

**+ MISERICORDIAS DOMINI (THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER) +**  
**Divine Service Setting Three ~ Pg 184**  
**May 4, 2025**

**As We Gather: *The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep***

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”* (1 Peter 2:25).

*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 Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe'

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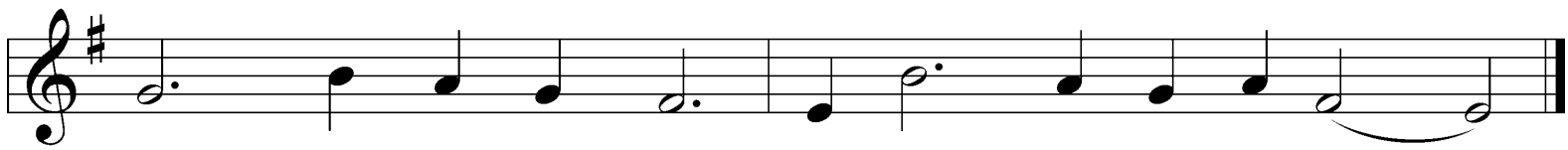
1 O	lit - tle	flock,	fear not the	foe	Who mad - ly
2 Be	of	good cheer;	your cause be -	longs	To Him who
3 As	true	as God's	own Word is	true,	Not earth nor
4 A -	men,	Lord	Je - sus,	grant our prayer;	Great Cap - tain,



seeks	your	o - ver - throw;	Dread not	his rage and	pow'r.
can	a -	venge your wrongs;	Leave it	to Him, our	Lord.
hell's	sa -	tan - ic crew	A -	gainst	us shall pre -
now	Thine	arm make bare,	Fight for	us once	a - gain!



And	though your	cour -	age some-times	faints,	His seem - ing
Though	hid - den	yet	from mor - tal	eyes,	His Gid - eon
Their	might?	A	joke,	a mere	fa - cade!
So	shall	Thy	saints	and mar - tyrs	raise
					God is with
					A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

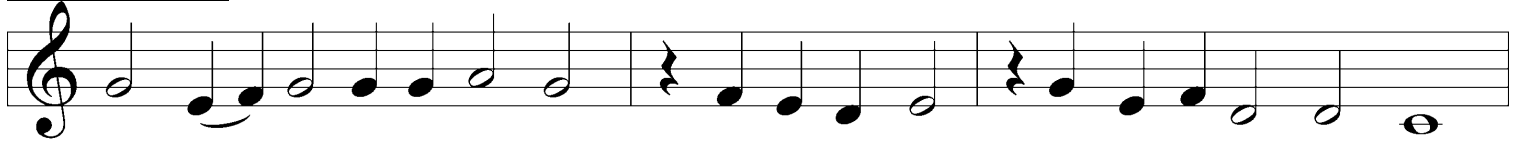
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## **Gloria Patri**

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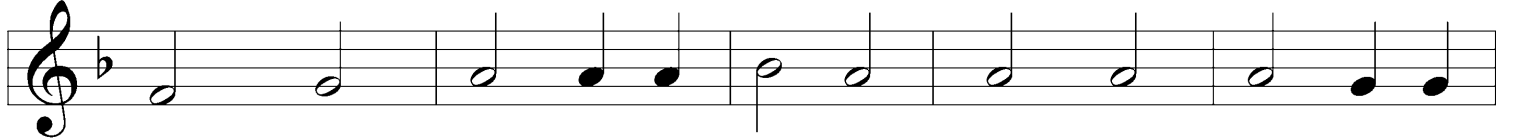
**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



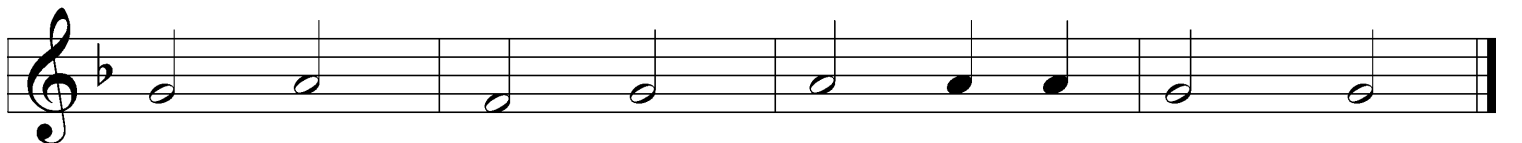
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## **Kyrie**

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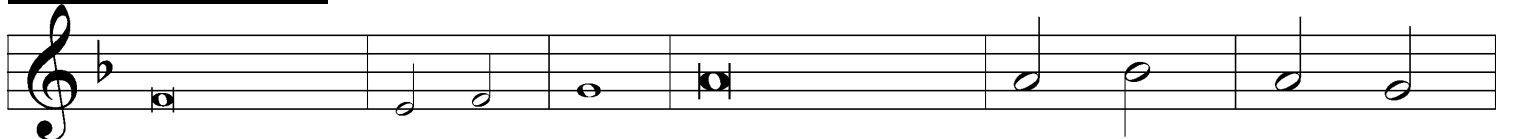
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



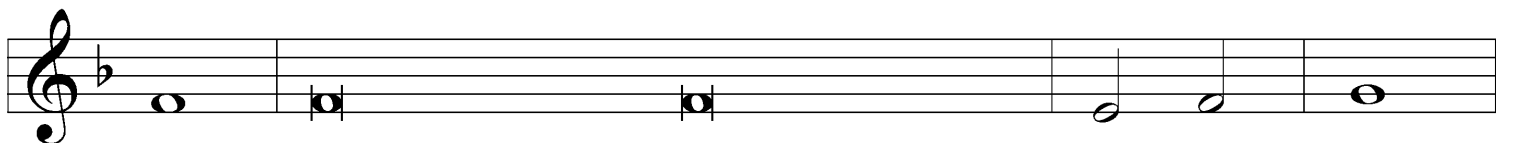
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

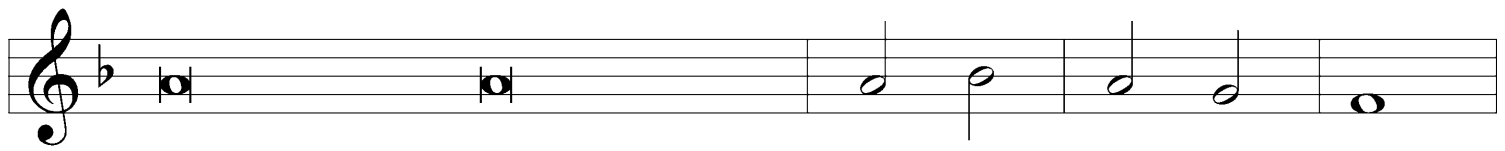
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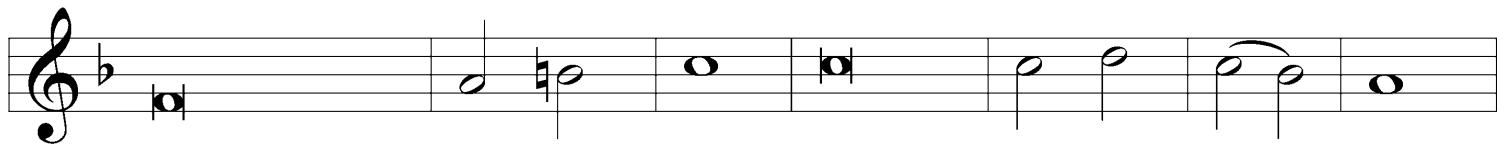
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



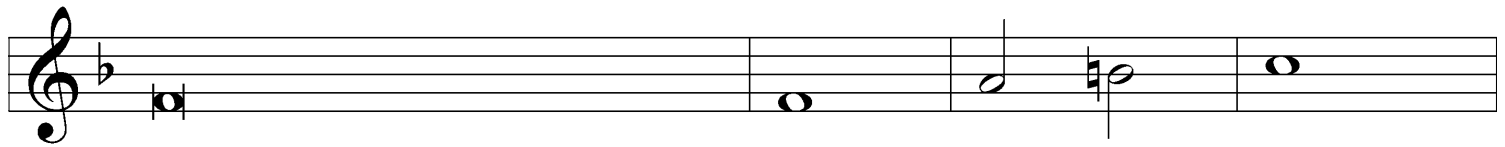
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



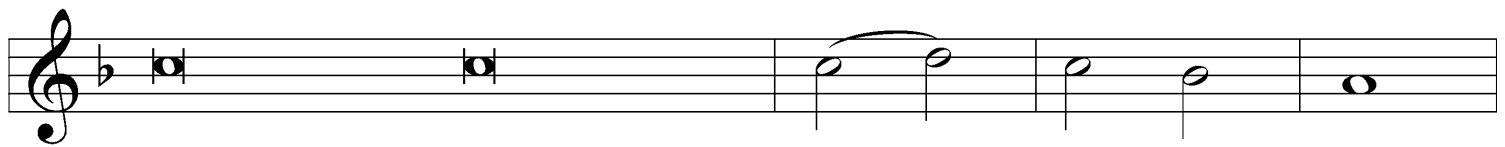
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



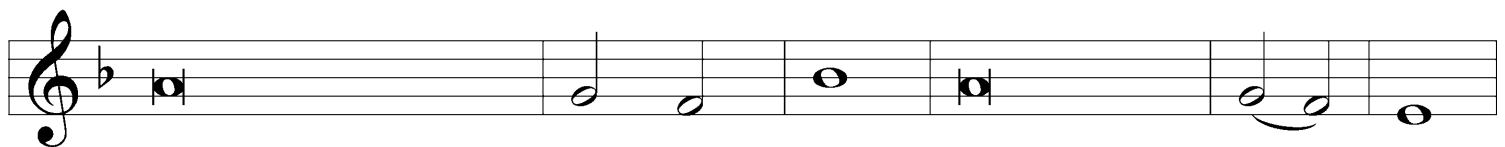
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



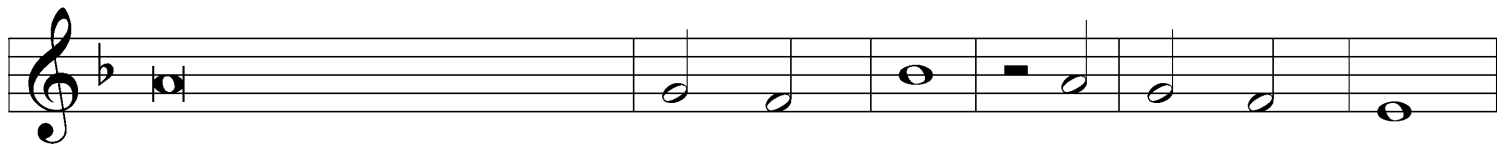
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



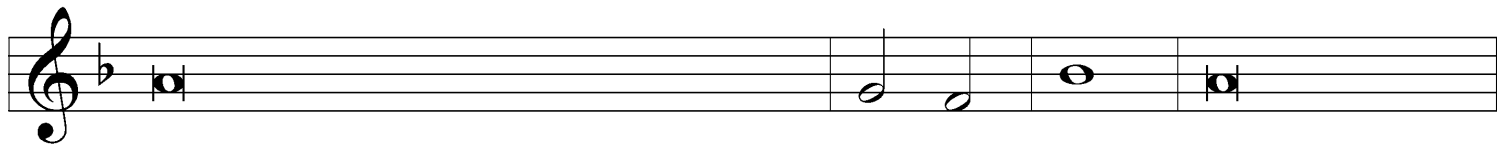
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



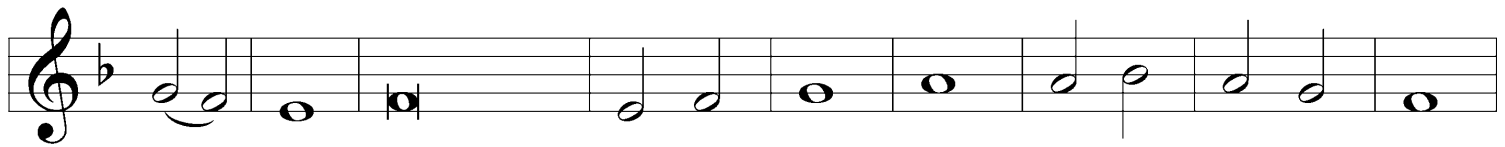
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



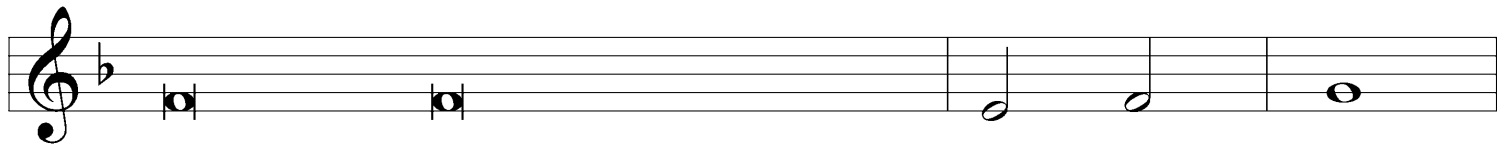
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.



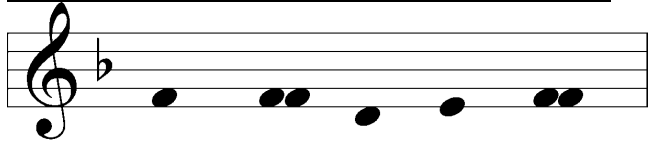
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



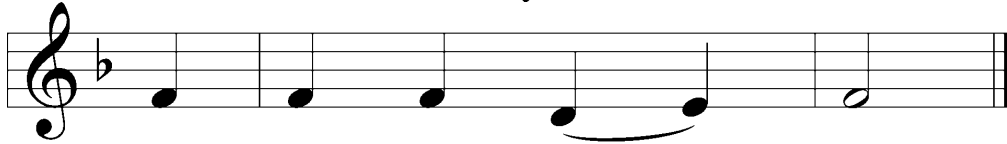
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

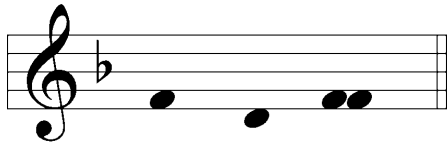
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**P** The Lord be with you.

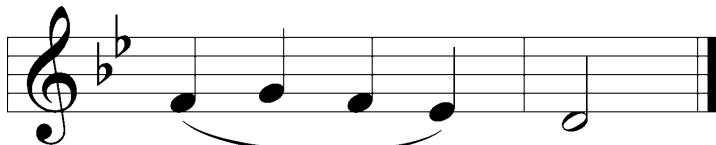


**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, 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

*Ezekiel 34:11–16*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 33:1, 18–20; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a*



By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.

**Praise befits the upright.**

on those who hope in his steadfast love,

**and keep them alive in famine.**

he is our help and our shield.

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. Alleluia.

*1 Peter 2:21–25*

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**C** Thanks be to God.

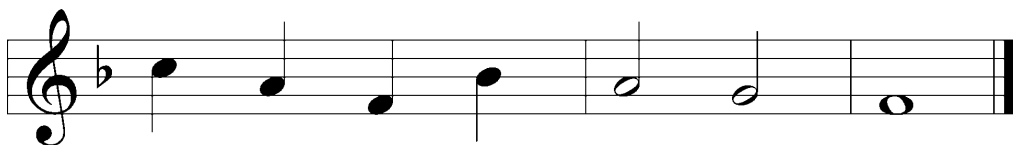
*Please stand as you are able.*



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

**Holy Gospel***John 10:11–16*

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



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

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”

**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.*

**Hymn 'Lord Jesus, Who Art Come'**

TLH 485



1 Lord Je - sus, who art come A Teach - er sent from heav - en  
2 Thou hast, O Lord, re - turned, To God's right hand as - cend - ing;  
3 O bless - ed min - is - try Of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,  
4 Pre - serve this min - is - try While har - vest - days are keep - ing;



And by both word and deed God's truth to us hast giv - en,  
Yet Thou art in the world, Thy king - dom here ex - tend - ing.  
That shows the way to God And brings to us sal - va - tion!  
And since the fields are white And hands are few for reap - ing,



Thou wise - ly hast or - dained The ho - ly min - is - try  
Thro' preach - ing of Thy Word In ev - 'ry land and clime  
By Thine e - van - gel pure, Lord, Thou pre - serv'st Thy fold,  
Send work - ers forth, O Lord, The sheaves to gath - er in



That we, Thy flock, may know The way to God thro' Thee.  
Thy peo - ple's faith is kept Un - til the end of time.  
Dost call, en - light - en, keep, Dost com - fort and up - hold.  
That not a soul be lost Which Thou are come to win.



- 5 The servants Thou hast called  
And to Thy Church art giving  
Preserve in doctrine pure  
And holiness of living.  
Thy Spirit fill their hearts,  
Endue their tongues with pow'r;  
What they should boldly speak,  
Oh, give them in that hour!
- 6 Yea, bless Thy Word alway,  
Our souls forever feeding;  
And may we never lack  
A faithful shepherd's leading!  
Seek Thou the wand'ring sheep,  
Bind up the sore opprest,  
Lift up the fallen ones,  
And grant the weary rest.
- 7 Bring those into Thy fold  
Who still to Thee are strangers;  
Guard those who are within  
Against offense and dangers.  
Press onward with Thy Word  
Till pastor and his fold  
Through faith in Thee, O Christ,  
Thy glory shall behold.

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## **Sermon**

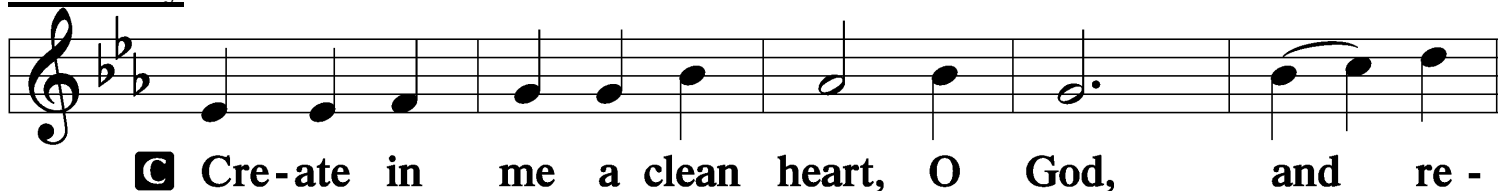
“Shepherd for Straying and Suffering Sheep”

*1 Peter 2:21-25*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **Offertory**

*LSB 192*



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That the Lord would accomplish His holy purpose in calling many joyfully to know His redemption, and that we, as the people of God, would live lives of service as a kingdom of priests in accordance with God's holy will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the pastors of the Church, that they would feed the flock of Christ with His Word, seek His scattered sheep and bind up their injured hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the erring, that the scattered may be found and restored; that God's holy people may be preserved; and that all may be gathered to Christ, the true Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all baptized Christians, that we whose sins have been crucified in Christ's body on the tree would bring forth the fruit of holy lives by His continual grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the gift of good government, that as the Paschal Lamb has wrought peace between man and God, so He would grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world; and that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For [\_\_\_\_\_ *and*] all who wait on the mercy of God, that God would watch over them and deliver them in their hour of need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the Church gathered around the altar of Christ, that our Shepherd would feed our faith with His body and blood and keep us in the rich pasture of His Church, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

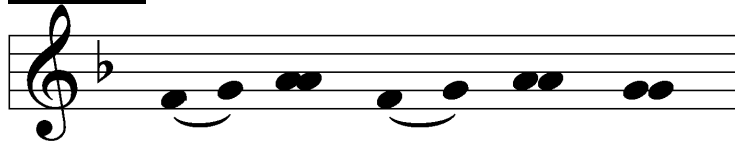
**P** O Lord, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

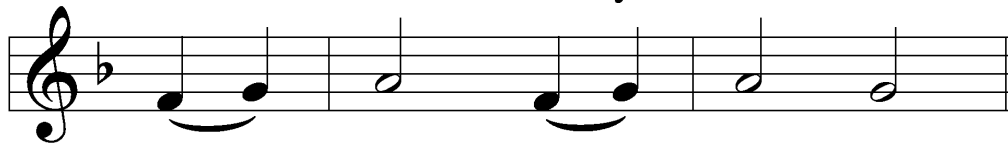
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### Preface

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**P** The Lord be with you.



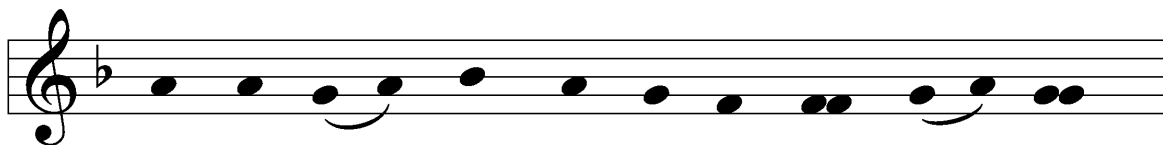
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



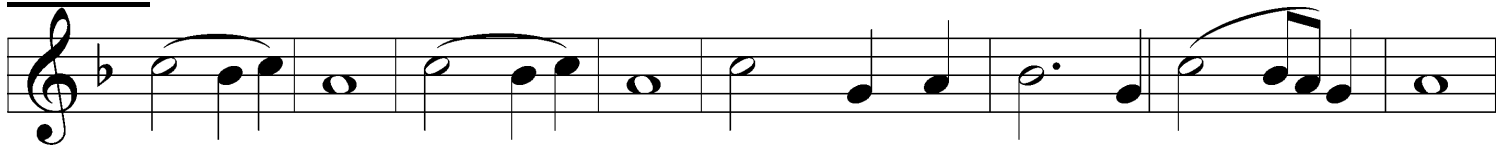
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### **Proper Preface (Full)**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **Sanctus**

*LSB 195*



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



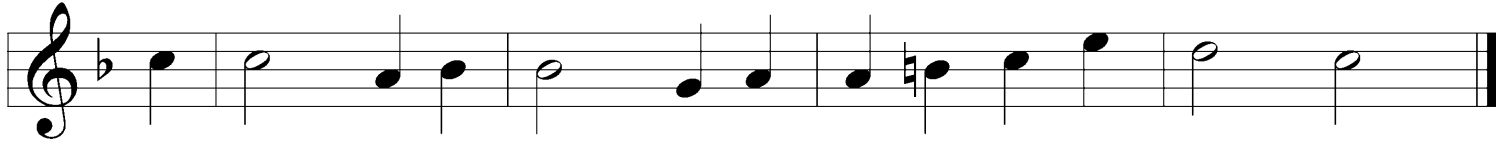
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



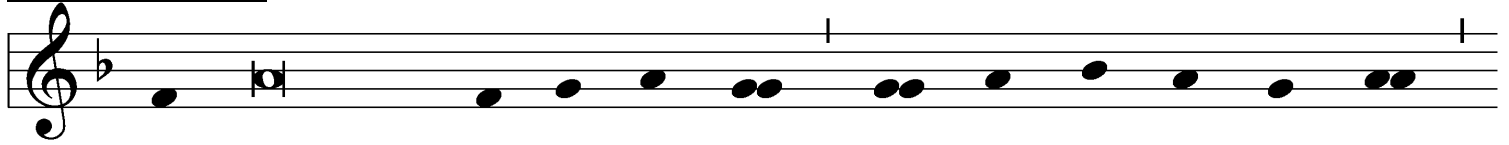
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



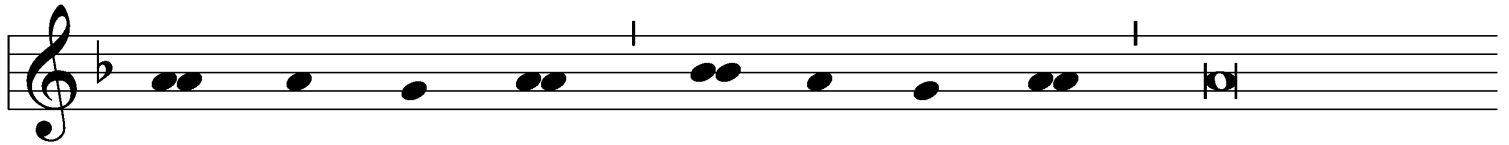
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### Lord's Prayer

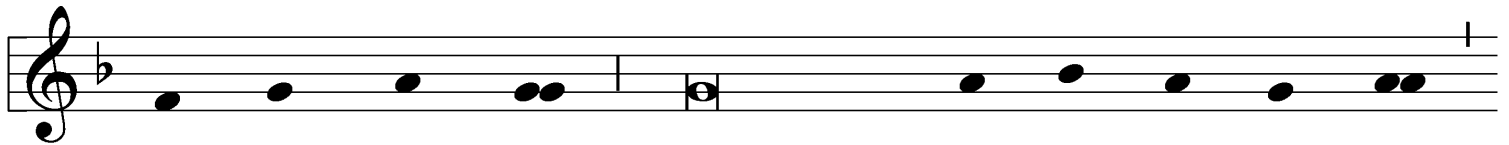
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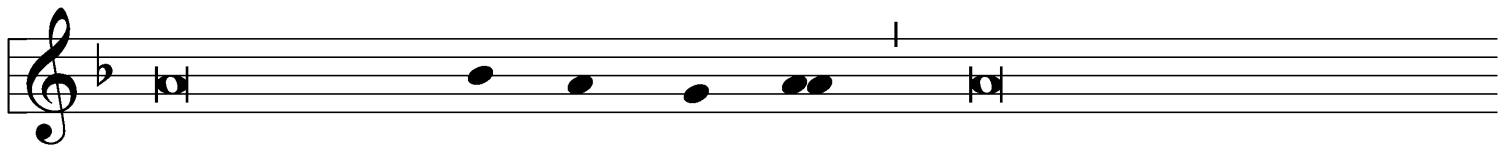
**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



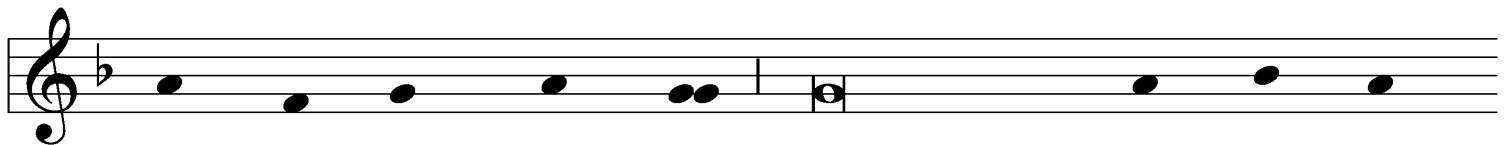
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



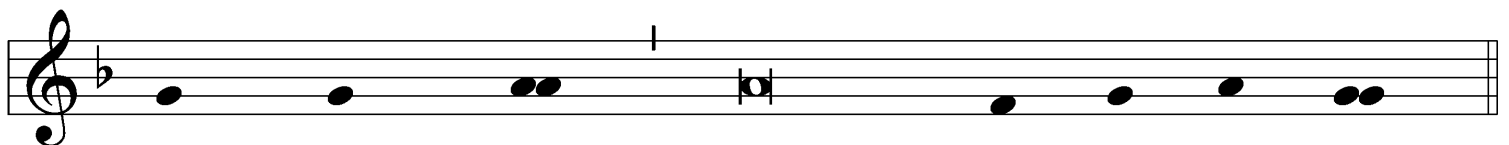
is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



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



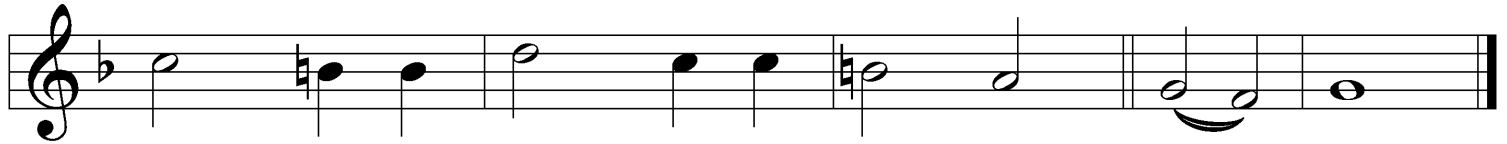
tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



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



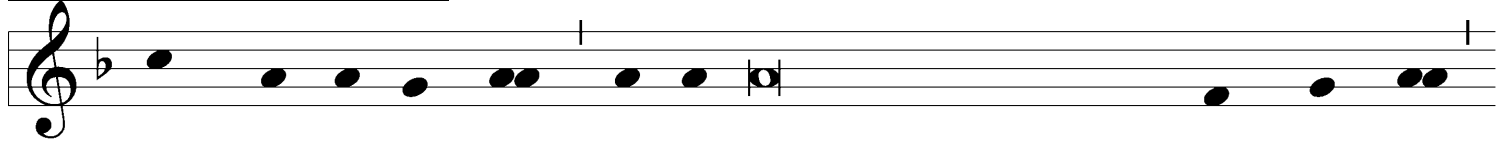
**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



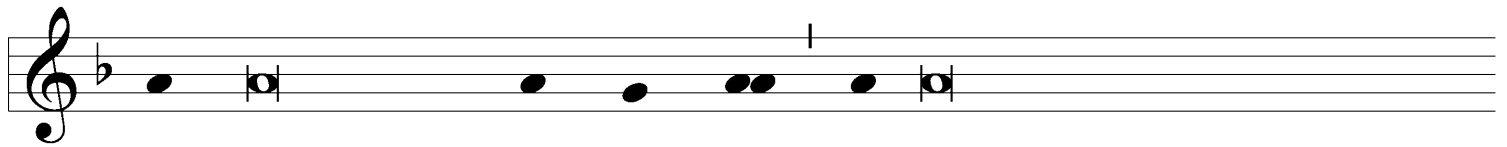
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

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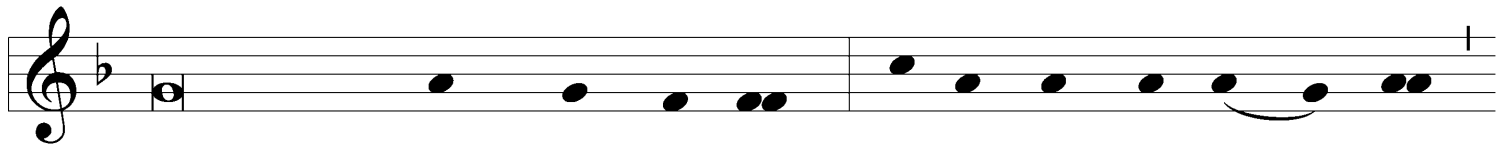
**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



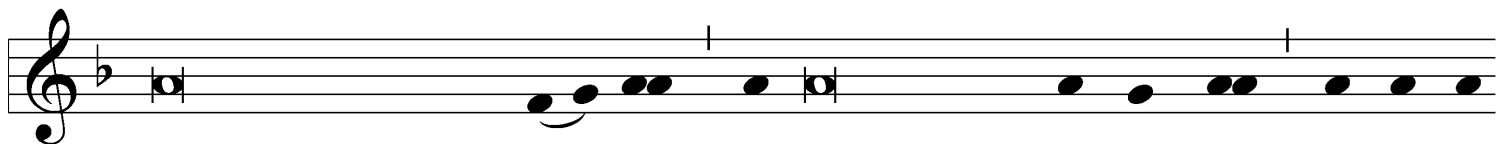
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



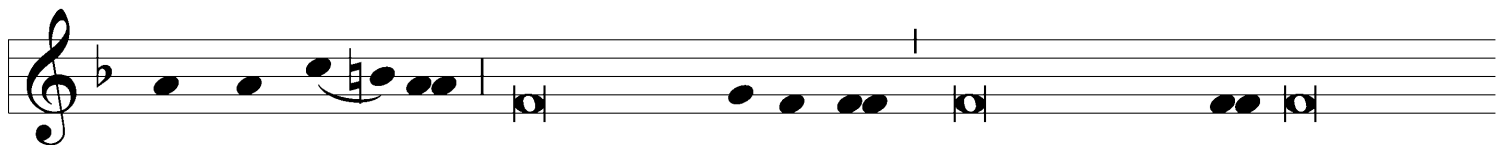
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



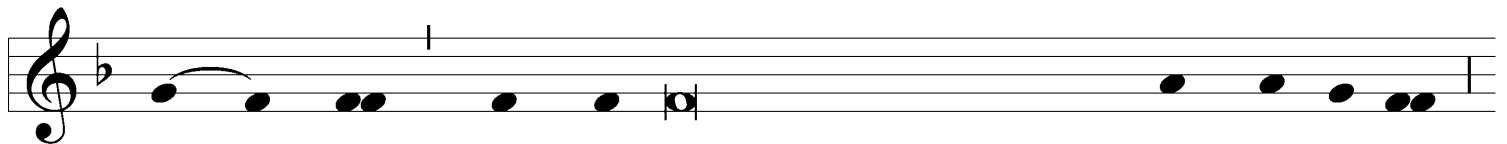
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



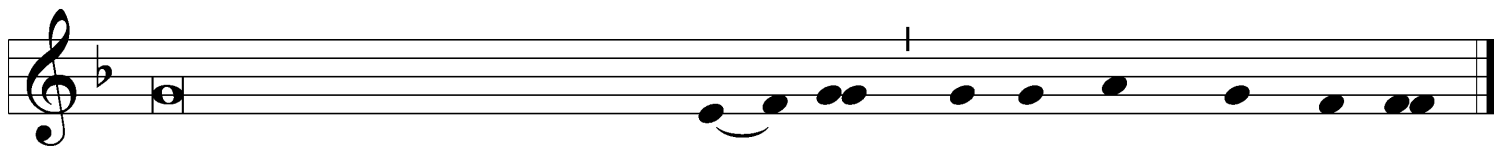
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it



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



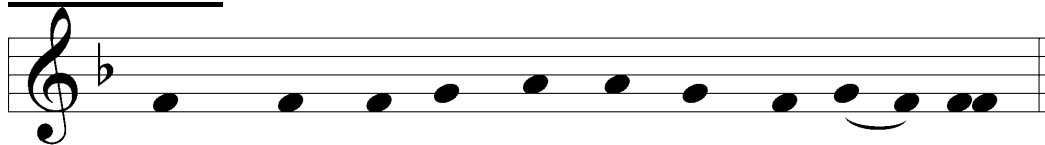
My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



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

### Pax Domini

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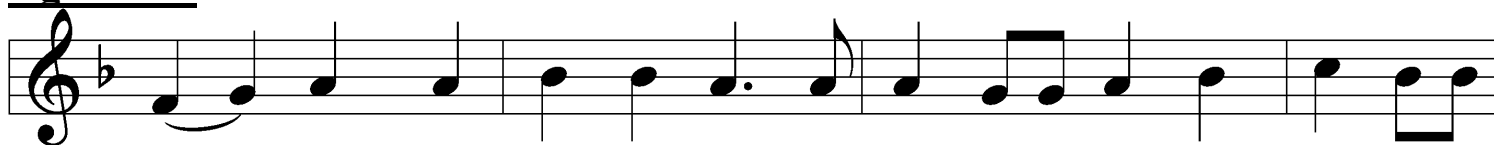
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

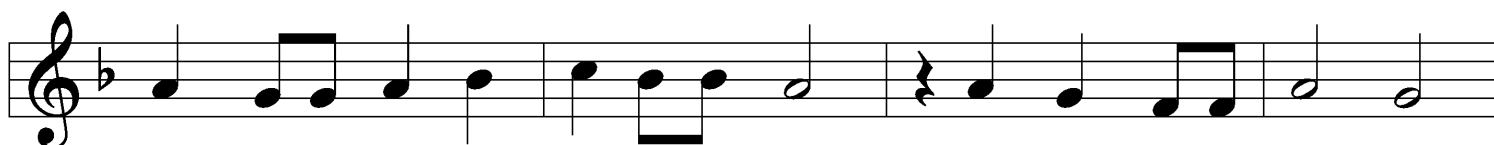
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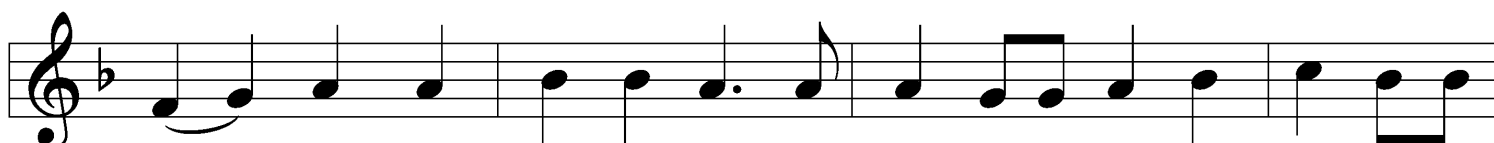
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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

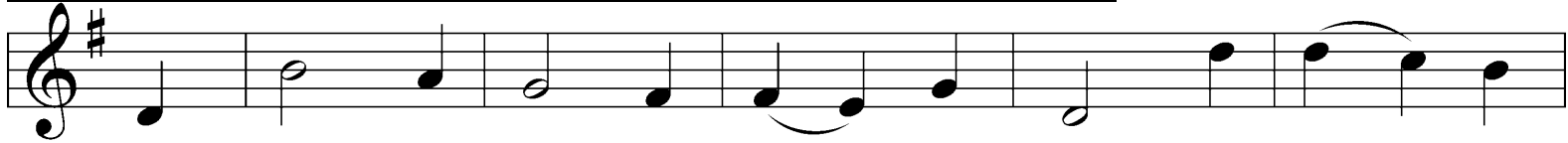


world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

**Distribution Hymn ‘The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want’**

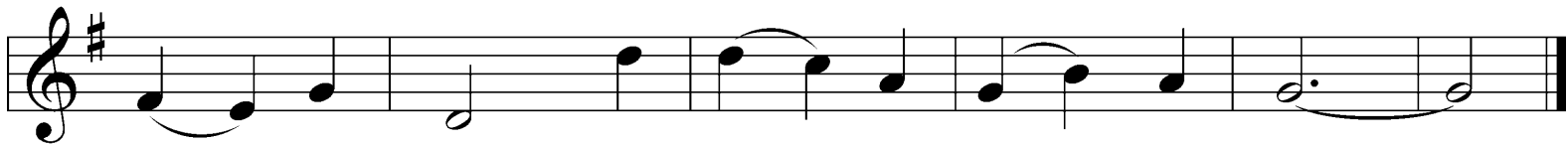
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1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
walk doth make With - in the paths of  
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

*Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh*

*Tune: William Gardiner, 1770–1853*

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**Distribution Hymn ‘O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace’**

LSB 693

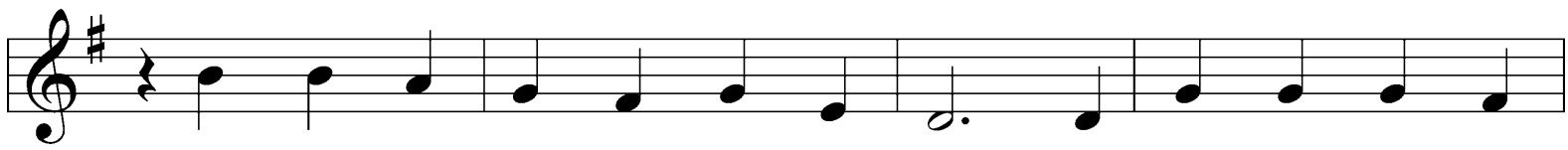


1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior  
2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;  
3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,

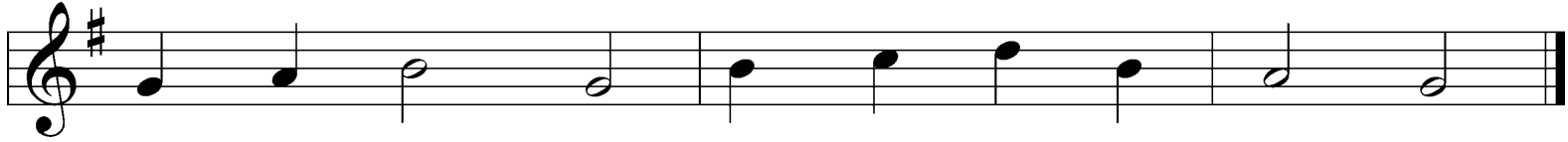


In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.  
Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.  
Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,





The hour of death can - not bring loss      When we are shel - tered  
O make us die to ev - 'ry sin,      Each day cre - ate new  
Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend      Our souls in - to our



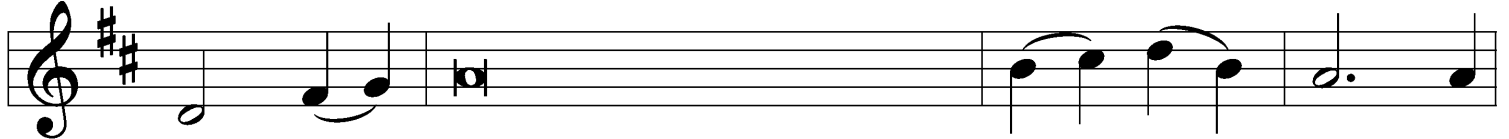
by the cross      That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.  
life with - in,      That fruits of faith may flour - ish.  
Sav - ior's hand,      The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

*Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851–1929, alt.  
Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug  
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*Please stand as you are 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.

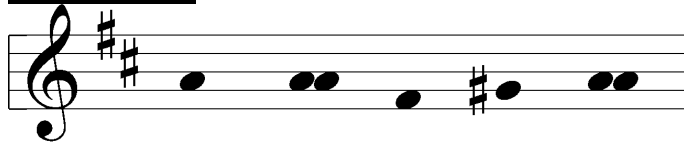
### Post-Communion Collect

**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.

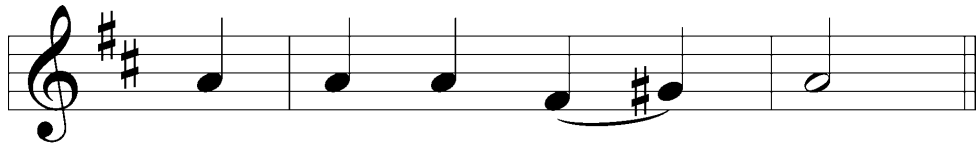
**C** A - men.

## Salutation

LSB 201



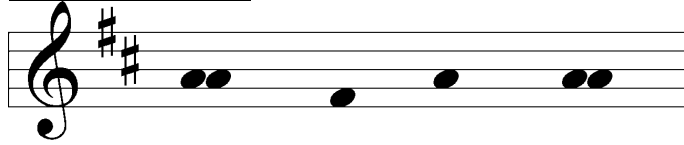
**P** The Lord be with you.



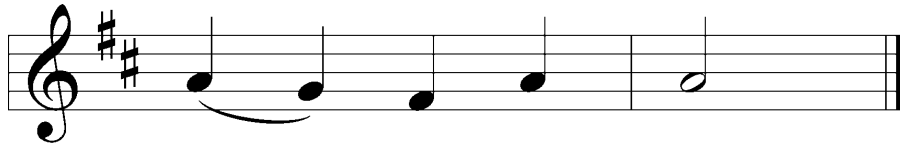
**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



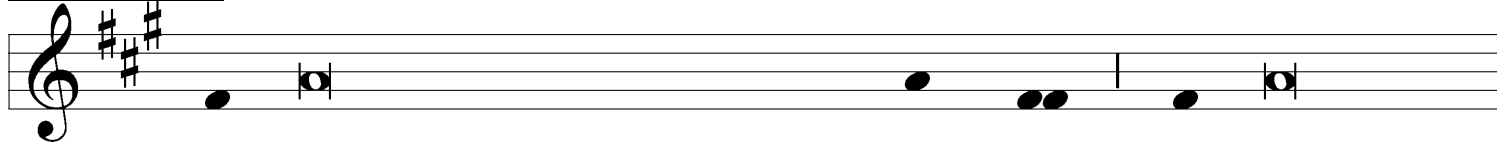
**A** Bless we the Lord.



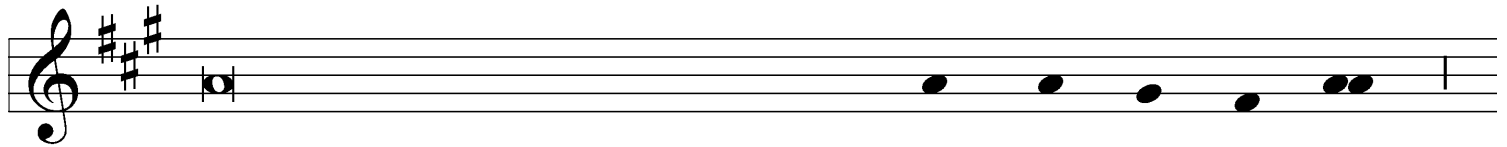
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

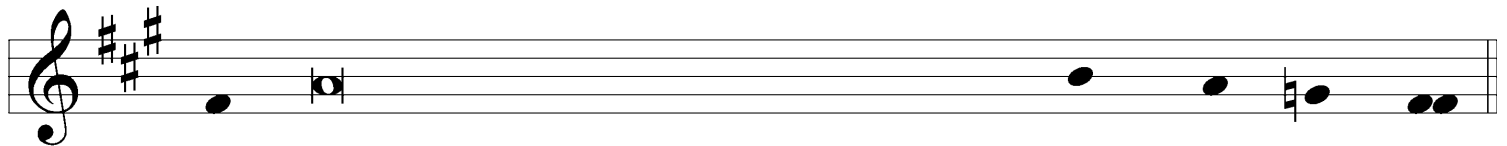
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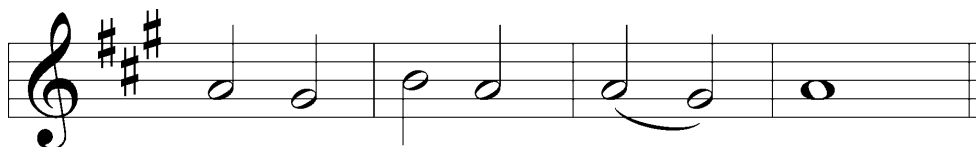
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



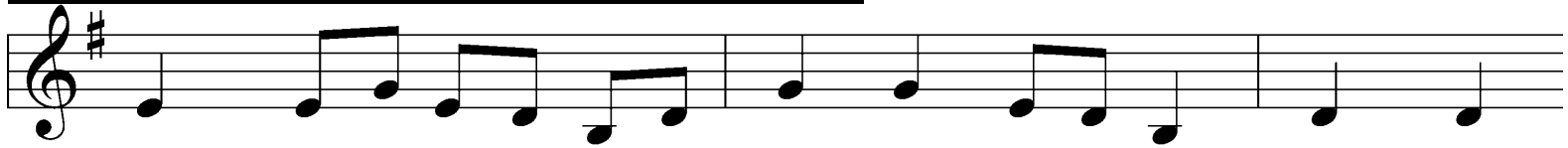
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



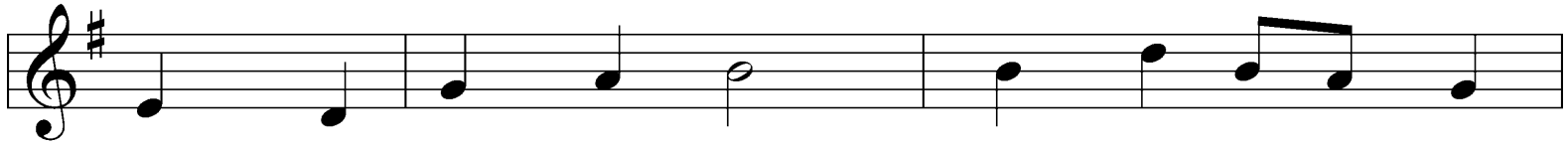
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn 'All for Christ I Have Forsaken'

LSB 753



1 All for Christ I have for - sak - en And have  
2 Who is sweet - er than Christ Je - sus? No good  
3 Gone the past, un - known the fu - ture— Grace sup -  
4 When God takes me home to heav - en, Should this  
5 Though the road a - head be thorn - y, Though dark



tak - en up my cross; World - ly joy, its  
thing in Him I lack! Hand to plow, at  
plies my dai - ly breath; Strong in Christ through  
be the day I die, God will keep my  
clouds all light ob - scure, Though my cross - shaped



fame and for - tune, Now I count as worth-less dross.  
peace I fol - low Where He leads me . . . why look back?  
death's dark val - ley, Firm and faith - ful un - to death.  
spouse and chil - dren As the ap - ple of His eye.  
path grows steep - er, With the Lord, I am se - cure.

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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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Plate Mission for May** is designated to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month is designated for Missions, but you are welcome to leave a donation anytime in the offering plate.

**LWML:** We will have the May LWML meeting today after church. We will be looking at some of the Mission Grants the delegates at the National LWML Convention will be voting on in June. All women are invited to this meeting to see how many areas and projects our National Lutheran Women in Missions help in the world.

**Sunday School:** “The Living Wonder” is the title of this week’s Bible lesson. After mocking and beating Jesus, the Roman guards take Him to be crucified. As Jesus hangs on the cross, the crowds continue to hurl insults. As Jesus gives up His life, the curtain of the temple splits from top to bottom. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus see Joseph of Arimathea lay Jesus’ body in the tomb. When the two Marys and Salome come to the tomb on Sunday morning, they find it empty except for a young man in white, who tells them Jesus has risen from the dead.

**Stewardship:** *John 10:16 – “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.”* On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

**A Life Quote:** “By the washing of water, John made God’s divine intentions clear. Jesus was our brother indeed, on a heavenly mission to rescue and purify us from all sin. Dear Lord, keep us patient as we wait for You. Amen.” *Rev. Paul Koelpin, Martin Luther College ~ A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for May 11th:** Hear "How to Be Happy" based on John 15:11 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control. ~ 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:** The Good Shepherd means for His whole flock to walk through death’s shadow (Psalm 23:4), not to lie down or leave one another there. Abandoning embryos, elders, or any other neighbor to abortion or assisted suicide amounts to devilish thievery (John 10:12-13). When our voices rise and our hands reach to bind up the injured and strengthen the weak (Ezekiel 34:16), then we know real goodness and mercy (Psalm 23:6).

**SANCTIFYING YOUR YARD WORK WITH THE WORD OF GOD...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: The Office of the Papacy in the Lutheran Confessions, The Easter Hymn “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done,” The TV Series “Adolescence,” Women in the Military and more.

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at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org):** On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) we are continuing our study of Israel's history as we enter the book of 1 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at chapters 2-6. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we study the book of beginnings! This week, we'll discuss chapters 14-18. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (5/10 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters! Pastor Finnern will address the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys. What are some common misconceptions surrounding both of these?



## MAY 2025

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

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

April 27, 2025

Attendance 48

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

Today	8:00am	Elder Meeting
	9:00am	Misericordias Domini (Third Sunday of Easter) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Plate Missions: Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca Greeter: Routier Usher: Tim B. Servers: Jean N. & Melissa M. Acolyte/Crucifer: Elsie & Sophia Elder: Steve H.
	10:30am	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:30am	LWML
	11:30am	Board of Education
Thursday	11:00am	Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	Jubilate (Fourth Sunday of Easter) Greeter: K. Schultz Usher: Lucas B. Servers: Amber B. & Melissa M. Acolyte/Crucifer: Thatcher & Alivia Elder: Joel M. No Sunday School