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Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184

October 26, 2025

As We Gather: The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). For He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31–32).

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 'Salvation unto Us Has Come'

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1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
2 What God did in His Law de - mand And none to Him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream That God His Law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, Sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
ren - der Caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand For
giv - en That sin - ners could them - selves re - deem And
ceas - ing; The task was use - less and in vain, Our



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
man, the vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those
by their works gain heav - en. The Law is but a
guilt was e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
pure de - sires The spir - it of the
mir - ror bright To bring the in - bred
poi - soned dart Or pu - ri - fy our

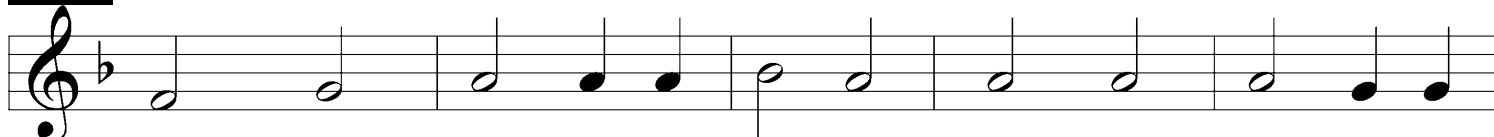


world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
Law re - quires, And lost is our con - di - tion.
sin to light That lurks with - in our na - ture.
guile - ful heart— So deep is our cor - rup - tion.

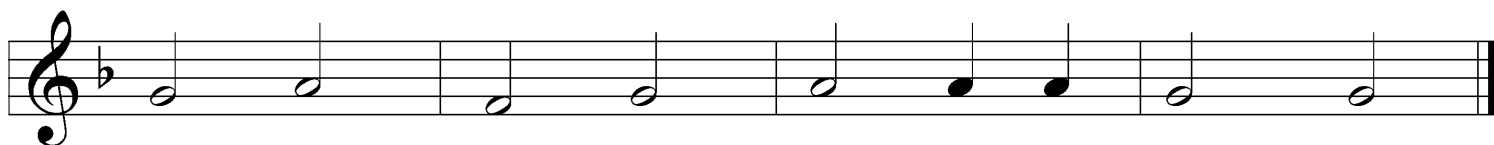
5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed

Kyrie

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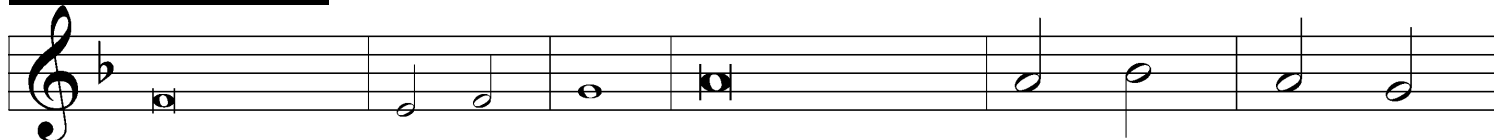
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



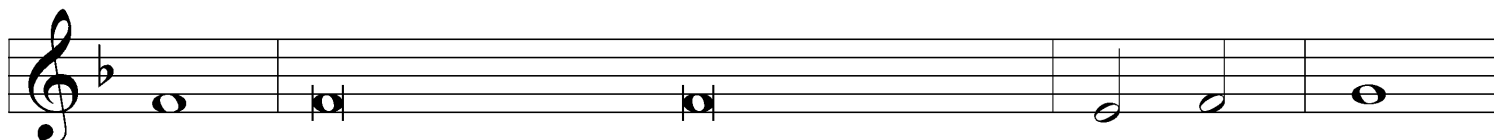
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

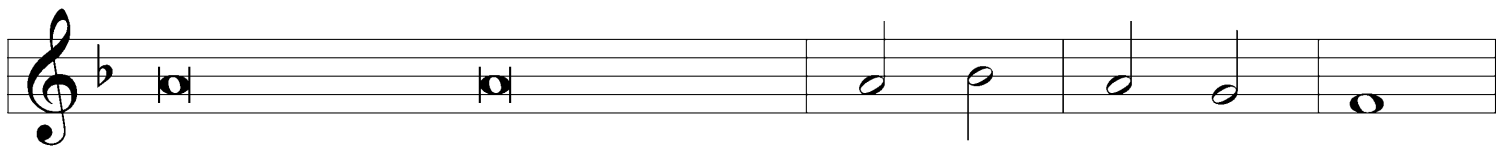
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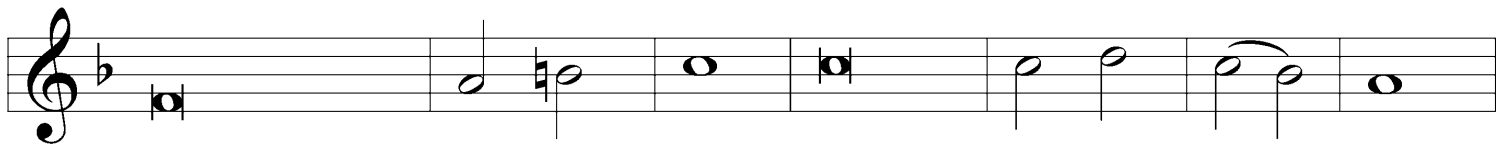
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



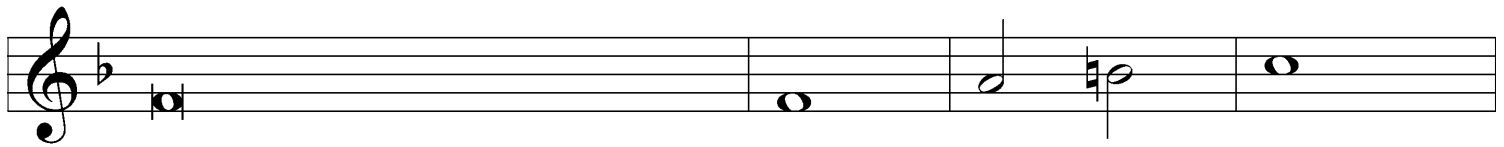
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



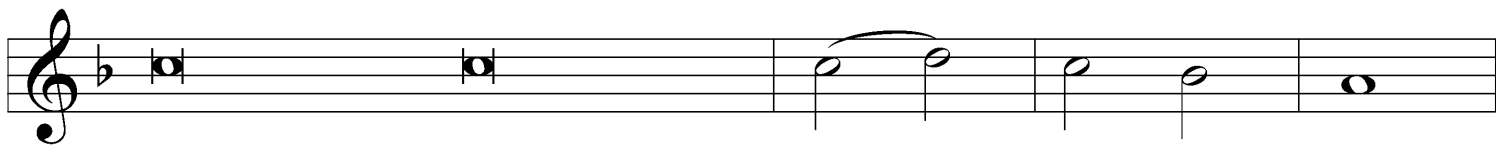
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



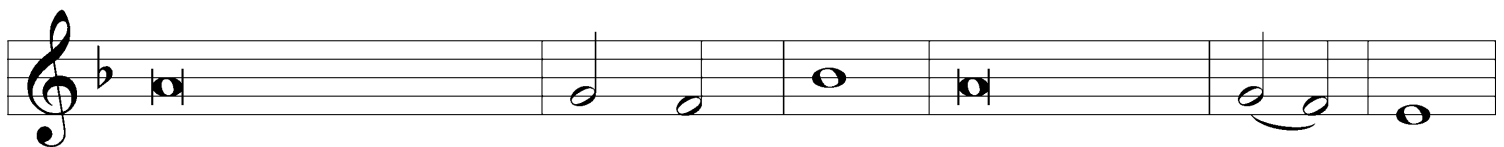
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



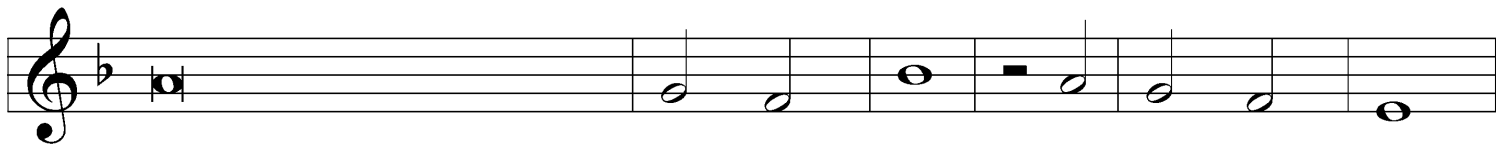
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



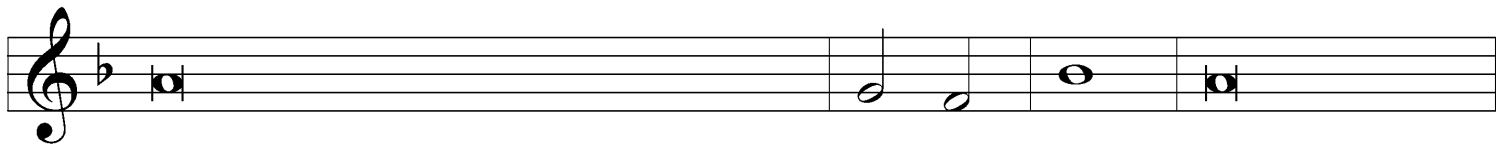
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



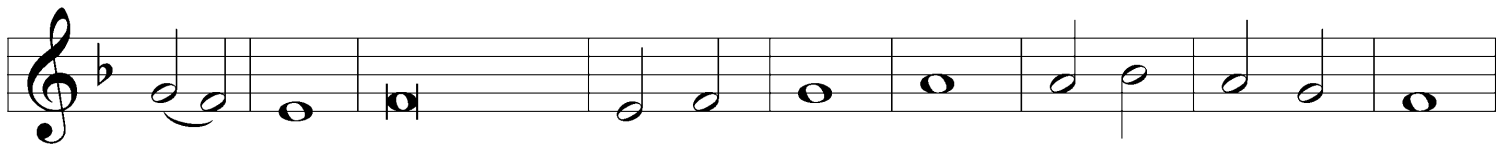
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



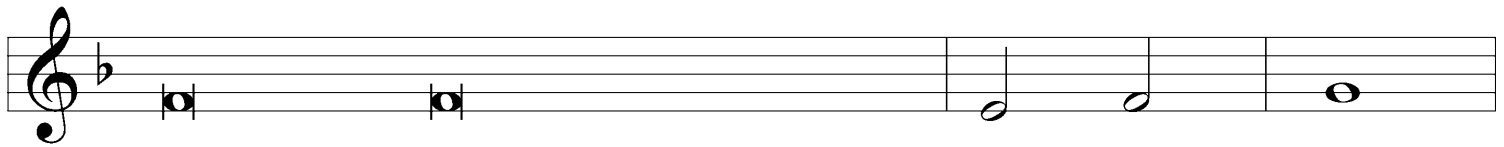
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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



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



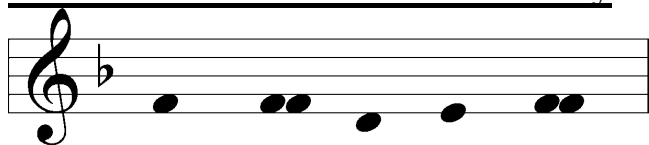
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

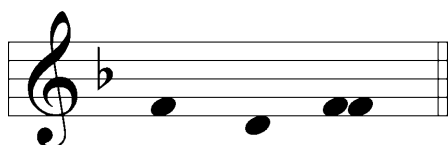
Reformation Day



P The Lord be with you.

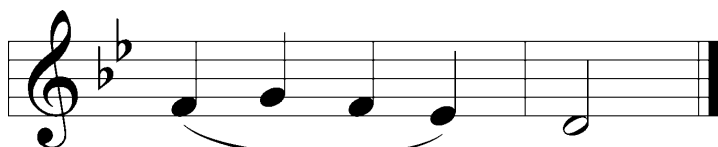


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Proper: Introit

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
 and shall not be | put to shame.
I will bless the LORD at | all times;*
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
 My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
 let the humble hear | and be glad.
Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
 The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;*
 none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
 and shall not be | put to shame.

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

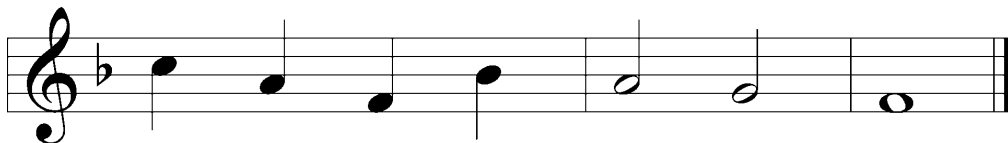


C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

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

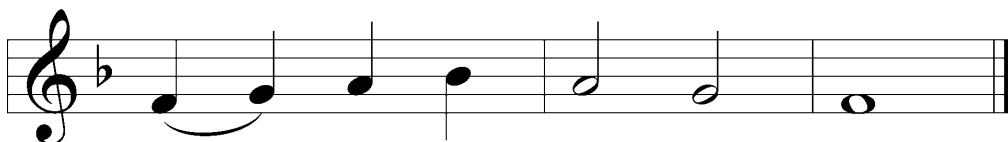


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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.

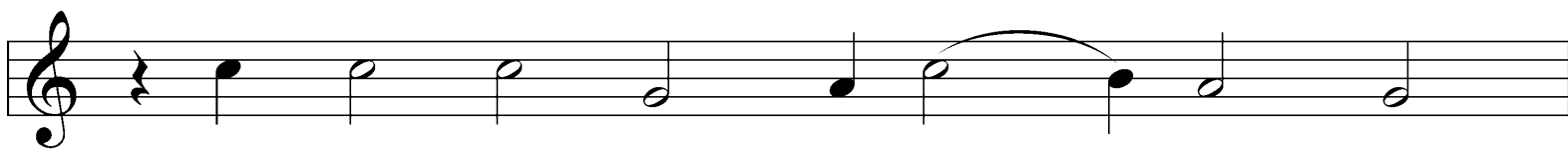
Sermon Hymn 'A Mighty Fortress Is Our God'

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main

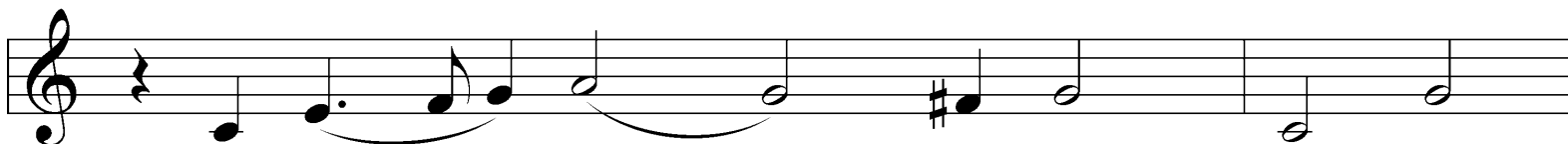
A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain



That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir - it.



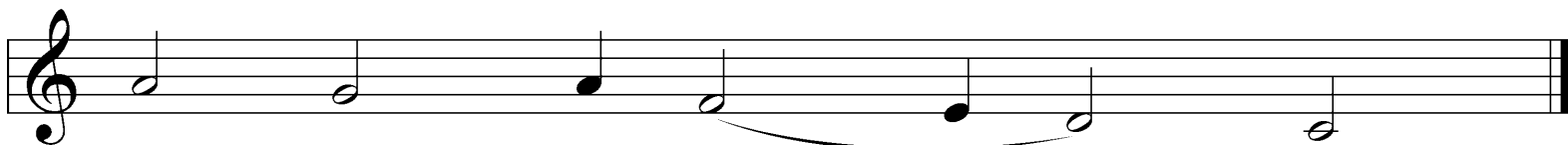
The old e - vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
as he will, He can harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
And there's none oth - er God; He holds
He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
the field for - ev - er.
tle word can fell him.
dom ours re - main eth.

Sermon

"God's Answer to Self-Delusion"

John 8:31-38

Please stand as able.

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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we would be built up in Christ and hold the faith in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace; and for reproof when we are in error, that what is lacking in us

would be reformed and that we would grow up into Christ, our head, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faithful hearts, that we would remain steadfast in the Word of God and never follow false gospels that lead us away from His truth; and for pastors who will preach with purity and joy that we are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all fathers in the home and Church, that our heavenly Father would give them wisdom and fortitude; that He would make them faithful in teaching His Word to the children entrusted to their care; and that all little ones would come to know their heavenly Father and live as true children of God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For calm hearts that know God and trust Him to remain in control, even when the nations are in uproar and kingdoms fall, and that look to Him to guide all who govern us so that evil is thwarted, righteousness rewarded and all His ways are upheld, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick, the joyful and those in any need, [*especially* _____,] that they may be preserved in God's promises and brought safely through this world to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

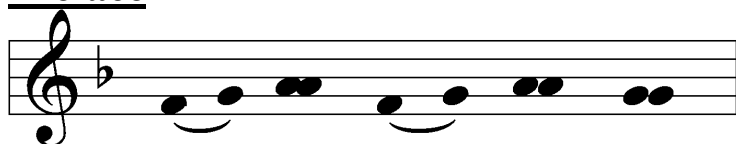
P For all who approach the altar this day, that our Father would give us repentant hearts and firm faith in the Savior's promises; and that He would graciously prevent us from partaking to our judgment, but grant us reverently and joyfully to receive Christ's body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

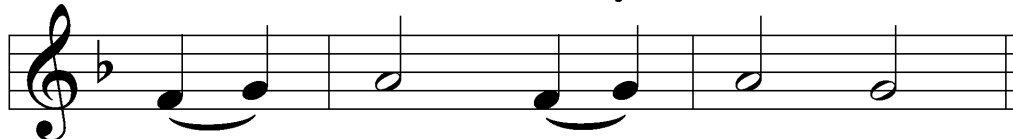
P O Lord, we give You thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We especially bless You today for the great reformers of Your Church who call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us in fellowship with them, and bring us at last to our heavenly home and the joy of seeing our Redeemer face to face; 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.

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



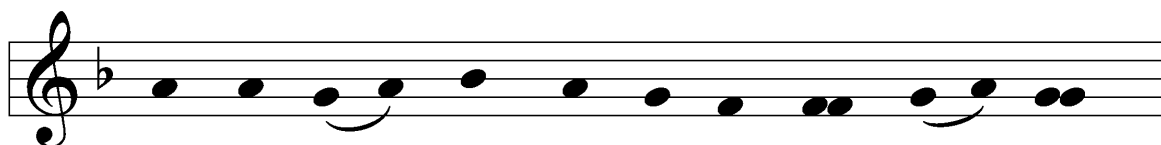
C And with thy spir - it.



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)

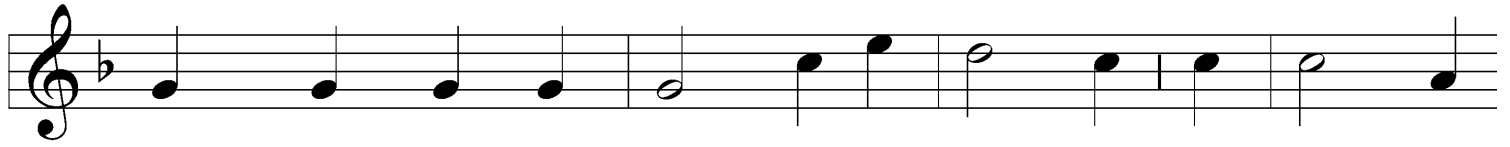
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.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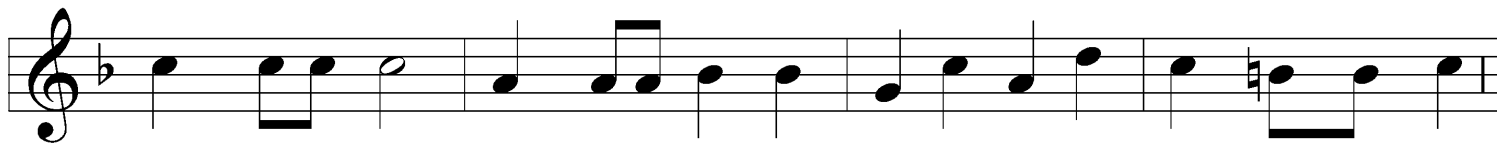
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



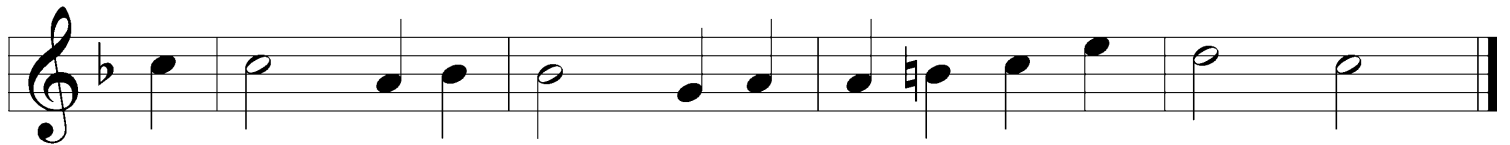
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



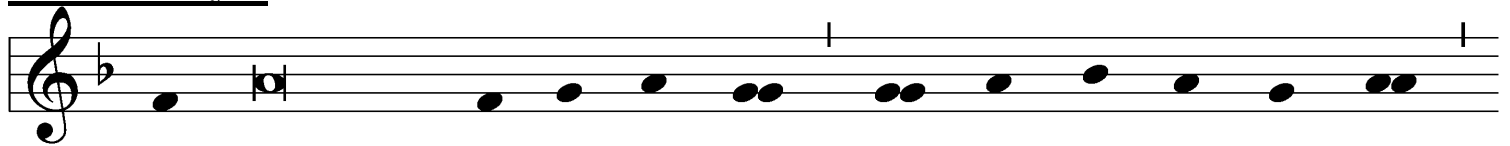
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



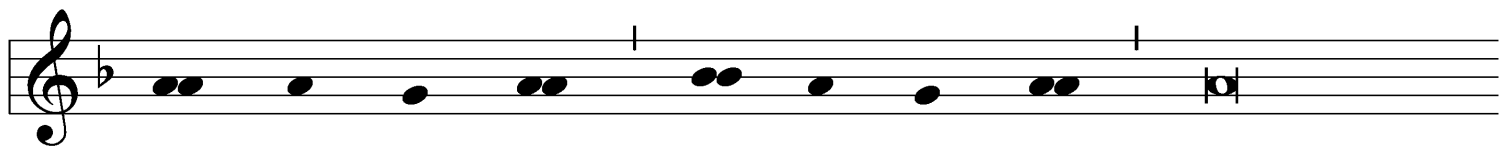
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Lord's Prayer

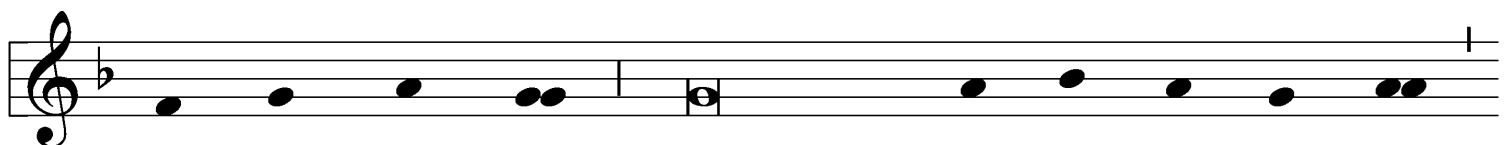
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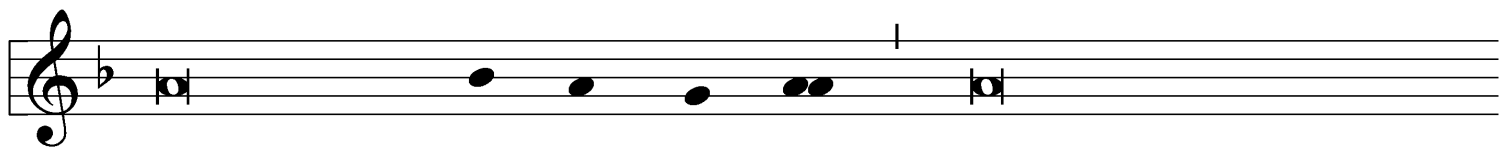
P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



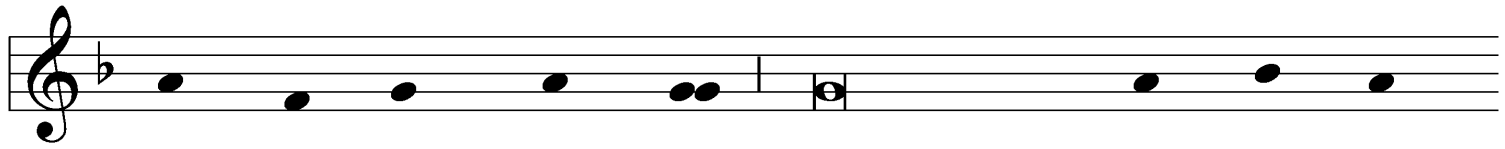
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



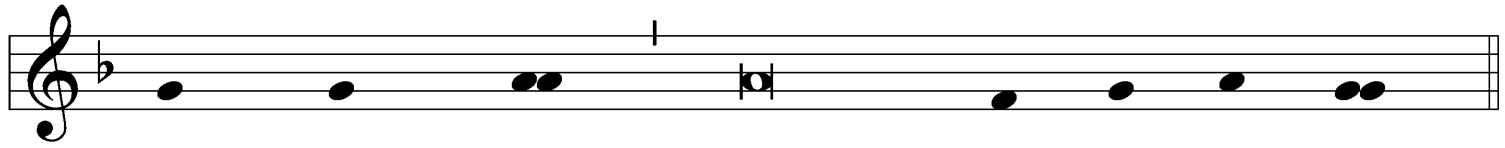
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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



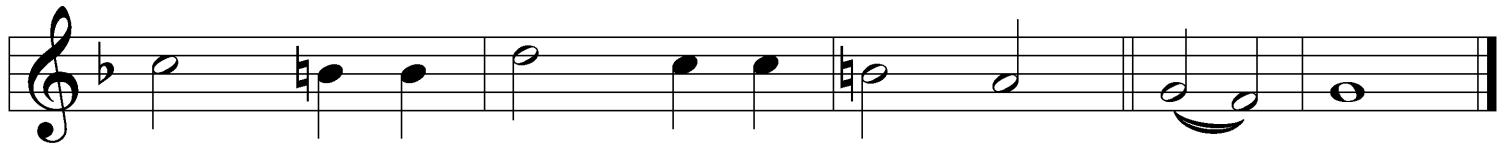
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



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



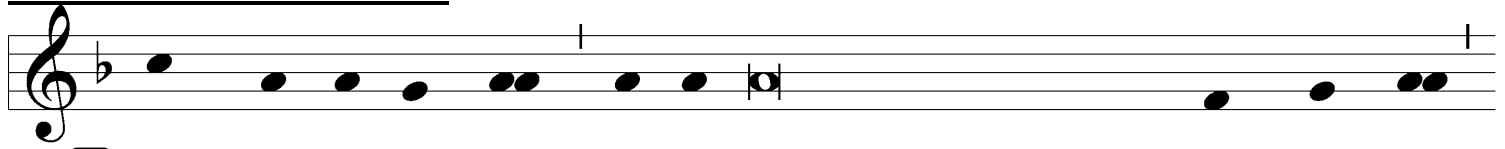
C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



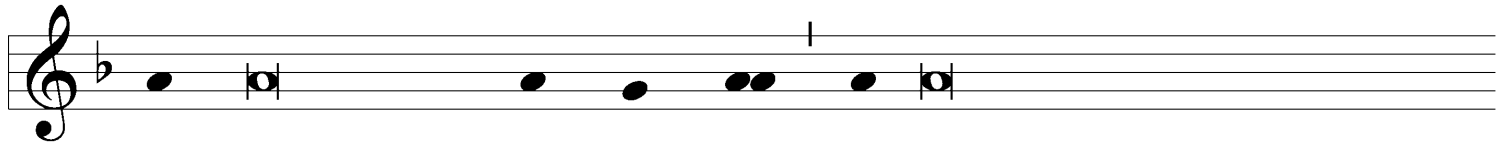
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

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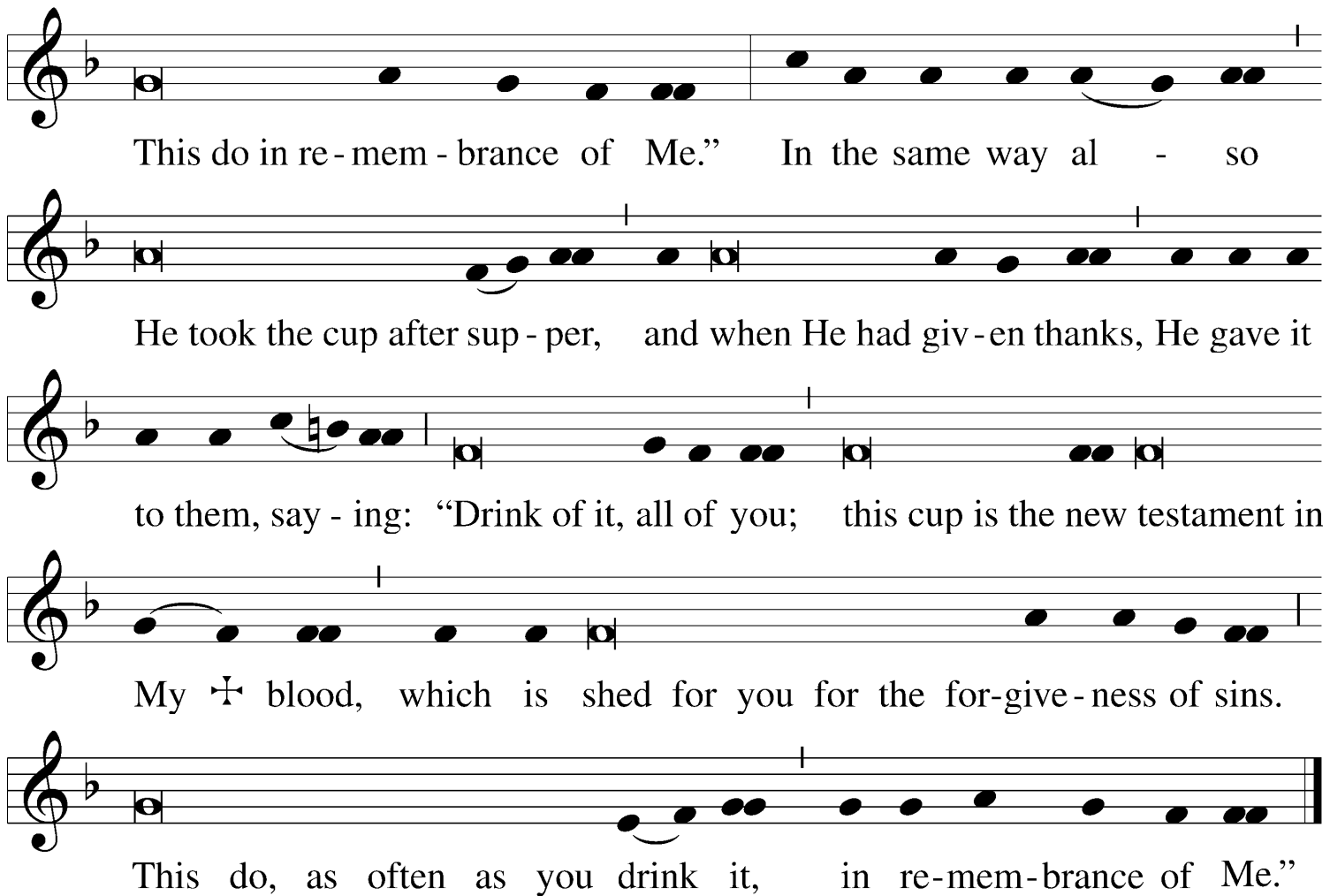
P Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



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

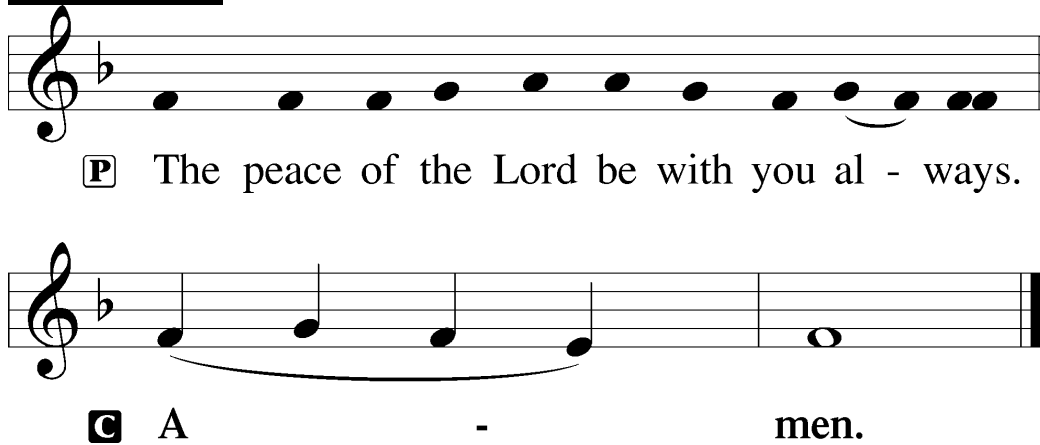
to them, say-ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

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.

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.

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O Lord, Look Down from Heaven, Behold

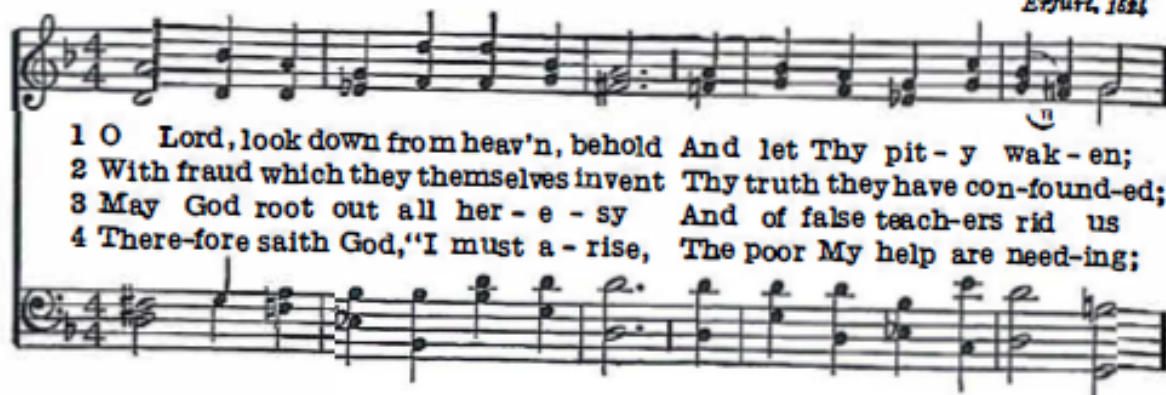
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Ps. 12

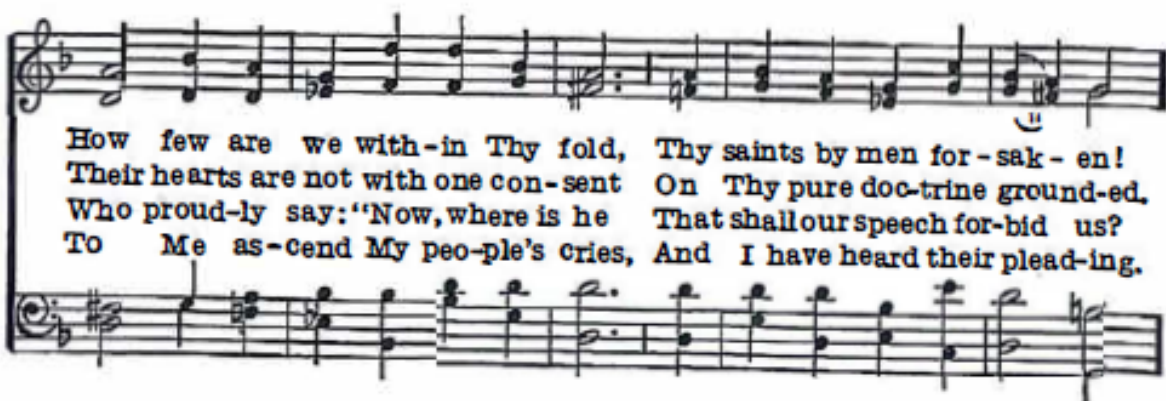
Ach Gott vom Himmel, sieh darein
Martin Luther, 1523

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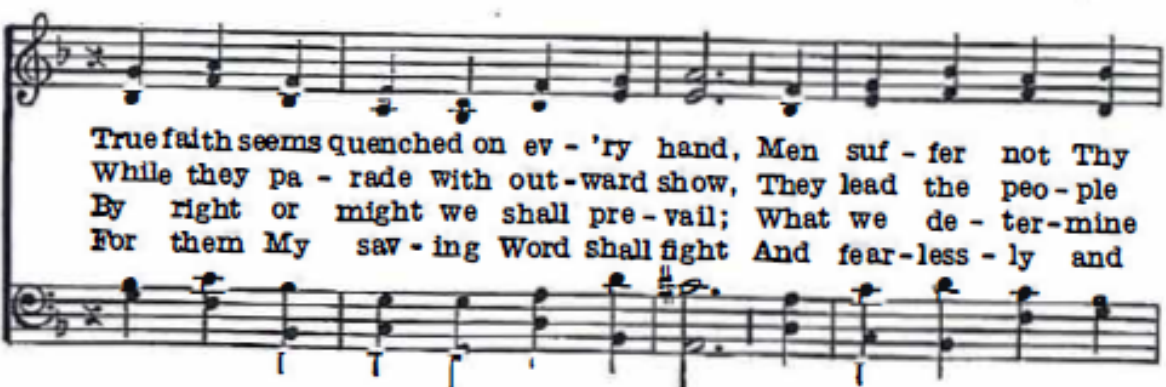
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Ach Gott vom Himmel
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Erfurt, 1524


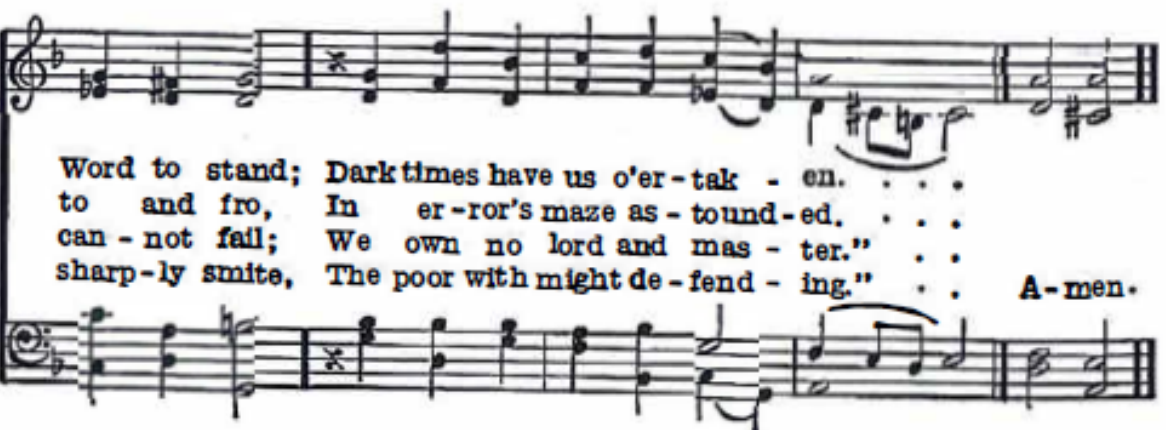
1 O Lord, look down from heav'n, behold And let Thy pit - y wak - en;
2 With fraud which they themselves invent Thy truth they have con-found-ed;
3 May God root out all her - e - sy And of false teach-ers rid us
4 There-fore saith God, "I must a - rise, The poor My help are need-ing;



How few are we with-in Thy fold, Thy saints by men for-sak - en!
Their hearts are not with one con-sent On Thy pure doc-trine ground-ed.
Who proud-ly say: "Now, where is he That shall our speech for-bid us?
To Me as-cend My peo-ple's cries, And I have heard their plead-ing.



True faith seems quenched on ev - 'ry hand, Men suf - fer not Thy
While they pa - rade with out-ward show, They lead the peo-ple
By right or might we shall pre-vail; What we de - ter-mine
For them My sav-ing Word shall fight And fear-less - ly and



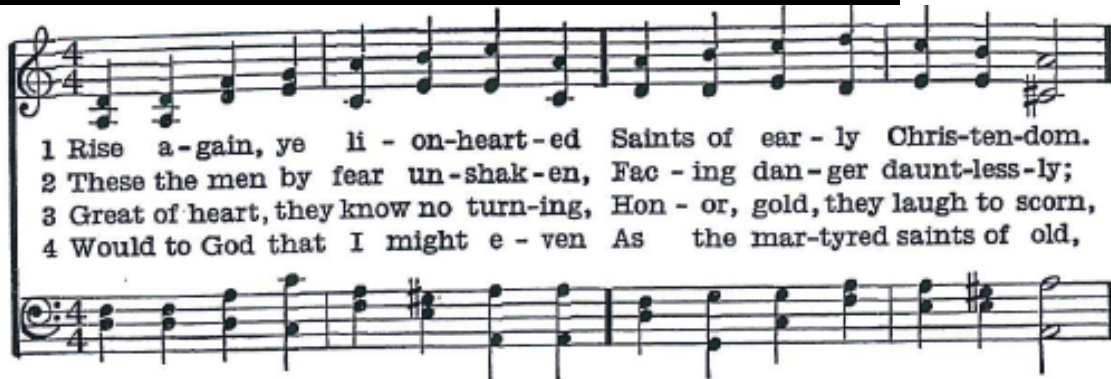
Word to stand; Dark times have us o'er-tak - en.
to and fro, In er-ror's maze as - tound-ed.
can - not fail; We own no lord and mas - ter."
sharp-ly smite, The poor with might de-fend - ing." A-men.

5 As silver tried by fire is pure
From all adulteration,
So thro' God's Word shall men endure
Each trial and temptation.
Its light beams brighter thro' the cross,
And, purified from human dross,
It shines through every nation.

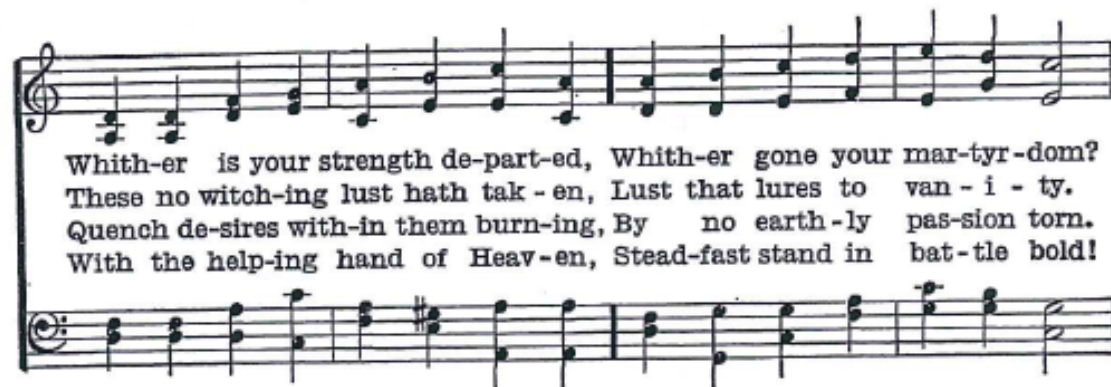
6 Defend Thy truth, O God, and stay
This evil generation;
And from the error of its way
Keep Thine own congregation.
The wicked everywhere abound
And would Thy little flock confound;
But Thou art our Salvation.

Distribution Hymn 'Rise Again, Ye Lion-Hearted'

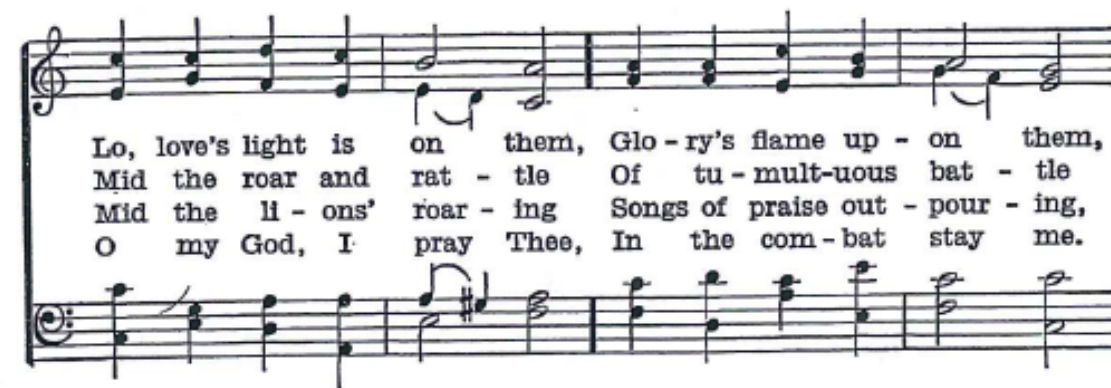
TLH 470; Sunday School Kids



1 Rise a-gain, ye li-on-heart-ed Saints of ear-ly Chris-ten-dom.
2 These the men by fear un-shak-en, Fac-ing dan-ger daunt-less-ly;
3 Great of heart, they know no turn-ing, Hon-or, gold, they laugh to scorn,
4 Would to God that I might e-ven As the mar-tyred saints of old,



Whith-er is your strength de-part-ed, Whith-er gone your mar-tyr-dom?
These no witch-ing lust hath tak-en, Lust that lures to van-i-ty.
Quench de-sires with-in them burn-ing, By no earth-ly pas-sion torn.
With the help-ing hand of Heav-en, Stead-fast stand in bat-tle bold!



Lo, love's light is on them, Glo-ry's flame up-on them,
Mid the roar and rat-tle Of tu-mult-u-ous bat-tle
Mid the li-ons' roar-ing Songs of praise out-pour-ing,
O my God, I pray Thee, In the com-bat stay me.



And their will to die doth quell E'en the lord and prince of hell.
In de-sire they soar a-bove All that earth would have them love.
Joy-ous-ly they take their stand On th'a-re-na's blood-y sand.
Grant that I may ev-er be Loy-al, staunch, and true to Thee. A-men.

Please stand as able.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

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

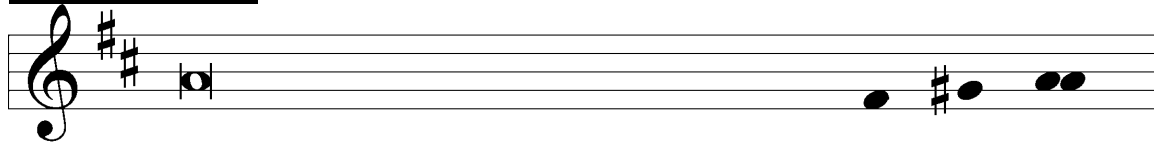
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

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

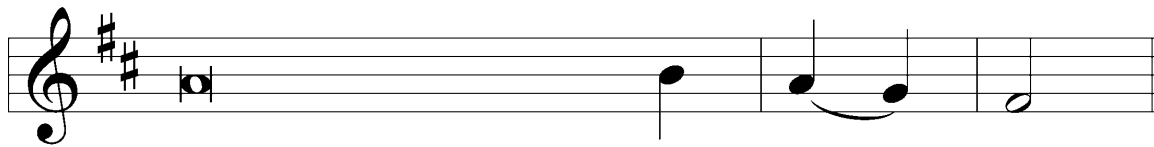
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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

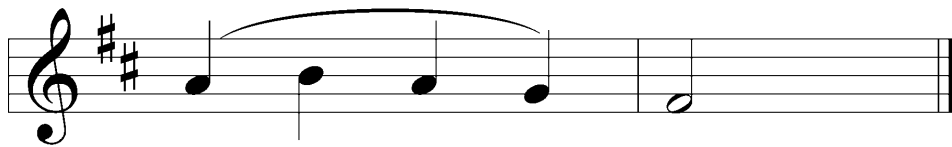


C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

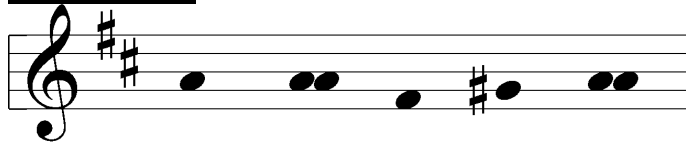
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



C A - men.

Salutation

LSB 201



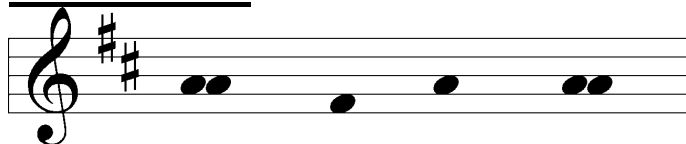
P The Lord be with you.



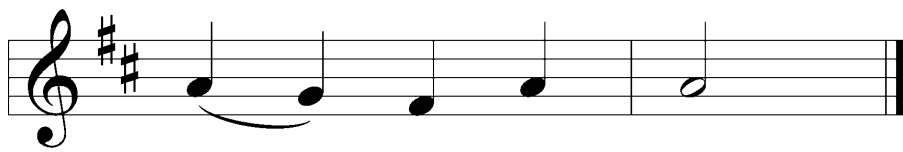
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202



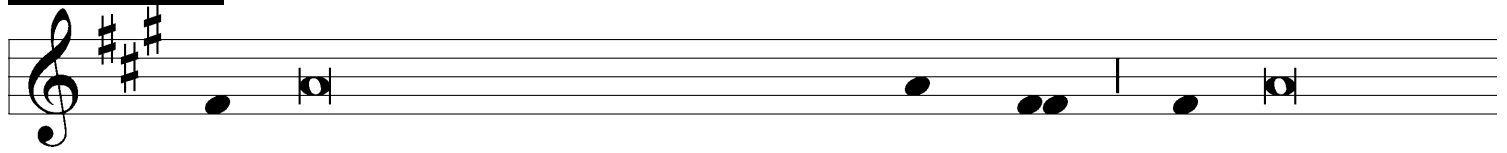
A Bless we the Lord.



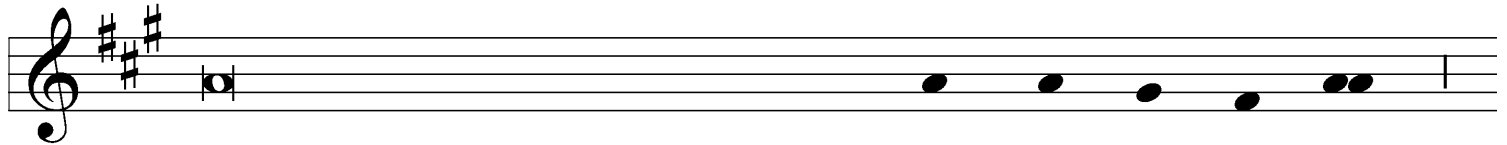
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

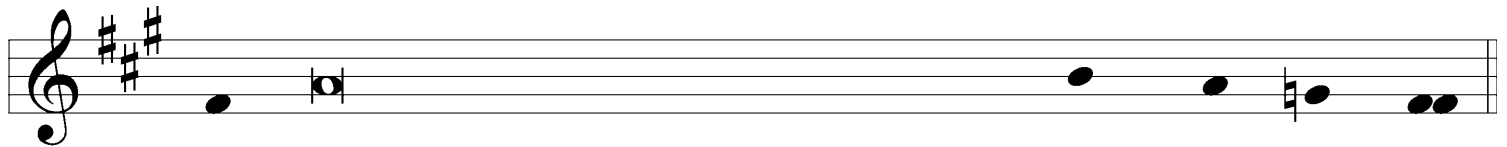
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



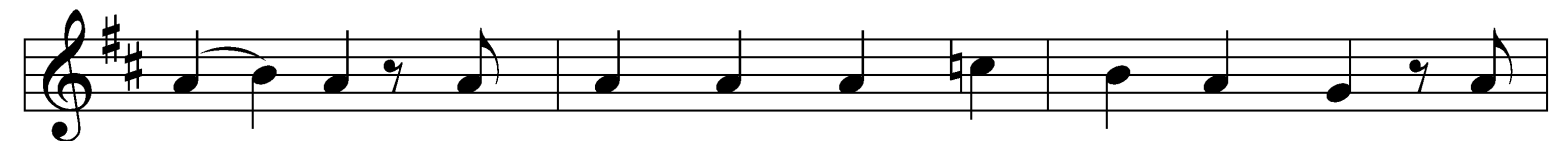
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn 'Salvation unto Us Has Come'

LSB 555 v 6-10



6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal-
7 Let me not doubt, but tru - ly see Your Word can - not be
8 The Law re - veals the guilt of sin And makes us con-science-
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un-
△ 10 All bless-ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And
bro - ken; Your call rings out, "Come un - to Me!" No
strick - en; But then the Gos - pel en - ters in The
ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear
false - hood have You spo - ken. Bap - tized in - to Your
sin - ful soul to quick - en. Come to the cross, trust
love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Lord, I plead, Your death is now my
pre - cious name, My faith can - not be
Christ, and live; The Law no peace can
jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.
put to shame, And I shall nev - er per - ish.
ev - er give, No com - fort and no bless - ing.
and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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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.

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

Calling families and children from 12th grade and younger. The Board of Education is beginning to plan for the Christmas Program which will be Sunday, December 14 at 10:30am. Practices will begin November 16 and will take place during Sunday school time, with one more practice Saturday, December 13. Please let us know if you are wanting to be a part of the program or not, so we can plan accordingly. Also, if you are wanting to play an instrument for the pre-program music that day, please let us know that as well. To best prepare, let the Board of Education know as soon as possible. Thank you!

Sunday School: "The Unique Greek" is the title of this week's lesson. Paul and Silas journey to Philippi. On the Sabbath Day, they meet a businesswoman named Lydia and others gathered at the riverside for prayer. After hearing Paul's teaching, Lydia and her household are baptized. Lydia invites Paul and the others to stay at her home.

Thank you for all the prayers, encouraging words, cards, and gifts during Pastor Appreciation Month. I share the same sentiment as St. Paul, "*I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*" (1 Corinthians 1:4–9) ~ Pastor Koepp

Stewardship: *Revelation 14:6* – “Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.” During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther’s ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works.” Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

Building Healthy Families: Despite living with physical, emotional, and financial challenges and through social and political upheaval which often separated them by many miles and at times threatened life itself, Martin & Katie Luther created and sustained a marriage and family life characterized by faithfulness, mutual respect, teamwork, and a good degree of humor. As we remember and give thanks for the great reformer and the blessing that his life and work have been to the church, we also give thanks for God’s work in their lives which provides us with an example of Christian family life today. May the lives and marriage of Martin and Katie and their love for their children (and other people’s children!) remind us of Christ's love for his church and of the Father's great love for us, His redeemed children. ~ www.LutheranFamilyService.org

A Life Quote: “We need pro-life laws and alternative-to-abortion options to provide bridges and buy time for us to share the Gospel of salvation in Christ. Yet we cannot settle for a favorable court ruling, a strong piece of legislation, or a life-favoring politician ... Ultimately, though, changed hearts provide the alternative of eternal hope when despair and desperation tempt us to do bad things.” *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources* ~ *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour Ministries for Nov. 2nd: Hear "The Way Out" based on 1 Corinthians 10:13 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus alone is the Way out, rescuing us from sin, despair, and death. He calls us to live as people "on the way." ~ *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: Defending the lives that God created, redeemed, and called by the Gospel is a good thing! But we must be careful not to become like the Pharisee in Jesus' parable, who became so proud of his good works that he mistreated those who didn't think like him (Luke 18:11-12). Affirming the sanctity of every life also means caring about those who disagree with us, treating them with compassion and sharing the forgiveness of Christ with them, that they, too, might receive the "crown of righteousness" on the Last Day (2 Timothy 4:8).

GENESIS 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 begins a study this week on the Book of Genesis, chapters 37-50. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

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Confirmation Memory Work for Oct. 29th

5th & 6th Grades: *9th Commandment & Meaning*

Confirmation Memory Work for Oct. 29th

7th & 8th Grades: *2nd Article and Meaning*



IMMANUEL PEOPLE SING

If you are interested in coming to see what Church Choir might be like -

Join us for our **FIRST REHEARSAL**

On

Sunday, November 2nd at 8:15 am

for a half hour before church starts in the sanctuary.

We will do the following:

- 1- Set practice schedule (*tentative idea is to meet Wednesdays 6pm on 12th, 19th, 26th*)
- 2 - Pass out music
- 3 - Connect to listening examples online
- 4 - Set performance dates and times

We will only practice seasonally for now - So, the first goal is to practice start of November until Advent begins Dec. 3rd.

If you cannot join us for Advent Preparation - consider joining us for Lent preparation. Mark a tentative date for that as Feb. 4th **Ash Wed. is Feb. 18th

Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)

October 19, 2025

Attendance 57

Calendar of Events for This Week

Today 9:00am Reformation Day (Observed)
 10:30am Sunday School-Popcorn Sunday/Bible Study
 Greeter: Meyer
 Usher: Keith T.
 Servers: Julie R. & Kathy S.
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Thatcher & Elsie
 Elder: Joe W.
 Food Pantry Sunday

Wednesday 4:00-5:30pm 7th & 8th Grades Confirmation
 5:30-7:00pm 5th & 6th Grades Confirmation

Thursday 11:00am Bible Study

Next Sunday 8:00am Elders Meeting
 8:15am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00am All Saints' Day (Observed)
 2nd Plate Missions: MICA
 10:30am Sunday School/Bible Study
 Greeter: Mintle
 Usher: Joel K.
 Servers: Dianna K. & Stephanie E.
 Acolyte/Crucifer: Alivia & Sophia
 Elder: Steve H.

