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Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

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 Tune: William M. Runyan, 1870-1957
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Opening Versicles

LSB 219

L O Lord, o - pen my lips,

C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

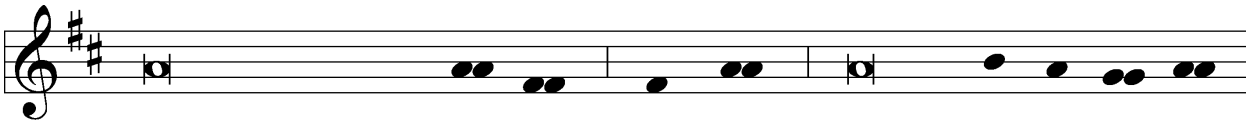
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

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, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.



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



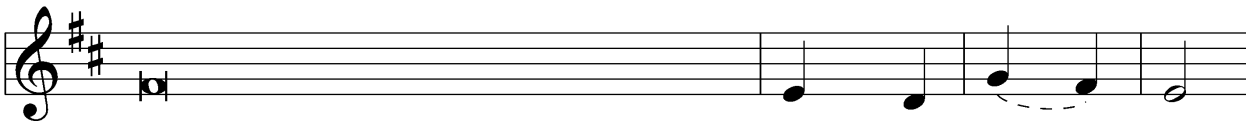
C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

Venite



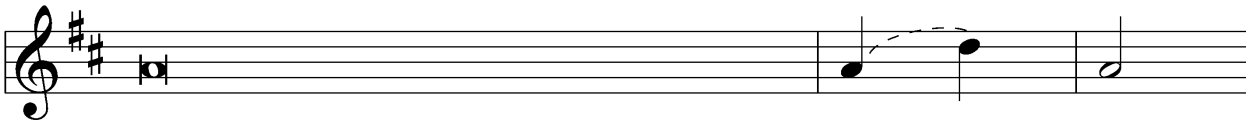
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

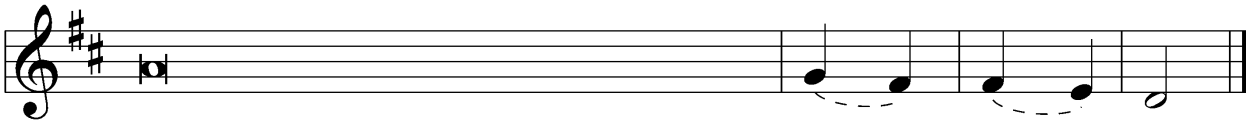


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

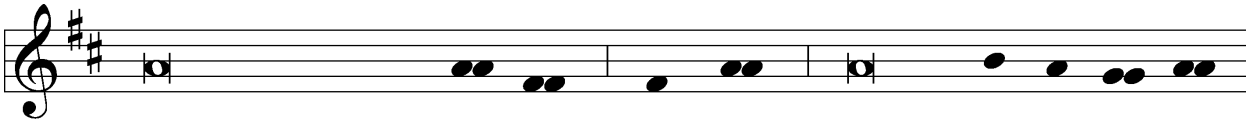
5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



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 85

- ¹LORD, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
- ²**You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.**
- ³You withdrew | all your wrath;*
you turned from your hot | anger.
- ⁴**Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,*
and put away your indignation | toward us!**
- ⁵Will you be angry with us for- | ever?*
- Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?
- ⁶**Will you not revive | us again,*
that your people may re- | joice in you?**
- ⁷Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.
- ⁸**Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to | folly.**
- ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.
- ¹⁰**Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;*
righteousness and peace kiss each | other.**
- ¹¹Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
- ¹²**Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.**
- ¹³Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.
- 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

"Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"

LSB 421



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, "Christ for me was
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 wound - ed," That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691-1758

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L A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 33.

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 10.

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

L A reading from Luke, chapter 13.

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

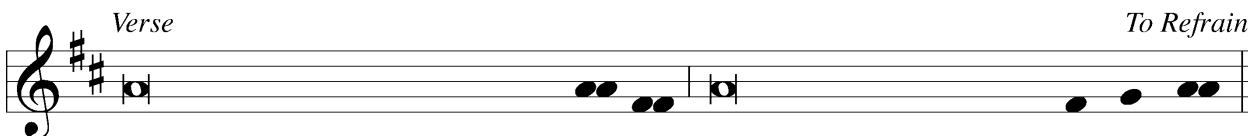
⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

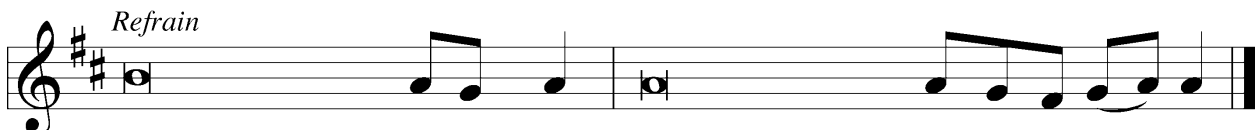
C Thanks be to God.

Common Responory

LSB 221



- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
 2 Blessed is he whose
 transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.
 3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



Refrain

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered
for the sins of the people.

Sermon

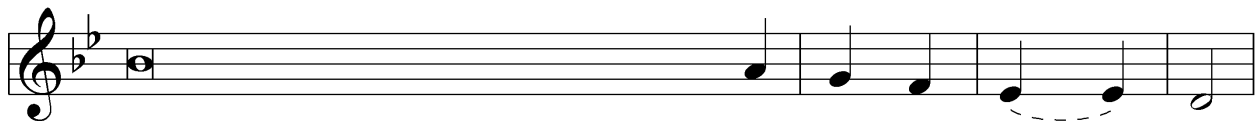
“God is Faithful ”
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Te Deum

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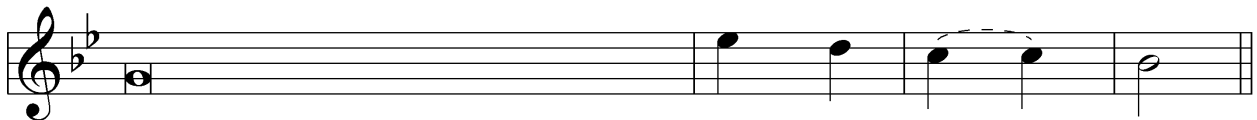
C 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



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:

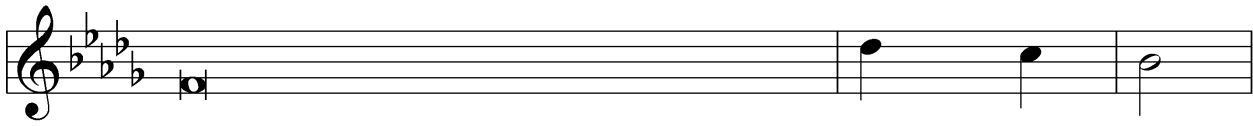


1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;

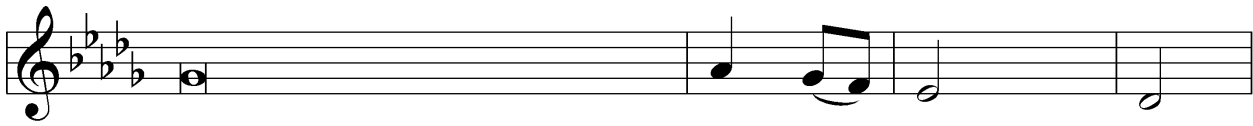


1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.

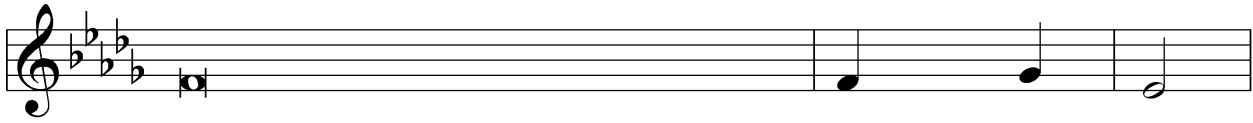
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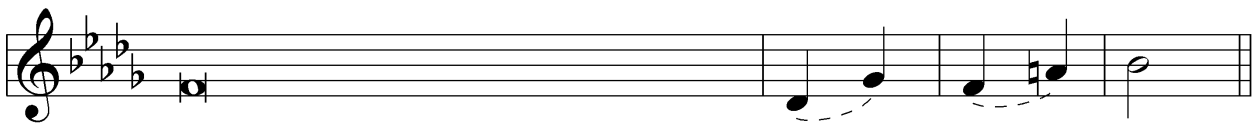
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



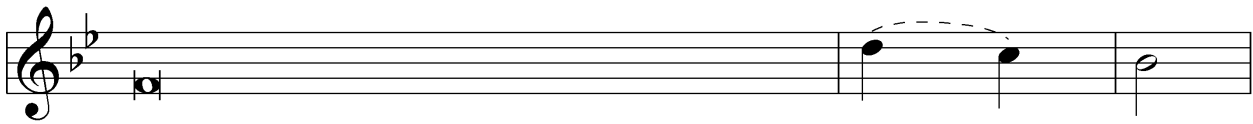
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



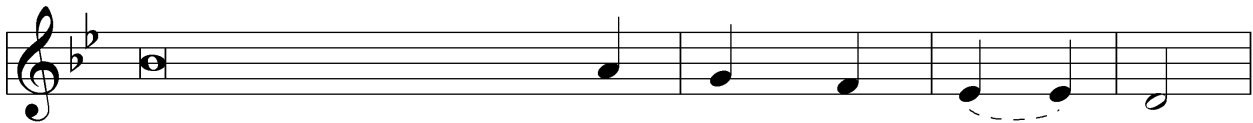
5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



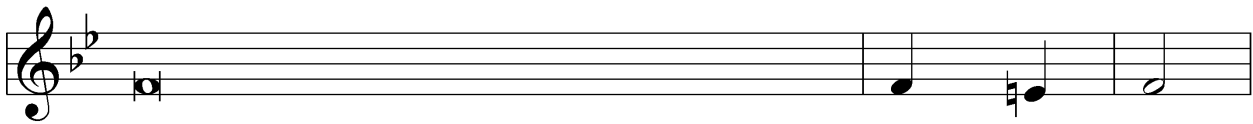
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



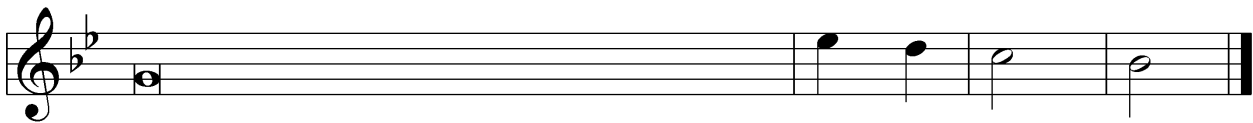
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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

LSB 227



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:

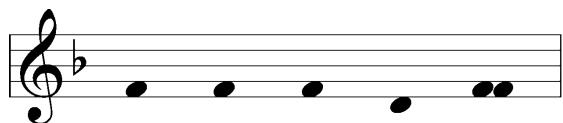
C Lord, have mercy. . . .

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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB 918



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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Events This Week

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am
Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am
Monday: Comforters, 1pm
Wednesday: *Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline, 10am*
Wednesday: Confirmation, 4:30pm
Wednesday: Lent Meal, 5:45pm; Hymn Sing, 6:45pm
Wednesday: Lent Service, 7pm
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	3/23/25	3/26/25	3/30/25
Elder	Jim Winder	Jim Winder	Neil Rieches
Organist	Theta Lee	Theta Lee	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Linda Buhrmester Deb Wright		Chris Schroeder Marilyn Reeves
Sound Board	Patty Bruens	Patty Bruens	Patty Bruens
Greeters	Julie Towers		Bob and Chris Rieches
Acolyte	Ruth Harms	Ruth Harms	Ruth Harms
Head Usher	Marvin Wright	Marvin Wright	Marvin Wright
Altar Guild	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens

Announcements

LENT MEALS and FELLOWSHIP continue Wednesday, starting at 5:45pm. This week we will serve meatballs, mac-n-cheese, and salad. Our **free will donation** will benefit the **Radio Ministry**. Each week, our service can be heard live WHPO 100.9 and WIQI 95.9. Radio Sponsorships are also available. If you have a special day you would like recognized, you can sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast. The cost for us to broadcast our service each week is \$150. Radio sponsorship donation is \$75 or more. Give date sponsoring and donation to Renee for a service anytime throughout the year. Thank you for your support.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will be meeting on Sunday, March 30 from 3:00-5:00pm at Crossroads Youth Center in downtown Milford. Join us for food, fellowship and fun! Bring a friend...or 2! Please bring \$5 for pizza. RSVP to Jan or Brenna by Friday, March 28. Hope to see you all there!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April – June are available in the Narthex. Pick up your copy today and grab one for a friend or family member that may need a spiritual lift.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS will continue in the study of the Minor Prophets. Today we will be studying Zephaniah and Haggai. We have plenty of room and the coffee is free!

ATTENTION LWML MEMBERS: The 80th annual LWML Central Illinois District Convention will be held on Saturday, April 26 at Zion Lutheran School in Lincoln, IL. Please mark your calendars and check the bulletin board in the narthex for more details. Registration forms must be returned no later than April 10. Among other business, a proposal for the distribution of mites will be presented.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will start up again on April 10 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are trying something new! We will meet once a month on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We will study "Golden Fruit." This is a study on living the fruit of the Spirit through the best times of your life. Each of the lessons will focus on one fruit of the Spirit as we study different biblical ladies of the bible and how they convey that characteristic. Please let Renee know that you are able to join by Sunday, April 6 in order to have printouts. If you can't make each session, no worries, join us when you can!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Confirmation Questioning	April 6
Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday	April 13
Maundy Thursday/First Communion	April 17
Good Friday	April 18
Easter Sunday	April 20

Sunrise Divine Service 6:30am

Easter Breakfast 7:45am.

In the next couple weeks, we will be asking for donations of fruit, pastries, milk, and juice so start thinking about that now.

Easter Divine Service 9am.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: In 2024, OSLC received \$1371 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. Thank you to all that have directed Thrivent Choice Dollars to OSLC! If you haven't directed your Choice Dollars from 2024, you still have time. Direct Choice Dollars by March 31, 2025.

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:

Ethel Lucht Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Mathew and Jessica Lange Saturday (17 years)

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester

John Lee

Nancy Tobeck

Joey, radio listener

Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens

Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder

Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm

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:

Bob Hastings, health issues

Gordon Anderson, brother of Norm Anderson, heart surgery

Those recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton

Those recovering from the wildfires in California

Those who mourn:

Family and friends of Leota Barnett, sister in law of Sandy Stuckwisch, given Christian burial this past week.

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: Christ the King in East Moline and Pablo Dominguez.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: Good Shepherd in Hoopston and Immanuel in Idaville and Doug Minton their vacancy 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 March 16, 2025

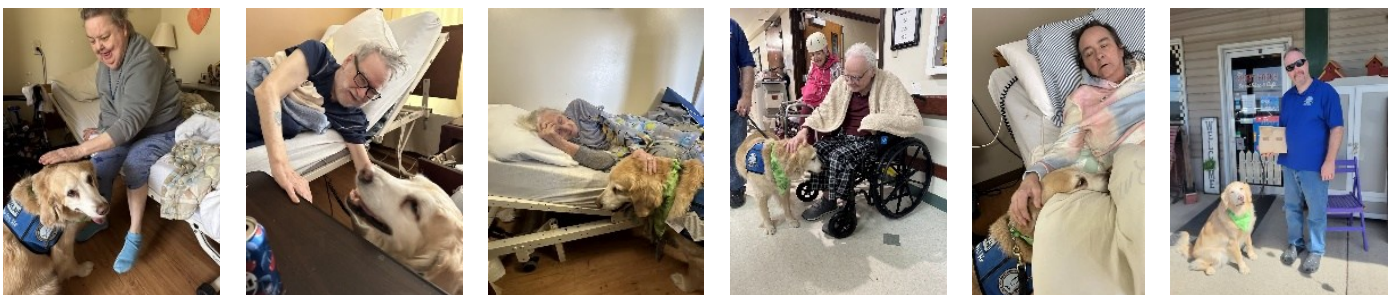
Mahlah was busy being a greeter at OSLC on Sunday, with Sheila Selk as her handler. Lots of people of all ages took time to stop and say good morning.



On Monday Mahlah visited a Lunch and Learn Session in Lafayette co-sponsored by the National Federation for the Blind. She visited with new friends, including leader dog Hemi, and learned more about the training that such dogs receive. Handler Diane Costello also shared information with the group about the training and work of the comfort dog ministry.



Tuesday brought a pleasant visit at the Gilman Nursing Home, with Pastor Doug Minton as handler and Renee Minton as ministry partner. Sunshine made everyone happy.



At this writing Mahlah was scheduled to make her regular monthly visit to the South Newton Elementary School on Wednesday with Diane Costello as handler, and then to have a great grooming session on Thursday with Jayne Henrichs as handler.

Remember to email Mahlah at 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.

