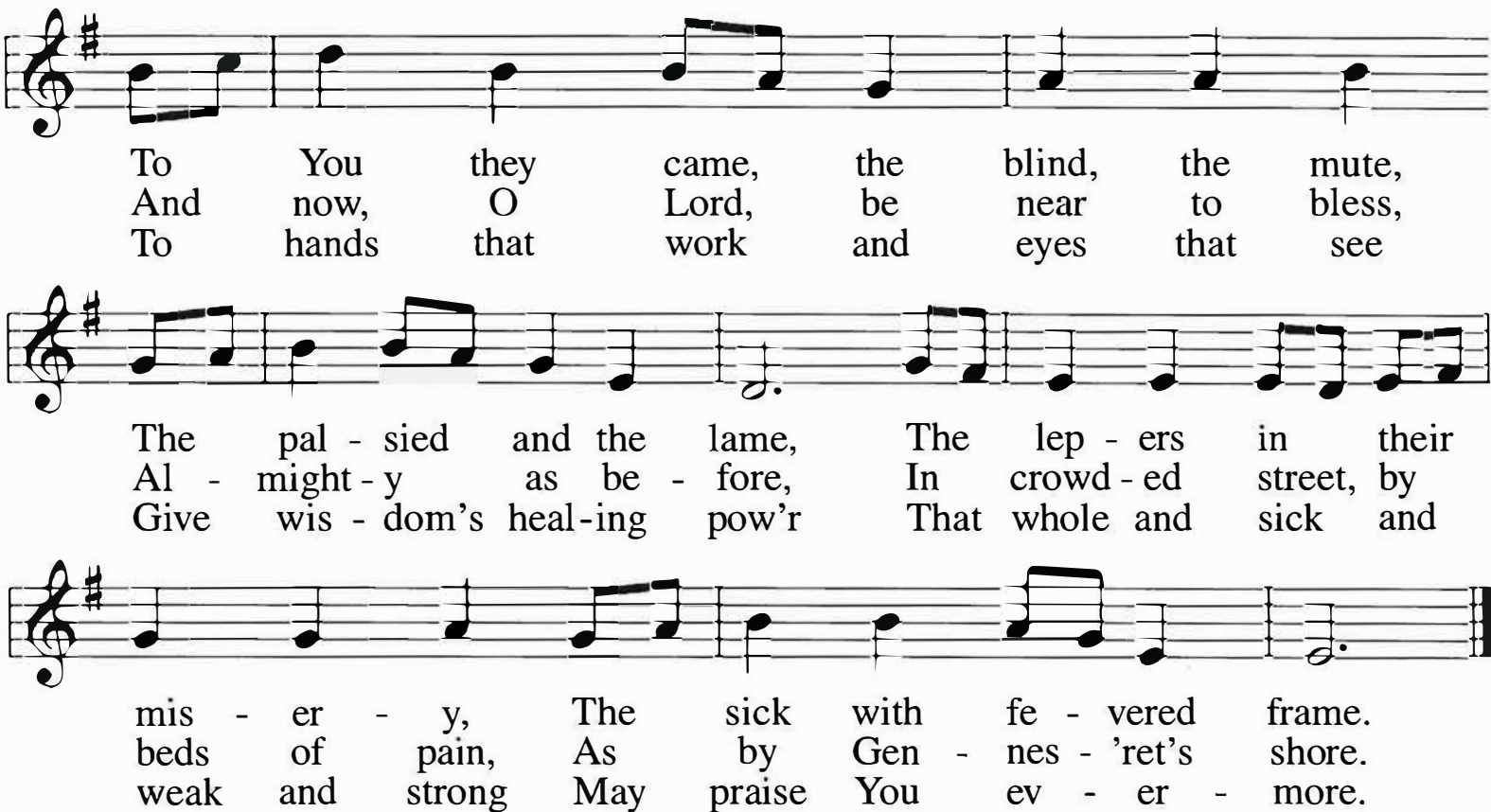
1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,
And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal-sied and the lame, The lep-ers in their
Al-might-y as be-fore, In crowd-ed street, by
Give wis-dom's heal-ing pow'r That whole and sick and

mis-er-y, The sick with fe-vered frame.
beds of pain, As by Gen-nes-'ret's shore.
weak and strong May praise You ev-er-more.

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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.

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

Serving Lists: Please check the current serving list on the table in the fellowship hall by to make any changes needed in phone numbers or the quarter you are scheduled for serving.

2nd Plate Missions for today, September 3rd is Lutheran Heritage Foundation. A second offering basket is available as you enter the sanctuary.

Please check your boxes for September newsletter, new Portals of Prayers and LWML magazines.

Sunday School: Today, students will study “A Revealing Restoration.” Peter, James, John, Thomas, and a few of the other disciple’s fish all night on the Sea of Tiberias without catching anything. At dawn, Jesus appears on the beach and tells them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat. Immediately, the nets fill to overflowing, and John realizes Jesus is there. Peter swims ashore to see Jesus, who prepares breakfast. Addressing Peter directly, Jesus asks three times, “Do you love Me?” With each question, Peter becomes more distressed. But through these questions, the Lord restores and reinstates Peter to lead His Church.

Stewardship: Romans 10:15a – “And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” Each week in the Lord's House, the Word goes out to us. Indeed, every day and all around the world, the Word goes out wherever it is preached and read. This brings us great joy, but even more joy is derived from realizing that God has blessed us with being part of this sending of the Word. From the blessings God gives us, we return a portion to Him in the church for His work. And thus we are doubly blessed. We receive the Word, and we get to send it forth to others.

Building Healthy Families: Date night! When was the last time you planned a date with your spouse? A date doesn’t have to cost a lot to make it fun and helpful to your relationship. An extra special meal, a drive in the country with the radio on, or recreating your first date are just a few ideas. What counts most is the time you prioritize for each other. Let your spouse know with actions and words that if you had to do it all over again, you would. *“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins.” I Peter 4:8 ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org*

A Life Quote: “Difficult situations like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can tempt us to forget our Savior’s presence and power. Comfort comes not from making deals with death but from the gifts He wrings and the privileges He brings even in and through hardship. An everlasting, unchanging, and all-sufficient Creator and Keeper not only provides life, He protects it as well!” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Sept. 14th: Hear "It's All on God; It's All on Us" based on Deuteronomy 1:31 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A paradox doesn't make sense, mathematically. But it can be an accurate description of real-life experience. ~*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: Funny how the Almighty Maker invites (orders?) His people to choose life (Deuteronomy 30:19). By His creating, redeeming, and calling, life has already chosen us—and every single one of our neighbors—from fertilization to forever. Any dealings with death—like abortion and assisted suicide—diametrically oppose and dangerously depart from His express commandments.

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Confirmation Memory Work for Sept. 10

5th & 6th Grades: *All Books of the Old Testament*

Confirmation Memory Work for Sept. 14

7th & 8th Grades: *Close of the Commandments*

LWML MARSHALLTOWN ZONE FALL RALLY

Trinity Lutheran Church, Knoxville

September 20, 2025

We will be doing a service project: assembling personal care kits for Orphan Grain Train. Please bring any of the following items to include in the kits.

Each Personal Care Kit will contain:

- Towel
- Wash cloth
- Tooth brush
- Bar of soap
- Soap box
- 6 Band-Aids
- Nail clippers
- Pack of tissues
- Comb

Items do not need to be individually packaged. You can purchase them in multi packs to be split up. All left over items will be given to Orphan Grain Train.

*****Donations may be placed in the box under the information table by September 14th.**

*****Patterns to make fabric eye glass cases are on the information table. These will be taken to the LWML Rally in Knoxville on September 20th to go to the Iowa District East group going to Belize in November.**

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

August 31, 2025

Attendance 49

Calendar of Events for This Week

Today 8:00am Elders Meeting
 9:00am 12th Sunday after Trinity
 10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School
 Greeter: Johnson
 Usher: Ben L.
 Servers: Bev H. & Emily L.
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia & Sophia
 Elder: Steve H.
 3-4:30pm 7th & 8th Grades Confirmation

Tuesday 9:00am Winkle: Pastors in Grinnell

Wednesday 5:30-7pm 5th & 6th Grades Confirmation

Thursday 11:00am Bible Study

Next Sunday 8:00am Council Meeting
 9:00am Holy Cross Day
 10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School
 10:30am LWML
 11:30am Board of Education
 Greeter: Kadera
 Usher: Lucas B.
 Servers: Barb S. & Kris G.
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Elsie & Thatcher
 Elder: Joe W.
 3-4:30pm 7th & 8th Grades Confirmation