

+ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY/LWML SUNDAY +
Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184
October 5, 2025

As We Gather: Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “*Young man, I say to you, arise.*” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think*” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “*To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”

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.

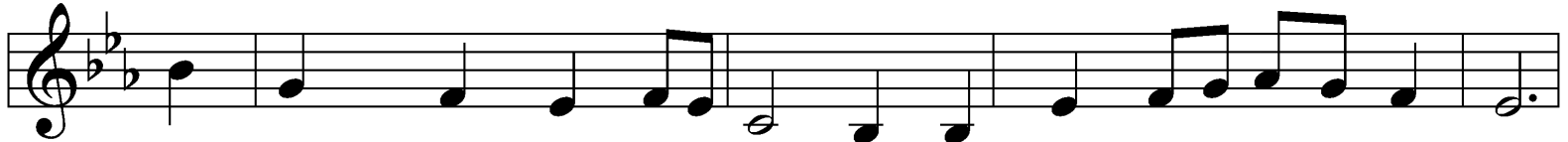
C Amen.

Opening Hymn 'For All the Faithful Women'

LSB 855 sts. 1,13,3,4



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.
We of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

13 For Eunice and for Lois

We sing our thanks and praise.
Young Timothy they nurtured
And led him in Your ways.
Raise up in ev'ry household
True teachers of Your Word
Whose lives will bear clear witness
To Christ, our risen Lord.
2 Timothy 1:5

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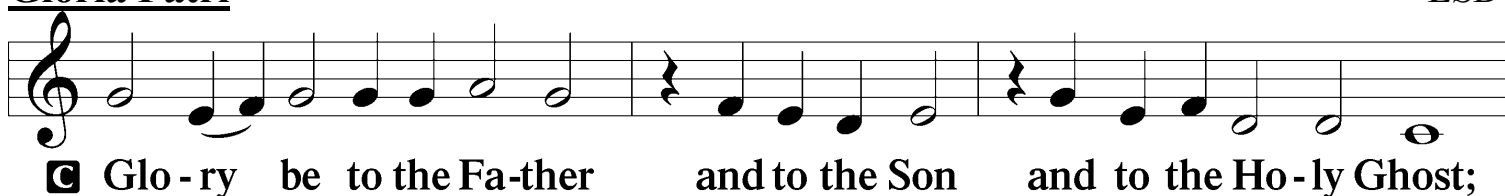
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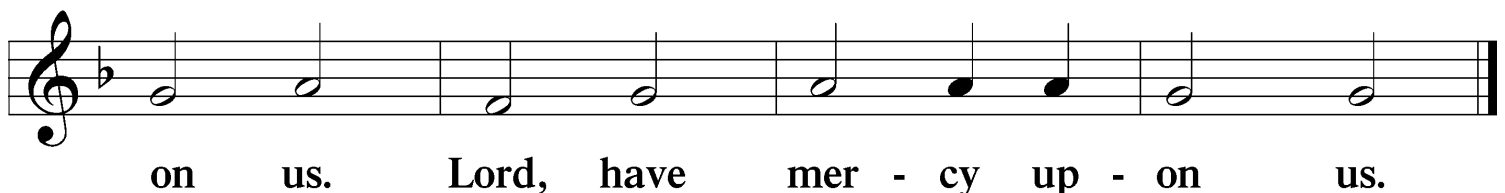
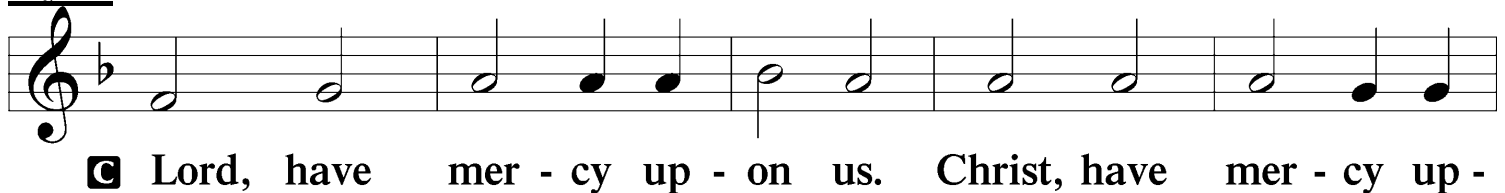
Gloria Patri

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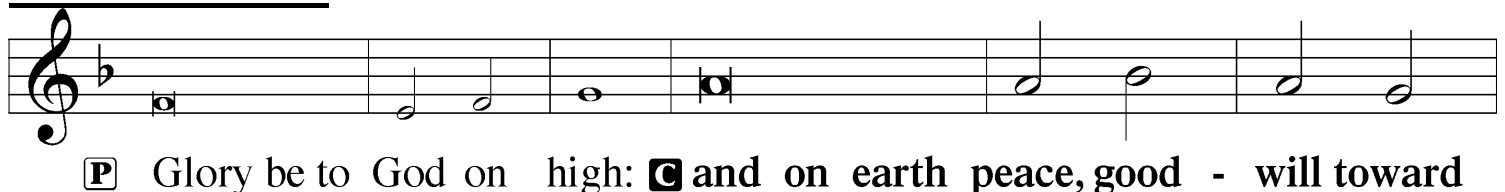
Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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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,

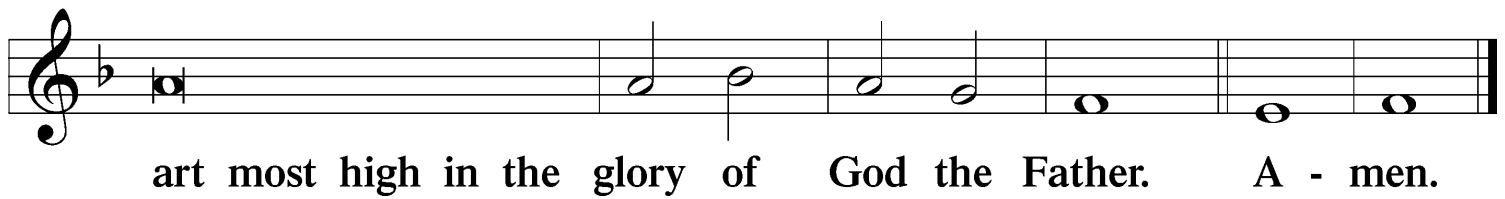
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

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.

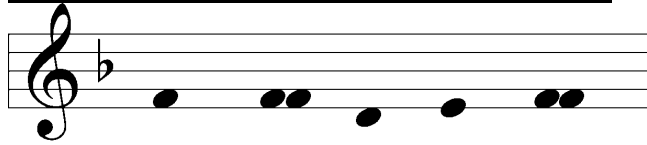
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Trinity 16



P The Lord be with you.

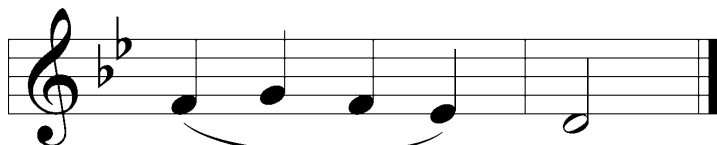


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; 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

1 Kings 17:17–24

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, “What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!” ¹⁹And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²²And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the child and brought him

down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Introit

Psalm 86:1, 7, 12–13; antiphon: vv. 3, 5



Be gracious to me, O Lord,

for to you do I cry all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,

for I am poor and needy.

In the day of my trouble I call upon you,

for you answer me.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,

and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me;

you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

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.

Be gracious to me, O Lord,

for to you do I cry all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Epistle

Ephesians 3:13–21

13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

14For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15from whom every fatherhood in heaven and on earth is named, 16that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

Alleluia

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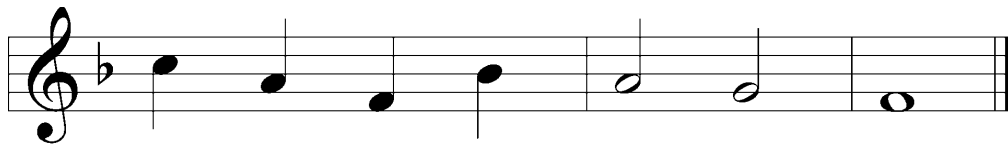


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Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11–17

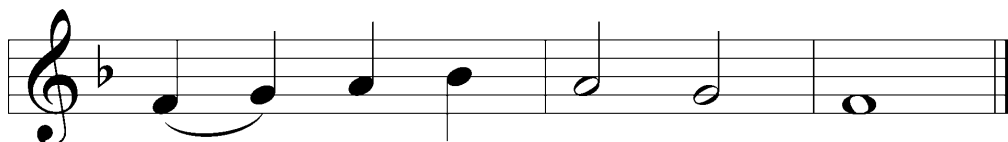
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

11 Soon afterward [Jesus] journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd were journeying with him; 12 but, he drew near to the gate of the city, and behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only-begotten son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd of the city was with her. 13 And seeing her, the Lord had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not go on weeping,” 14 and approaching, he touched the bier, and the one who were bearing it stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, be raised up.” 15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and he gave him to his mother. 16 And fear seized them all, and they were glorifying God, saying, “A great prophet has been raised up among us!” and “God has visited his people!” 17 And this word concerning him, went out in all Judea; also, all the surrounding countryside.

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.

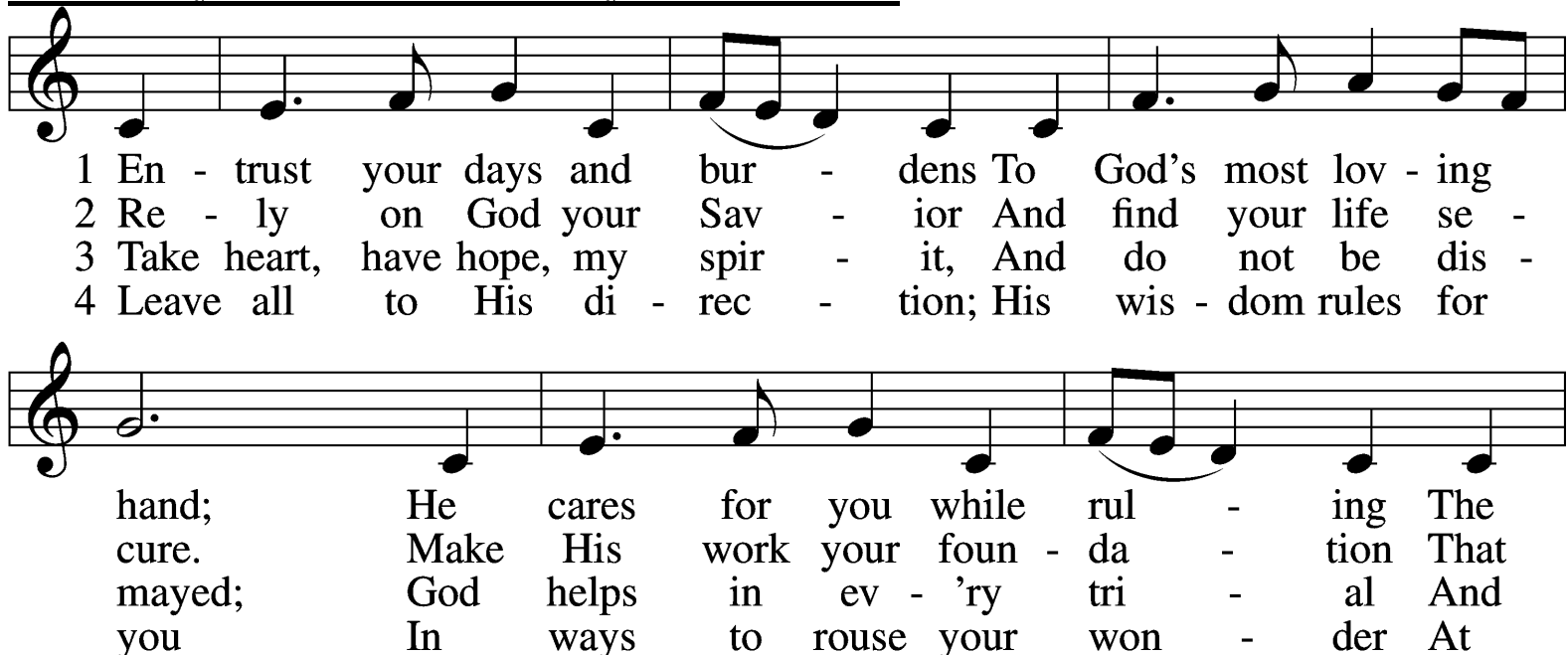
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the 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.

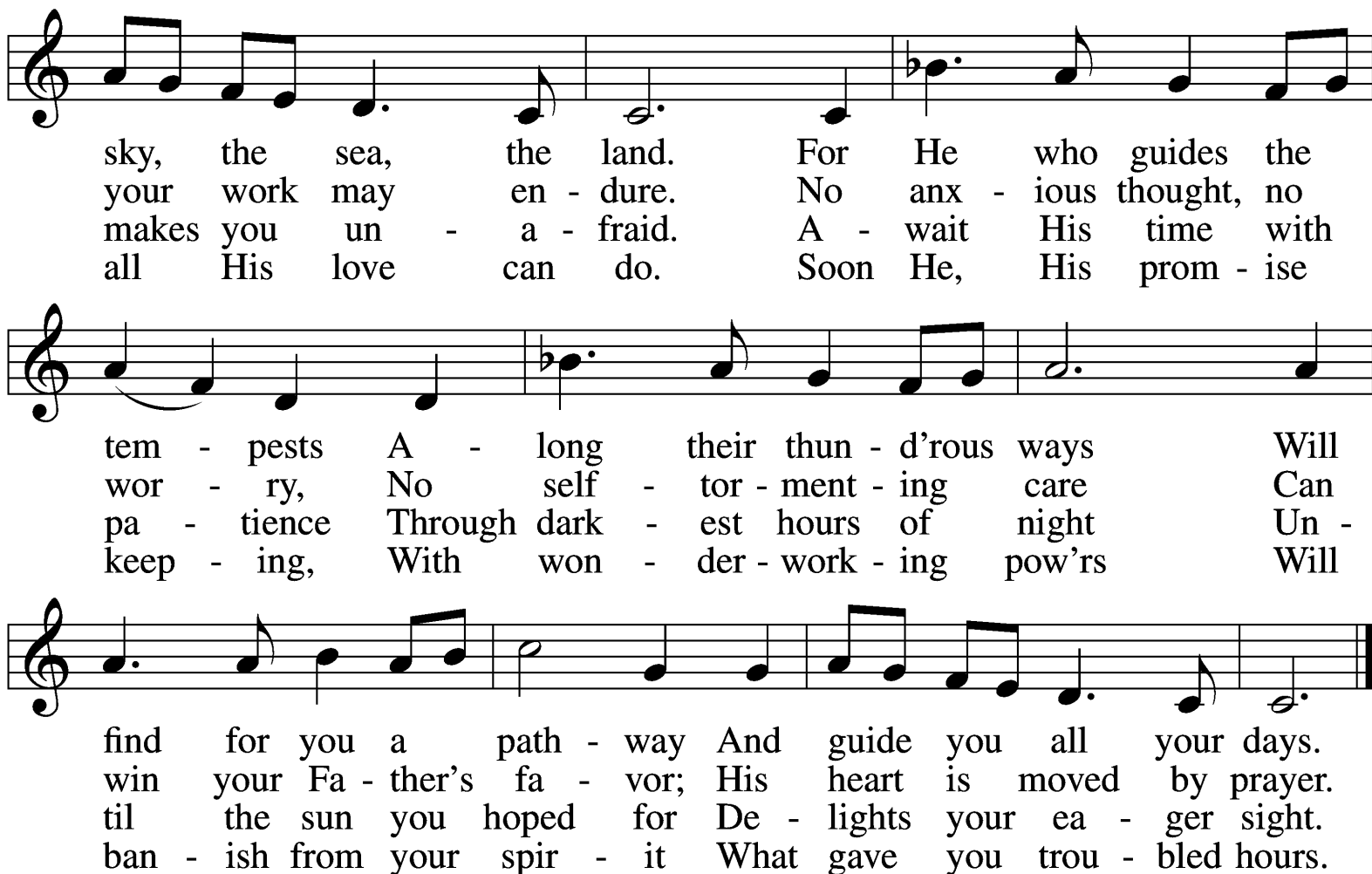
Sermon Hymn 'Entrust Your Days and Burdens'

LSB 754



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for

hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And
you In ways to rouse your won - der At



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
 your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
 makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with
 all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise

tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
 wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
 pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -
 keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will

find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
 win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
 til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.
 ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

- 5 O blessèd heir of heaven,
 You'll hear the song resound
 Of endless jubilation
 When you with life are crowned.
 In your right hand your maker
 Will place the victor's palm,
 And you will thank Him gladly
 With heaven's joyful psalm.
- 6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
 With joy our spirits bless
 Until we see the ending
 Of all our life's distress.
 And so throughout our lifetime
 Keep us within Your care
 And at our end then bring us
 To heav'n to praise You there.

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Please stand as able.

Hymn ‘God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage’*LSB 582*

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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Rite of Confirmation*LSB 272***Prayer of the Church**

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the fullness of Christ would supply His Church with His own Spirit of boldness, strength and love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors and teachers of God's Word, who preach the unsearchable riches of His mercy, that God would strengthen them to proclaim boldly the forgiveness of sins in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our homes, especially in times of loss and heartache, that hearing our cries, our faithful Father would bless us and renew our faith and life in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For widows, shut-ins and those who live alone, that as God gave aid to the widows of Zarephath and Nain, so He would also provide faithful friends and companions to the lonely, encouraging them in faith and love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our rulers, that they would humbly heed the proclamation of God's Church and uphold the godly callings of father and mother in our land, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in need of healing and deliverance, that as Christ healed the sick of every disease and affliction, He would also show them mercy, [*especially to _____*], and that He would heal them in His time and according to His will and preserve them in the repentant confidence of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may receive our Lord in faith when He comes to us in His body and blood and be strengthened for service by this Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For a faithful path through this fallen world, that we may join the saints in heaven, know as we are known and comprehend the fullness of the love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

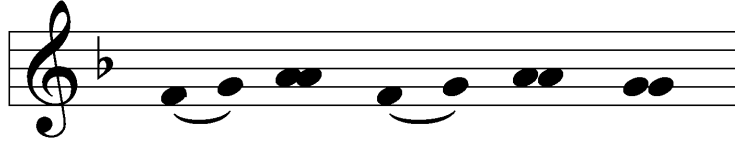
P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, we are bold to ask You, heavenly Father, because You have made us Your people and members of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

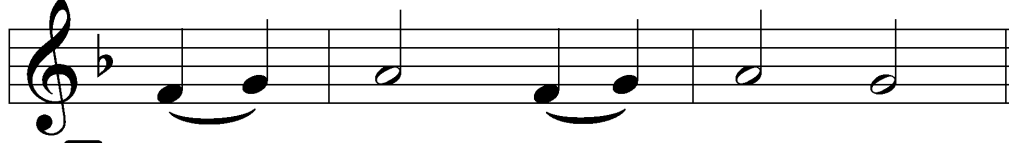
+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.



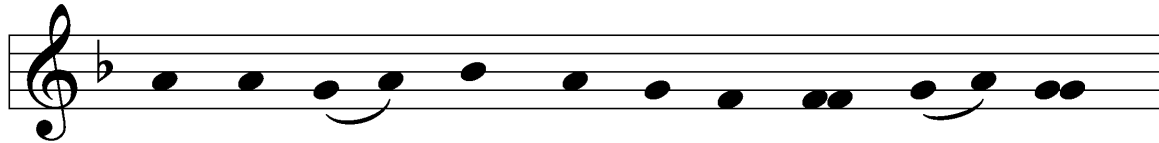
C And with thy spir - it.



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)

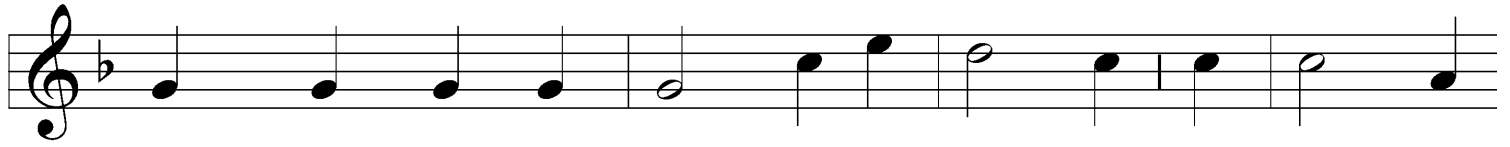
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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;



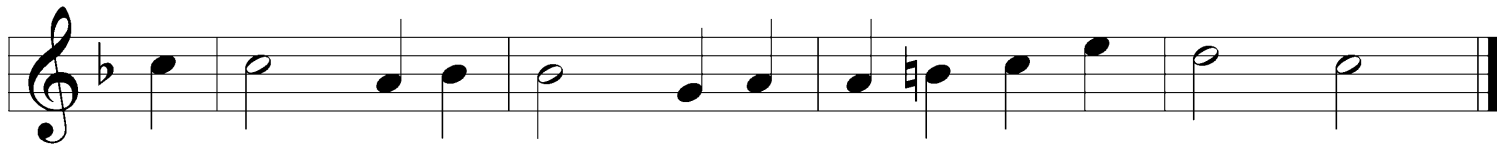
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



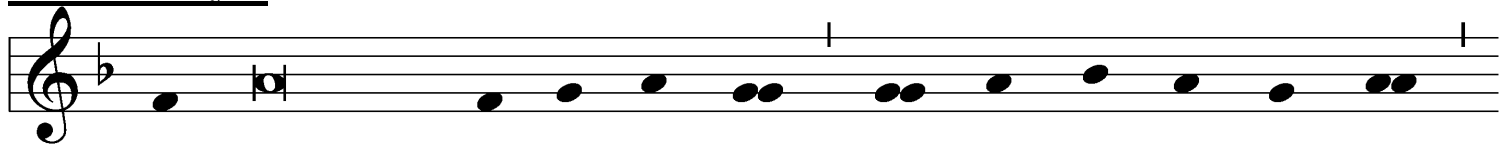
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



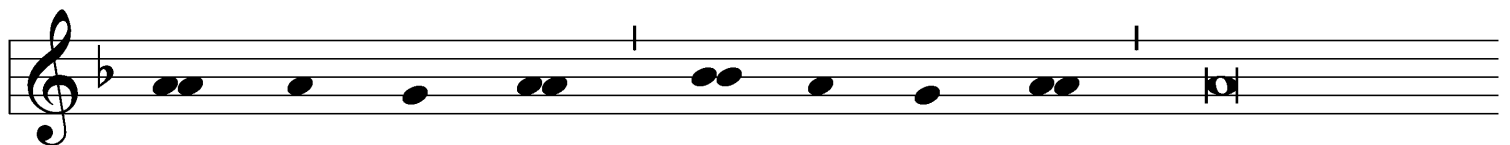
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

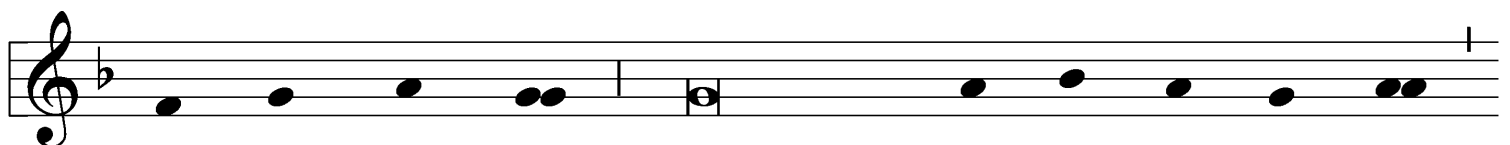
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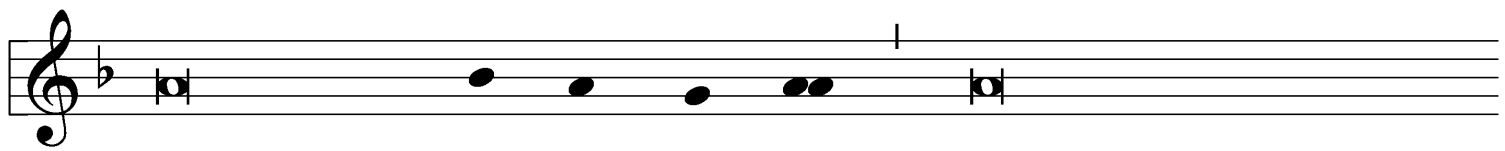
P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



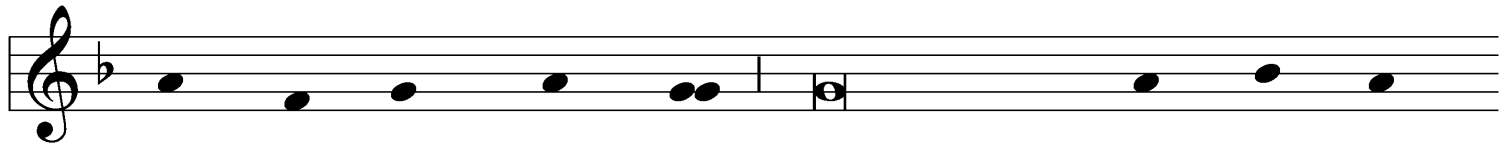
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



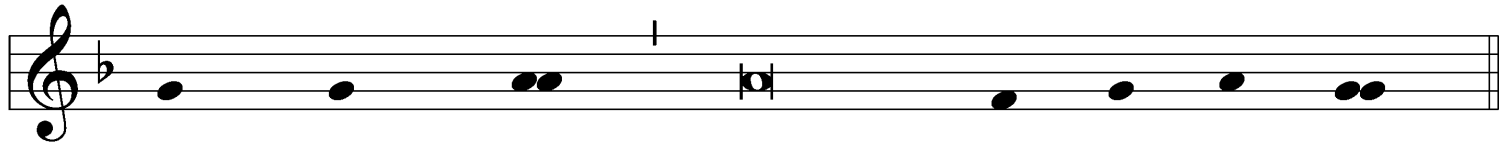
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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



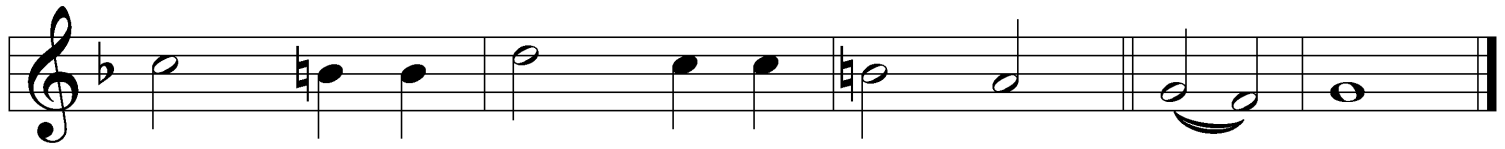
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



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



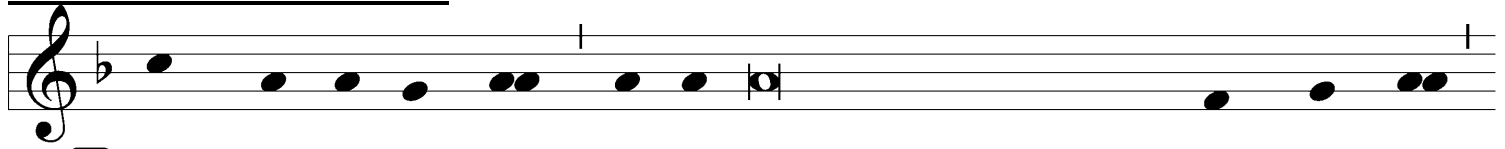
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



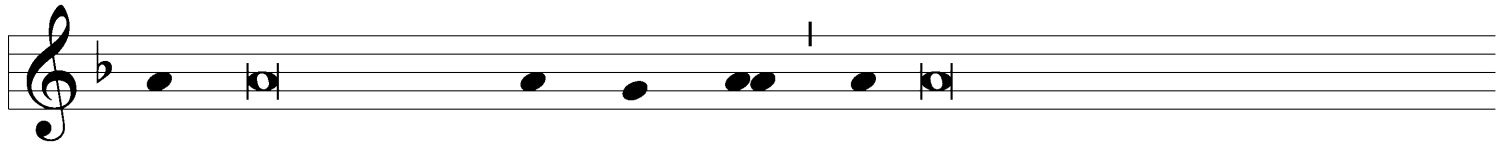
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

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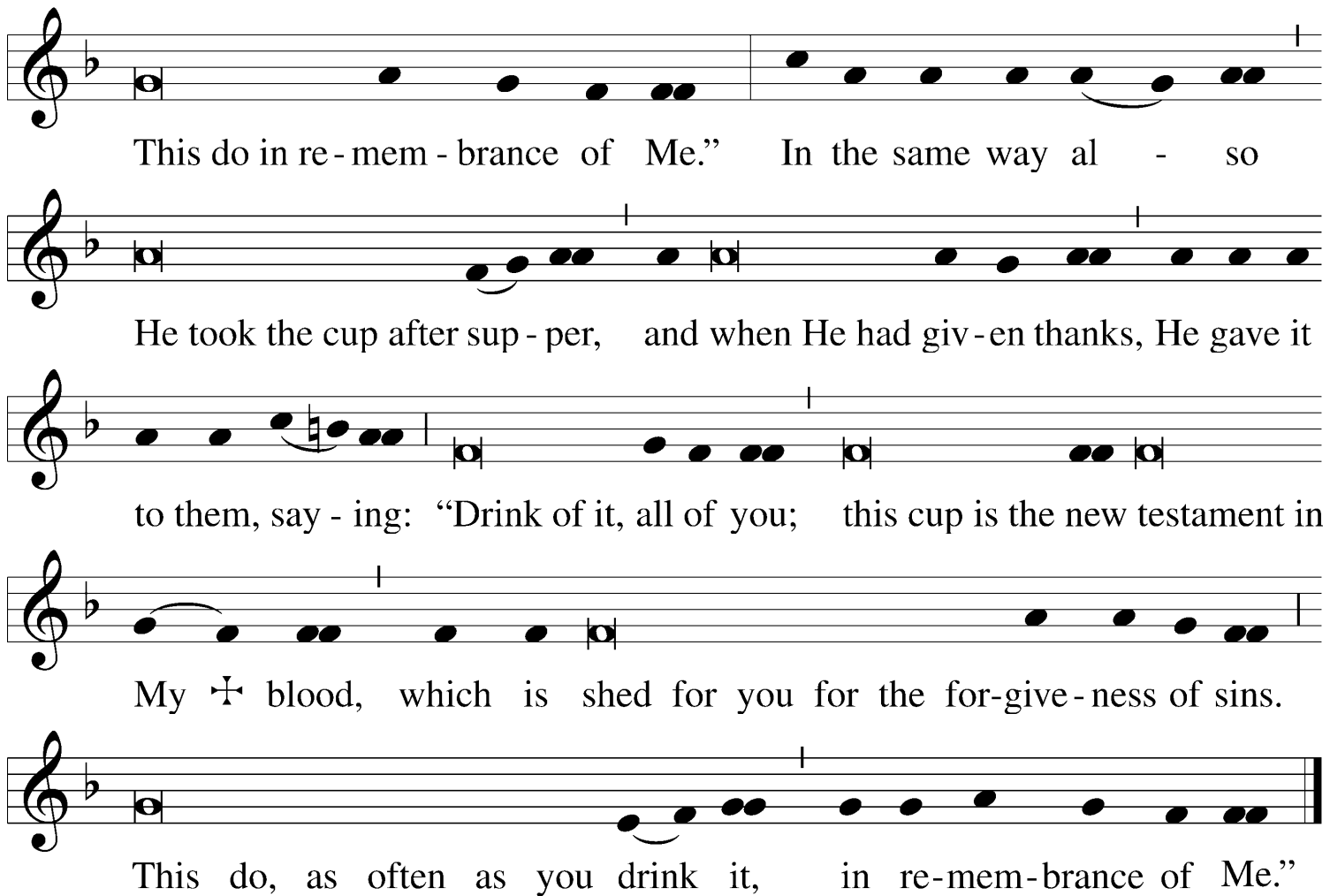
P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



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 ✠ 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

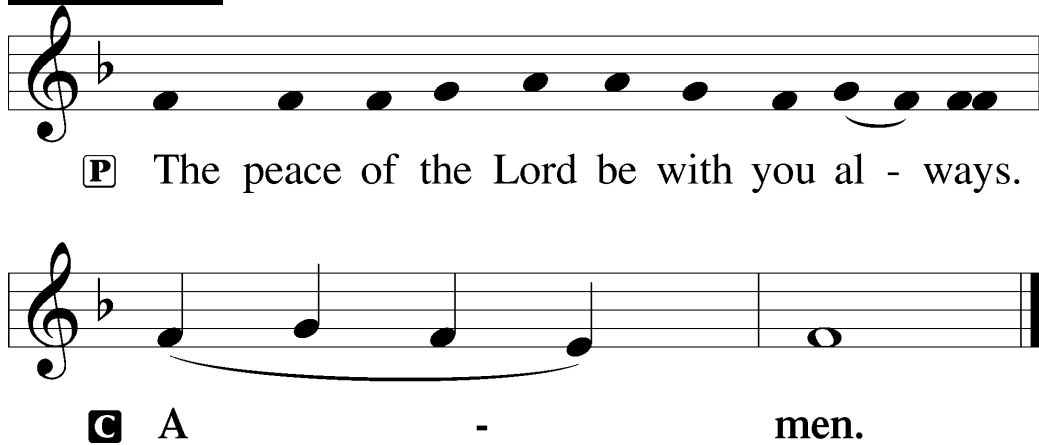
to them, say-ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

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.

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 'When My Last Hour Is Close at Hand'

TLH 594

1 When my last hour is close at hand, Lord Je - sus Christ, at -
 2 My sins, dear Lord, dis - turb me sore, My con-science can - not
 3 I am a branch in Thee, the Vine, And hence the com - fort
 4 Since Thou the pow'r of death didst rend, In death Thou wilt not
 - tend me; Be - side me then, O Sav-ior, stand To com-fort and de -
 slum-ber; But tho' as sands up - on the shore My sins may be in
 bor - row That Thou wilt sure-ly keep me Thine Thro' fear and pain and
 leave me; Since Thou didst in - to heav'n a - scend, No fear of death shall



- fend me. In - to Thy hands I will com-mend My soul at
num - ber, I will not quail, but think of Thee; Thy death, Thy
sor - row; And when I die, I die to Thee, Thy pre - cious
grieve me. For where Thou art, there shall I be That I may



this my earth - ly end, And Thou wilt keep it safe - ly.
sor - row, borne for me, Thy suf - f'rings, shall up - hold me.
death hath won for me The life that nev - er end - eth.
ev - er live with Thee; That is my hope when dy - ing.

5 My spirit I commend to Thee
And gladly hence betake me;
Peaceful and calm my sleep shall be,
No human voice can wake me.
But Christ is with me through the strife,
And He will bear me into life
And open heav'n before me.

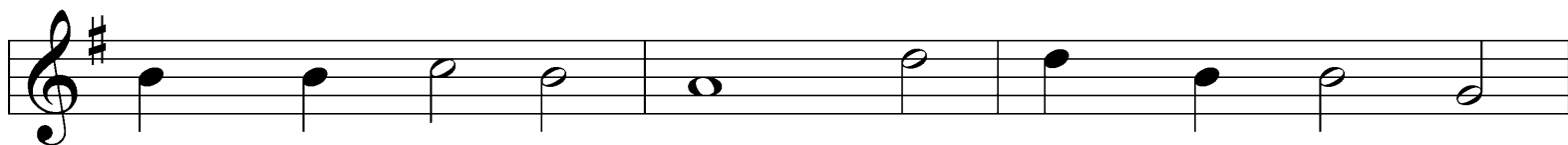
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Distribution Hymn ‘Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death’

LSB 697



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
2 To us on earth He came to bring From
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

Tune: Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

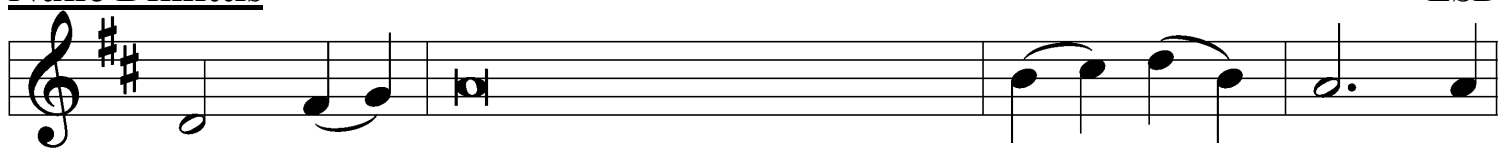
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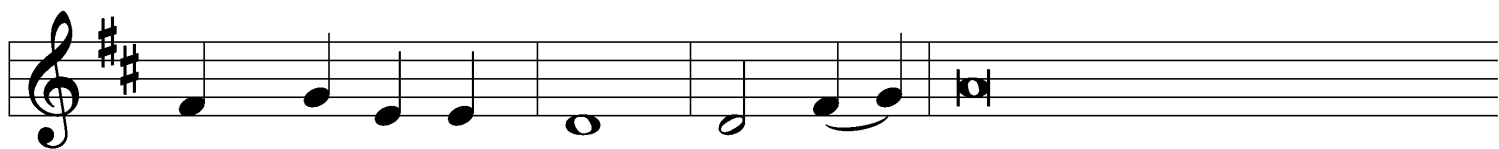
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Nunc Dimittis

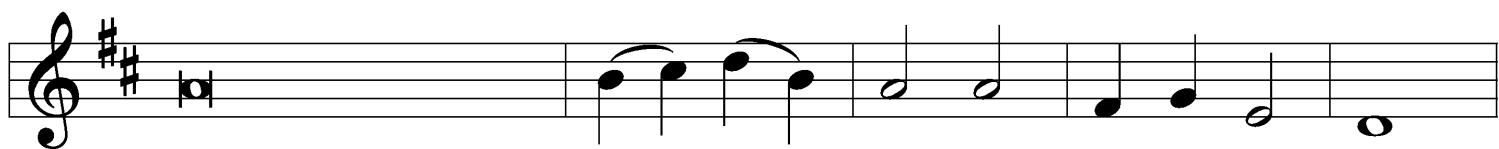
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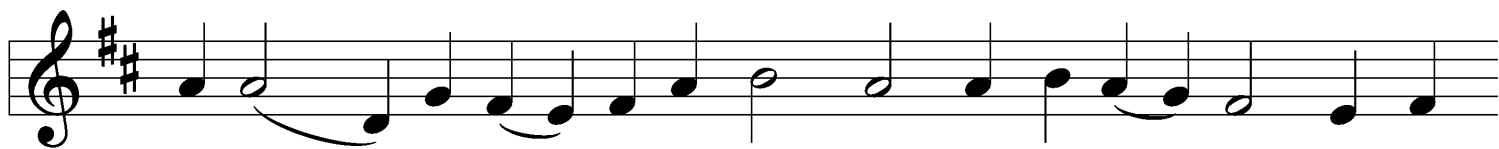
C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



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

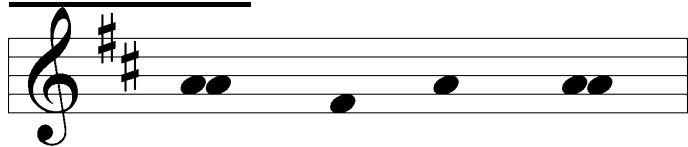
P The Lord be with you.



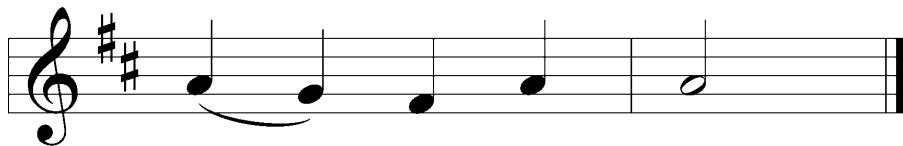
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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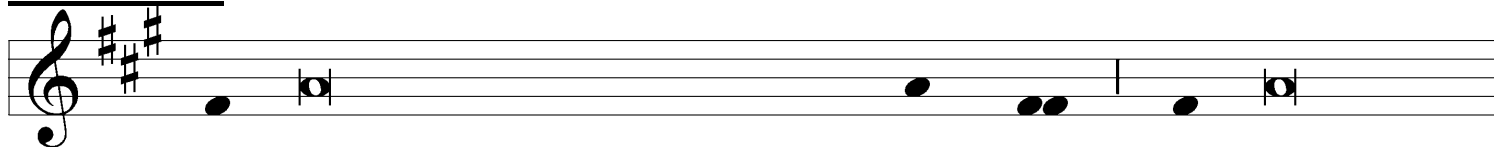
A Bless we the Lord.



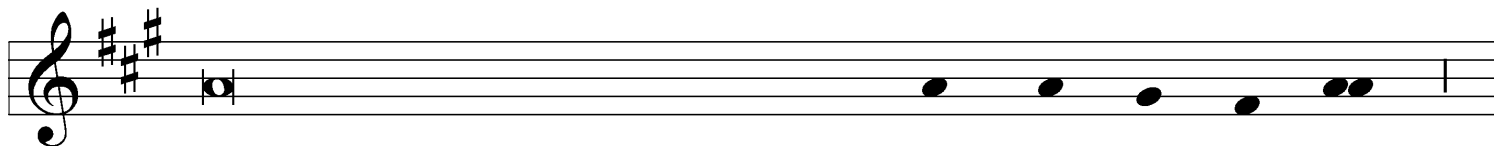
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

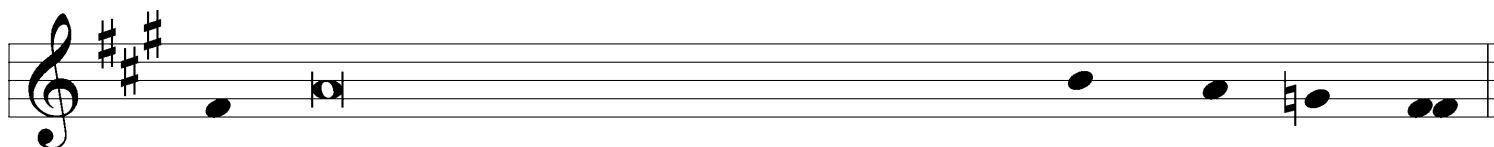
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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.

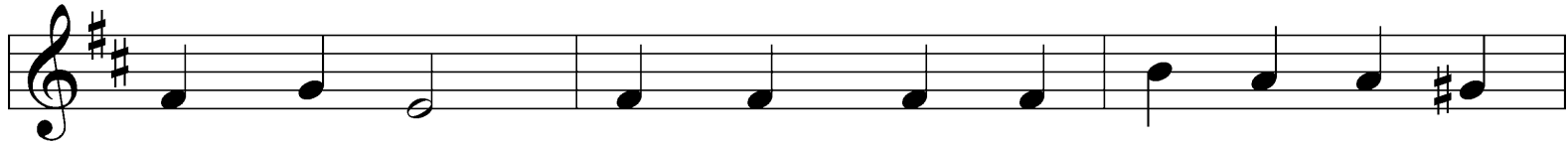
Please be seated.

Closing Hymn 'Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven'

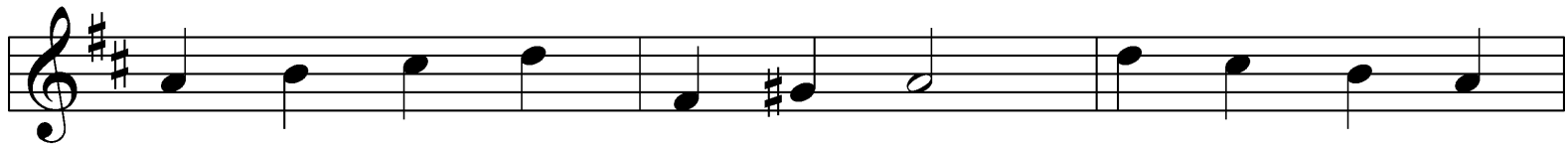
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1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Tune: John Goss, 1800–80

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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.

October calendars are available on the entryway table.

Please check your boxes for 3rd quarter giving statements.

Sunday School: This week, we study "A Jail Bail." King Herod launches attacks on the Church, killing James, the brother of John. When Herod sees how much this pleases the Jews, he has Peter imprisoned. Peter is guarded by four squads of soldiers as the Church prays for him. That night, an angel appears and leads Peter past the guards and out of the prison. Peter knocks at the gate of the house where the others are gathered in prayer. A

servant girl, Rhoda, answers. She is so excited that she runs to tell the others, leaving Peter to continue knocking. An angel of the Lord strikes Herod down for his pride.

Stewardship: *Ephesians 3:20-21* – “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” God delights in exceeding expectations and in pouring out mercies in abundance. This truth stands in contrast to our fears about lacking what we need for “this body and life.” We have an abundantly-blessing God who has proven His love for us on the cross. How could we not trust Him? How could we not respond to His love with generosity toward His mission in the church? How could we not have a desire to imitate Him in blessing others?

Building Healthy Families: A recent CDC report on Alzheimer’s Disease noted that caregivers experience a significant level of burnout. It also noted that caregivers benefited from receiving education, respite care, and support. These lessen the burden of caregiving and improve the care received by their loved one. Anyone who has loved and cared for a family member suffering from this terrible disease would say *Amen* to that obvious conclusion. Who has God put in your world cares for a loved one with Alzheimer’s disease? They likely won’t ask you for help...but help anyway! Take the initiative to do yard work, clean leaves out of the gutter, prepare food, or give them the gift of time away while you sit with their loved one. *Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org*

A Life Quote: “We shouldn’t expect to know or understand the ways of God. We simply live in trust and ask God’s blessing on our lives of sanctification, lived in love and thanksgiving to Christ.” *Marie MacPherson, author ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Oct. 12th: Hear "When a Cakewalk Becomes a Crucible" based on Numbers 14:30-31 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Forgiveness isn't a formality with God. Forgiveness is formative. It changes us. ~ *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: As the world continues to devalue human life, we cry out to God like Habakkuk, “Violence!” (Habakkuk 1:2). Knowing the One in whom we have believed (2 Timothy 1: 12), we are not shaken, for He is our rock, our salvation, and our fortress (Psalm 62:2). Our Lord, who abhors even the thought that His little ones should be enticed to sin (Luke 17:2), certainly does not sit idly by as those little ones are abused, neglected, and killed. He hears our prayers and answers them all in the way He knows best. “If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay” (Habakkuk 2:3).

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... 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 topics include: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit, Critical Race Theory, Gen Z Rediscovering the Christian Faith, Did Martin Luther Invent the Doctrine of Justification? and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org:** Starting tomorrow, we are beginning a new series on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! The series will be centered on Christian marriage, and will look at Song of Solomon, as well as select chapters in Genesis and Ephesians. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we continue our series on the Gospel of Matthew! This week's study will take us through chapters 5-8. Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (10/11 at 10 a.m. CT)! We'll be wrapping up our study of the 10 commandments as confessed in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

Get ready for a fantastic chance to make a difference this school year by becoming a pen pal! You'll get to exchange letters with a fourth or fifth grader at Central Iowa Christian School. Imagine the joy of writing a letter once a month and receiving one in return—a wonderful way to inspire and connect! This small commitment of about 30 minutes a month can truly change a young student's life. We're looking for 5 to 8 more enthusiastic pen pals to kick off this heartwarming program by the end of the month! If you are interested, please contact Ashley Sorensen at 641-888-0989 or Ashley.sorensen@volunteeriowa.org.

Confirmation Memory Work for Oct. 8th

5th & 6th Grades: *5th & 6th Commandments & Meanings*

Confirmation Memory Work for Oct. 8th

7th & 8th Grades: *1st Article & Meaning*

Voters' Assembly Sunday, October 19th after the Divine Service

4.3.1 Definition: Voting members are communicants who have reached the age of 18 years and who have been received by the Voters' Assembly.

4.3.2 Reception: Applicants for voting membership shall have received a copy of the constitution and be given time to review it. They shall be received as voting members by presenting themselves at a meeting of the Voters' Assembly and signing the constitution.

4.3.3 Duties: Voting members shall attend the meetings of the Voters' Assembly regularly, participate in the work of the congregation, and willingly accept responsibility according to their ability.



Immanuel would like to have a seasonal Choir - Accepting Male and Female voices. Ages 10 and up.

Please email or text/call Amber Bayer if you are interested. Please leave your name. *(include your cell phone or contact information)*

Our first performance will be during Advent Season and Christmas Eve. Practice to be determined.

**** Also note** if you are willing to sing a Solo or Duet, as we can schedule those during Advent/Lenten seasons.



Lutheran Women
in Mission

Sunday

LWML Sunday will be October 5th.

We will be collecting money with our 'Noisy Buckets' and quiet bills. All collections will go towards future mission work, so save your change!

Want to know more about our organization?

Check out the LWML material on the table in the fellowship hall.

All Women of Immanuel Are Welcome!

Meetings are held the second Sunday of each month after coffee and cookies at 10:30am.

LWML MISSION STATEMENT

*As Lutheran women in mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ,
support missions, and equip women to
honor God by serving others.*

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

September 28, 2025

Attendance 53

Calendar of Events for This Week

Today	8:00am	Elders Meeting
	9:00am	16 th Sunday after Trinity & LWML Sunday
		2 nd Plate Missions: Lutheran Heritage Foundation
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School
		Greeter: Louden
		Usher: Joel R. Koepp
		Servers: LWML
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Sophia & Alivia
		Elder: Joel M.
Monday/Tuesday		Fall Pastor's Conference at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Wednesday	4:00-5:30pm	7 th & 8 th Grades Confirmation
	5:30-7:00pm	5 th & 6 th Grades Confirmation
Thursday		No Bible Study
Friday/Saturday		Iowa District East Confirmation Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Next Sunday	8:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	17 th Sunday after Trinity
	10:30am	Bible Study/Sunday School
	10:30am	LWML
	11:30am	Board of Education
		Greeter: Marcinik
		Usher: Lucas B.
		Servers: Dianna K. & Stephanie E.
		Acolyte/Crucifer: Thomas & Elsie
		Elder: Steve H.