

# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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# Matins

## Prayer Before Worship

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

## Opening Hymn

## “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

LSB 851



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, “You have done it all to Me.”  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

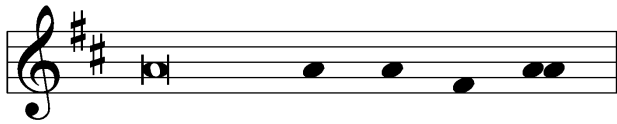


and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?  
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

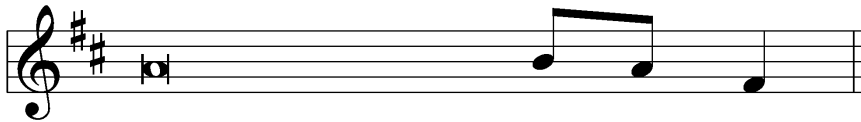
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## Opening Versicles

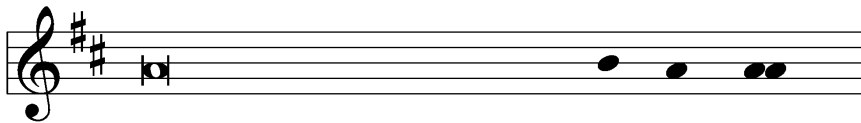
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



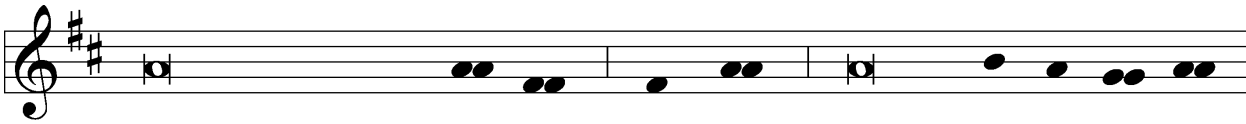
**C** Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

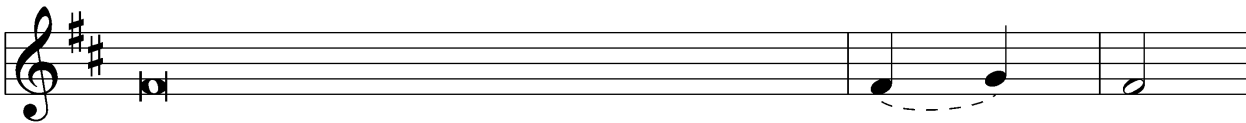


**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.

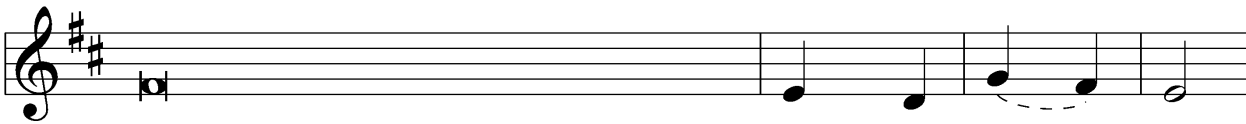


**C** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

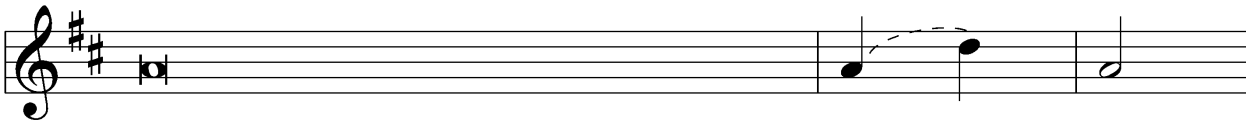
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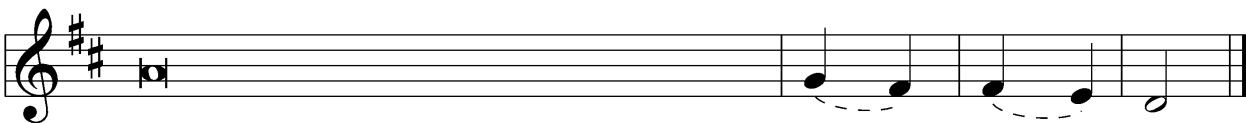
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
  
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



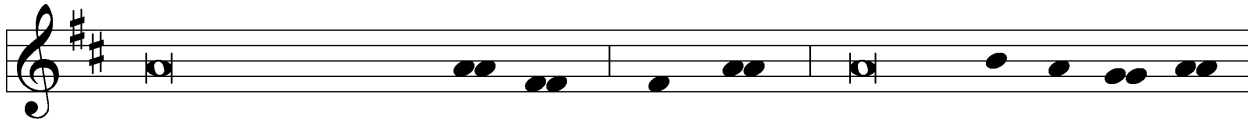
1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a-bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
  
5 and to the . . . . . Ho-ly Spir-it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be-gin-ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al-so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak-er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## Psalm 103:1-13

- <sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!
- <sup>2</sup>**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***  
**and forget not all his | benefits,**
- <sup>3</sup>who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*  
who heals all your dis- | eases,
- <sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life | from the pit,\***  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,**
- <sup>5</sup>who satisfies | you with good\*  
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD works | righteousness\*  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.**
- <sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to | Moses,\*  
his acts to the people of | Israel.
- <sup>8</sup>**The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\***  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**
- <sup>9</sup>He will not | always chide,\*  
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.
- <sup>10</sup>**He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\***  
**nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.**
- <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;
- <sup>12</sup>**as far as the east is | from the west,\***  
**so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.**
- <sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his | children,\*  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.
- 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.**

Office Hymn

“Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

LSB 865



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -  
 2 Help us Your ho - ly Law to learn, To mourn our  
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed  
 4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and



chism's\_\_\_\_ doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the  
 sin and from it turn In faith to You and  
 help from day to day That as Your chil - dren  
 lift us up, we pray; And through the Sac - ra -



Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.  
 to Your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.  
 we may live, Whom You bap - tized and so re - ceived.  
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3-15

**L** A reading from Genesis, chapter 45.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see,

that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42*

**L** A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15.

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . .

<sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

<sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** A reading from Luke, chapter 6.

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

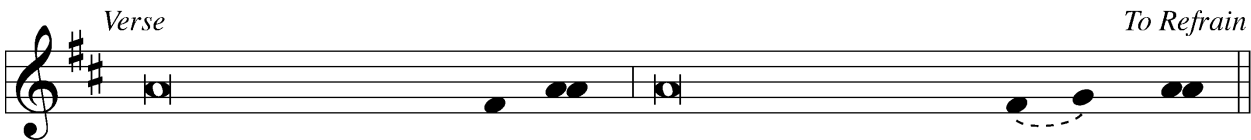
<sup>37</sup>“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Common Responsory**

*LSB 221*



**L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.  
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



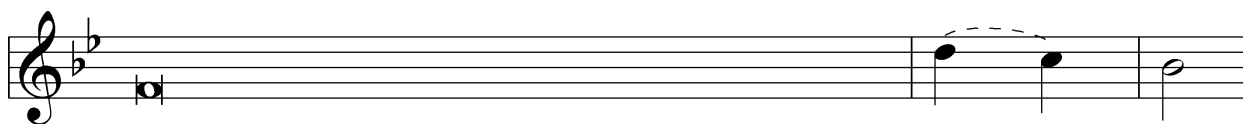
**C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

**Sermon**

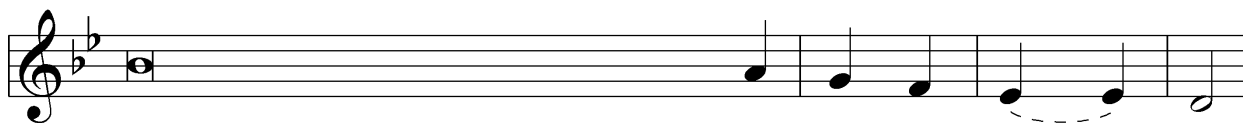
**“Scripture Fulfilled Today ”**

*Luke 4:16-30*

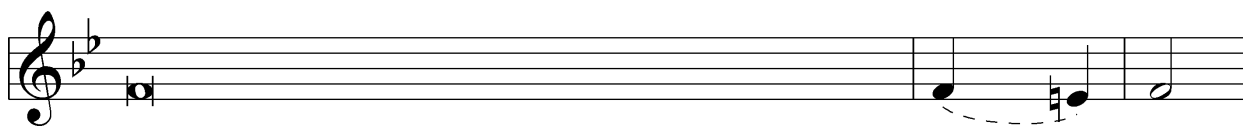




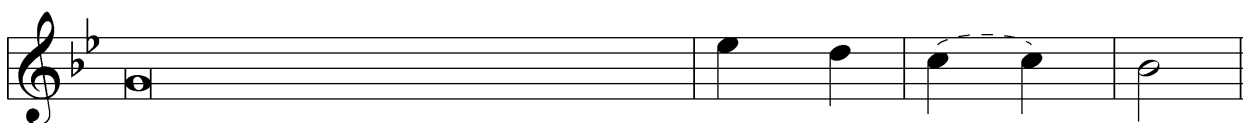
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;
- 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
- 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

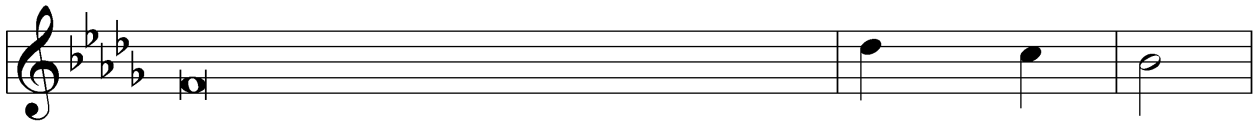


- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
- 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.
- 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
- 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;

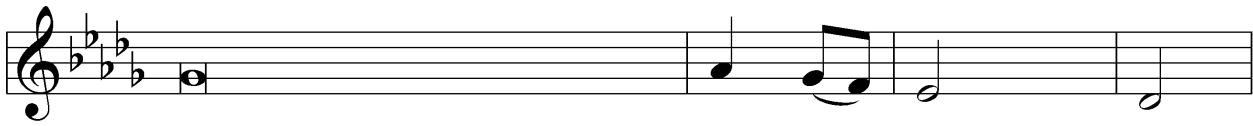


- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
- 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.
- 3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
- 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.

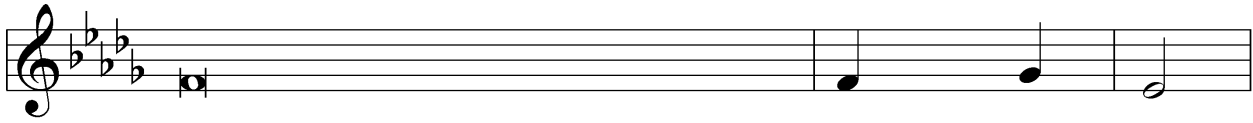
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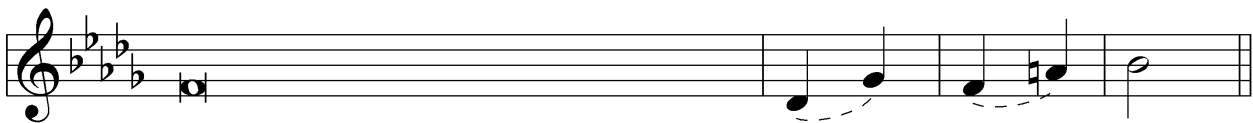
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



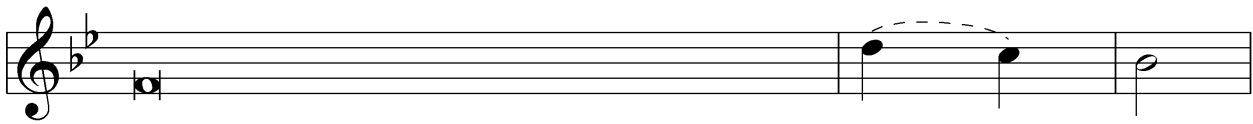
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



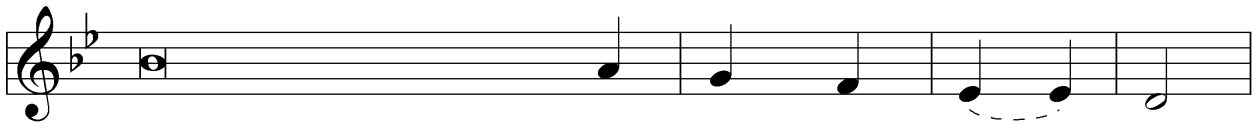
5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



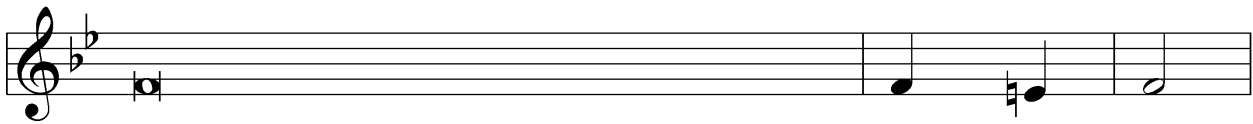
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



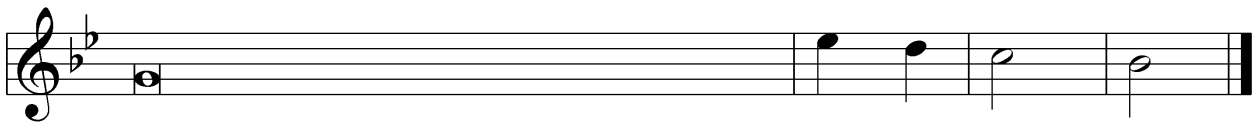
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

## Offering and Prayer

### Kyrie

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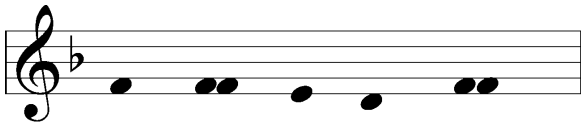
**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### Lord's Prayer

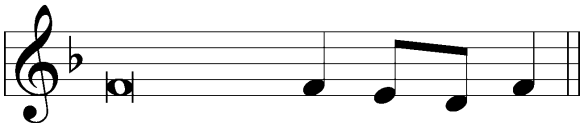
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Collects



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

### Prayer of the Church

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

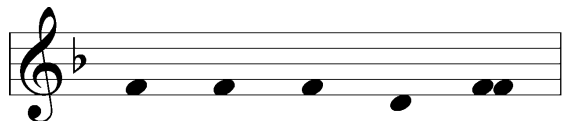
**C** Lord, have mercy. . . .

## Collect of the Day

### Collect for Grace

## Benedicamus

*LSB 228*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 228*



**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**G** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

## “On What Has Now Been Sown”

LSB 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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## Events This Week

**Today:** Worship at OSLC, 9am  
**Today:** Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am  
**Monday:** Comforters, 1pm  
**Wednesday:** Chapel at St. Paul, Woodworth, 8:30am  
**Wednesday:** *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation, 4:30pm  
**Saturday:** Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

## Those Serving at OSLC

	<b>2/23/25</b>	<b>3/2/25</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Rich Rieches	Neil Rieches
<b>Organist</b>	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhals
<b>Radio Monitors</b>	Justin and Brenna Schroeder	Rich and Charlene Rieches
<b>Sound Board</b>	Kendra Morts	Patrick Teig
<b>Greeters</b>	Dean and Laurie Lingley	Pastor and Renee Minton
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ellie Schwartz	Ruth Harms
<b>Head Usher</b>	Elders	Marvin Wright
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens

## Announcements

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is quickly approaching. If you saved your palm branches from last year, please return them by March 2 to be made into ashes for this year. Ash Wednesday service is March 5 at 7pm.

**THANK YOU!** The Family of Roger Reed wishes to thank our church family for everything they did to make his funeral so special! The cards, memorials, food, decorations, and kind words did not go unnoticed. We rejoice in knowing that we will meet again someday.

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES SUNDAY** will be March 9<sup>th</sup> at St. John's in Buckley, IL. Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler will be the guest speaker. The service will begin at 11am. Lunch will be served after the service in the school gym. The free will offering will be given to LHM. Please let Pastor know by March 2 if you plan to attend the lunch. Come and learn more about the mission of Lutheran Hour Ministries – Together. One family. Connected in Christ.

**PRAIRIEVIEW ANNUAL MEETING** is today, Sunday, February 23 at 2pm. Meeting will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Clifton, IL. All are invited to attend as we look back at 2024.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** in Buckley is hosting a special Lutheran Hour Ministries service on Sunday, March 9 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Ziegler preaching. There will be a special joint/combined choir for this service. We will be singing an SAB arrangement of "Lamb of God." Music will be provided for anyone interested. Practices will be held at St. John's in Buckley at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 9. If you would like to attend an additional practice, you are welcome to come practice also on Wednesdays, February 19 & 26 at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Rebekah Sanders via call or text at 217-840-0660.

**BABY BOTTLE COIN DONATIONS:** The month of January is Life Month. With that, we collected coins (and bills) in baby bottles. Thank you to all that took a baby bottle home and filled it with money. We collected \$205 to be given to the Women's Care Clinic in Danville to continue to assist them in caring for women (and men) faced with an unexpected pregnancy.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will continue in the study of the Minor Prophets. Today we will be studying Jonah. We have plenty of room and the coffee is free! This is also a great opportunity to get to know your pastor as bible class is the place to chat and laugh.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL** of Woodworth is holding informational parent meetings for prekindergarten and kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Parents interested in the 3 year-old program will meet at 6:00 and parents interested in the 4 year-old program will meet at 7:00 pm. Parents interested in kindergarten will meet at 6:30. Class sizes are limited. Applications will be accepted following the meetings. A copy of your child's certified birth certificate and a non-refundable \$35 application/material fee will be required with the application. All classrooms will be open and all teachers available from 6 -7 pm. For more information contact the school at 815-889-4209 or [office@stpaulspk8.org](mailto:office@stpaulspk8.org).

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

## **Prayer List**

### **Those celebrating a birthday:**

Linda Buhrmester	Today
Keith Catron	Today
Ruth Harms	Today
Bonnie Hines	Today
Larry Tobeck	Monday
Julie Towers	Monday
Mary Bushong	Wednesday
Trace Schwartz	Friday

### **Those celebrating an anniversary:**

Steve and Connie Langellier	Leap Day (1 year)
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### **Those suffering from cancer:**

Linda Buhrmester  
John Lee  
Nancy Tobeck  
Connie Bruns, organist at Calvary  
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens  
Kim Cann, friend of Becky Bridge  
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder  
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm  
Hugo Hasz, brother of Dorothy Knake  
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles  
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner  
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner  
Becky Lehmann, cousin of Bob Storm  
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

### **Those requesting your prayers:**

Phil Raddatz, heart surgery  
Those recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton  
Those recovering from the wildfires in California



## **Homebound Members**

Dianne Estes  
Delmer Henrichs  
Arlene Hines  
Dorothy Knake  
Joann Sloan  
Brenda St. Peter

**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

### ***Armed Forces***

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy  
Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army  
Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves  
Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard  
Kaleb Waldbeser - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

### ***Law Enforcement***

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

**Central Illinois District Congregations:** St. John in Pekin and Daniel Bishop her pastor.

**Iroquois Circuit Congregations:** Calvary in Watseka and Aaron Uphoff her pastor.

### **Those studying at the Seminary:**

Vicar Simon Niemtschk, St. Paul in Carroll, IA  
Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN.

### **Those serving in the Mission Field:**

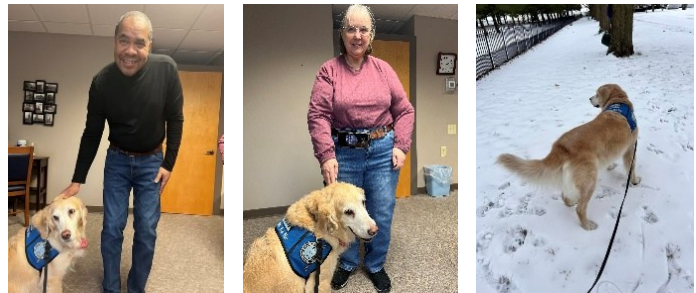
Rev. Samuel Bobby, his wife Erica, and sons Judah, August, Benjamin, Simon, and Pax, our adopted international missionary, currently serving in Latvia. Rev. Bobby teaches at The Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.



# Moments with Mahlah

*For the Week of February 16, 2025*

Mahlah began this week as a continuation of last week, by paying a Valentine's Day visit to first responders with Brandon Legan as her handler. On Saturday she and handler Diane Costello visited the Lafayette Chapter of the national Federation of the Blind. On Sunday she stayed close to home, but took a walk in the winter wonderland.



Tuesday brought a very nice visit to the Gilman Nursing Home, with Pastor Doug Minton as handler and Renee Minton as Ministry Partner.



At this writing Mahlah was scheduled to visit Goldwater Care, Holly Brook, and the Gibson City Hospital Annex, all in Gibson City on Wednesday, with Dean and Jayne Henrich as handlers. On Thursday she was scheduled for a grooming visit.

Remember to email Mahlah at [Mahlah@K9Comfort.org](mailto:Mahlah@K9Comfort.org) if you know of an individual or organization that would benefit from a visit. Thanks for your continued support as we seek to bring the compassion, mercy, presence, and proclamation of Jesus to all.