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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

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

LSB 704



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You

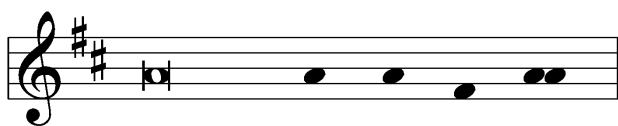


light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

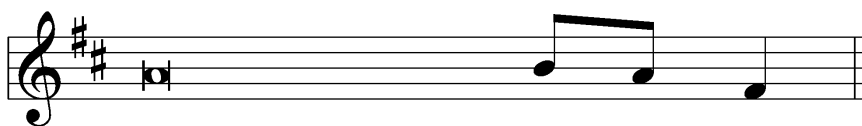
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Opening Versicles

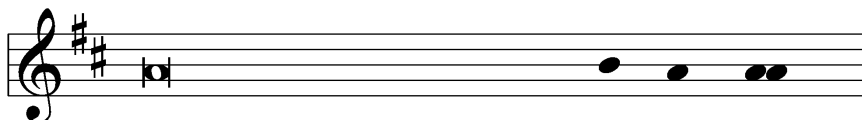
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



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



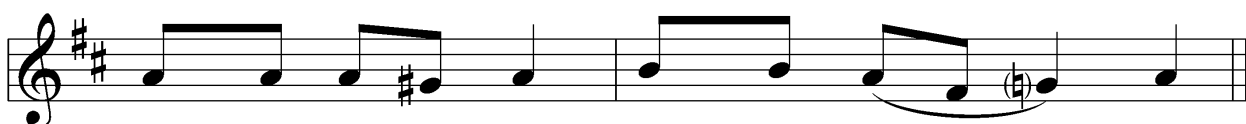
C make haste to help me, O Lord.



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



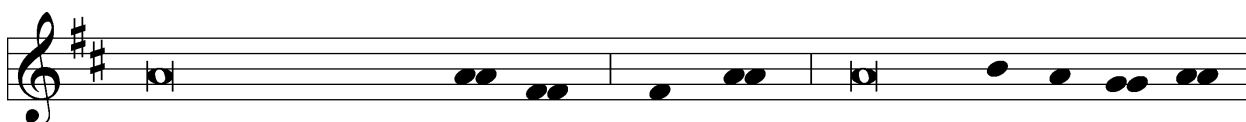
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



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

Psalmody

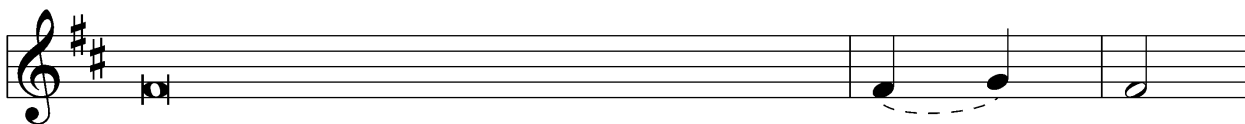
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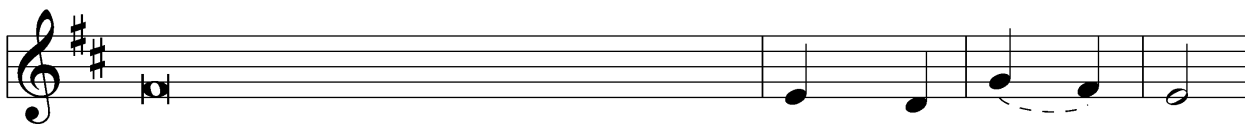
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



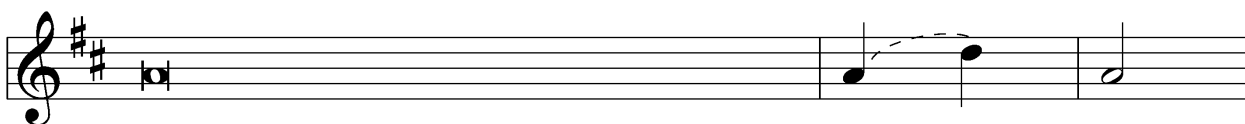
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



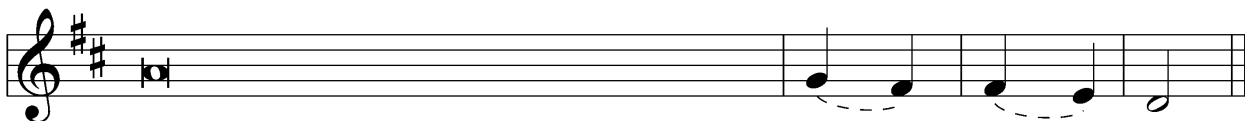
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



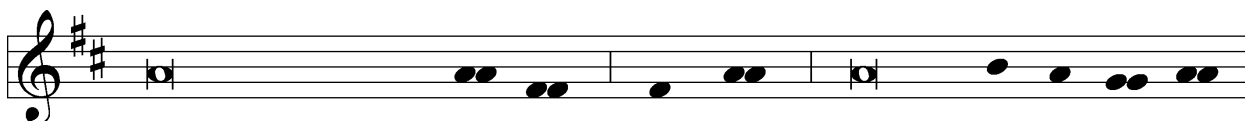
- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 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 146

¹Praise | the LORD!*

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;***

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

³Put not your trust in | princes,*

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

⁴**When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;***

on that very day his plans | perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*

whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,***

who keeps faith for- | ever;

⁷who executes justice for | the oppressed,*

who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.*

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the | righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,*

but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

¹⁰**The LORD will reign for- | ever,***

your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!

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, Thee I Love With All My Heart"

LSB 708



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
 peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
 O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

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Old Testament Reading

Amos 6:1-7

L A reading from Amos, chapter 6.

- ¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!
²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.
Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,
³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?
⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
⁶who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 3:1-13

L A reading from 1 Timothy, chapter 3.

¹The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. ²Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. ⁴He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, ⁵for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? ⁶He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

⁸Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. ⁹They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. ¹⁰And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. ¹¹Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. ¹²Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. ¹³For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

L A reading from Luke, chapter 16.

¹⁹[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the

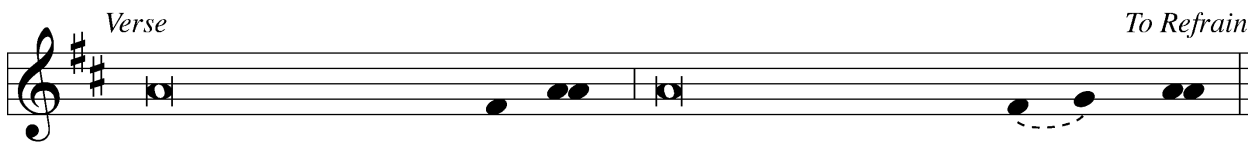
dead, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

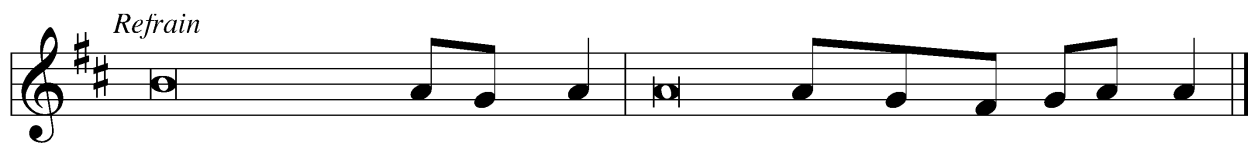
C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsory

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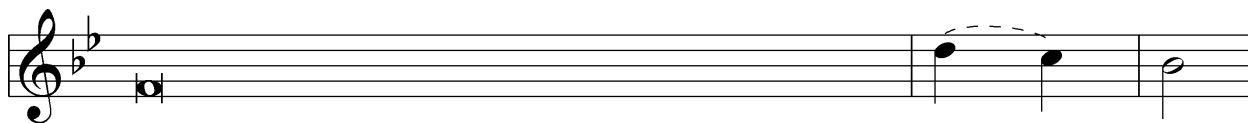
- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
2 Blessed are those
who hear the Word of God and keep it.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



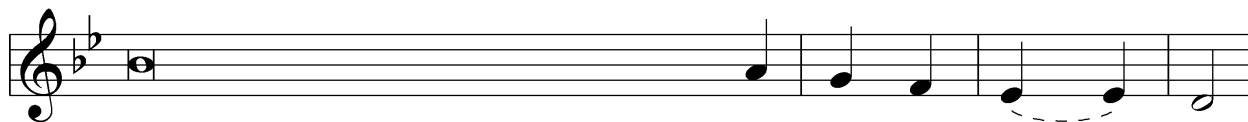
- C** Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sermon

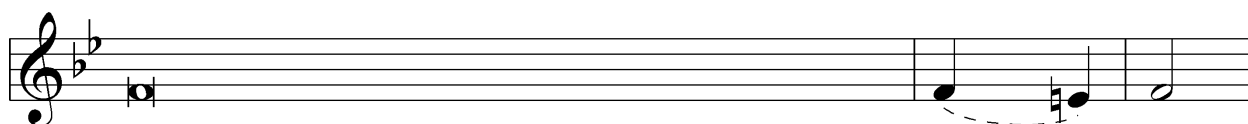
“Reap What You Sow”
Luke 16:19-31



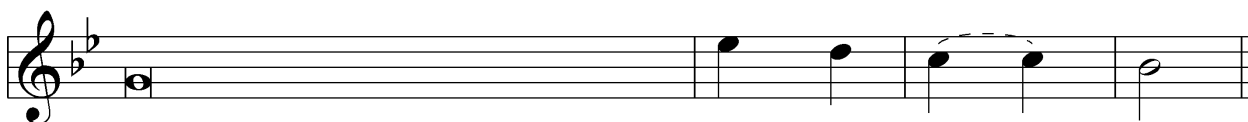
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise—— You.



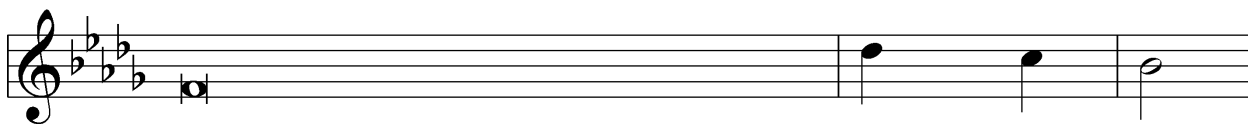
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



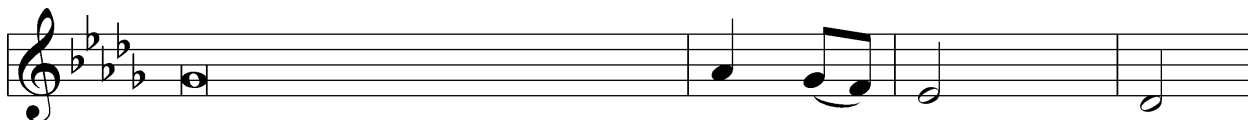
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise—— You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O—— Christ;



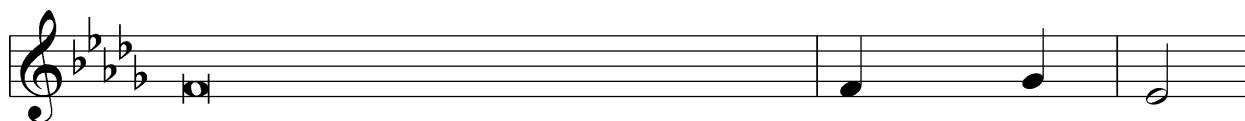
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise—— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



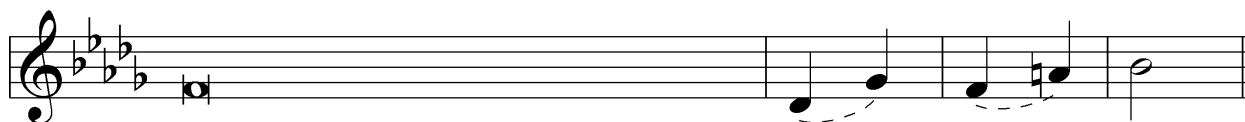
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



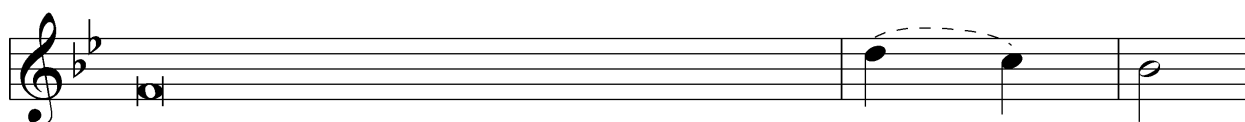
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



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



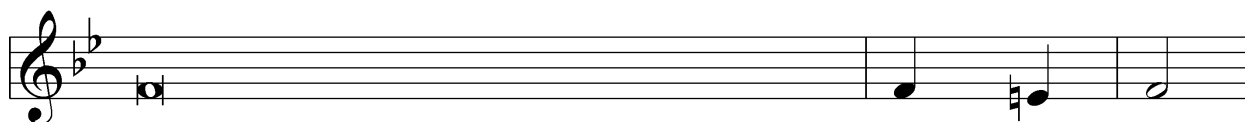
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



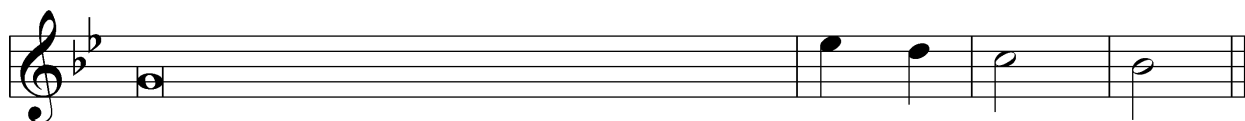
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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



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

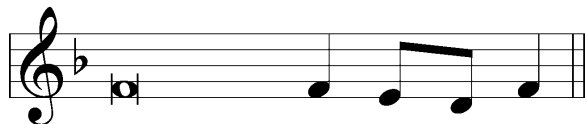
Lord's Prayer

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

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L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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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.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn

"Praise the Almighty

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1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,
 Δ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and
 grave en - gulf its prey. Since mor - tals can no
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Events This Week

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am; Christian Education, 10:15am

Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am

Wednesday: Bible Class, 10am

Wednesday: *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*

Wednesday: Confirmation, 3:15pm

Wednesday: Fellowship Meal, 6pm

Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	9/28/25	10/5/25
Elder	Neil Rieches	Rich Rieches
Organist	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhals
Radio Monitors	Linda Buhrmester Deb Wright	Neil and Courtney Rieches
Sound Board	Patty Bruens	Dean Lingley
Greeters	Gene and Marilyn Reeves	Landon and Megan Reutter
Acolyte	Hailey Schwartz	Avery Schroeder
Head Usher	Neil Rieches	Doug Benner
Altar Guild	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder	Marilyn Reeves Chris Schroeder

Announcements

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL is Wednesday, October 1 at 6pm. We will have a Baked Potato Bar and desserts. Talk to Renee if you can bring a topping for the potatoes or a dessert. We will also have some Bible Trivia. If you haven't attended yet, plan now to join us!

THANK YOU to our Sunday School children for singing in our service today. We enjoy hearing the young voices in our congregation! Thank you for your hard work learning music in these first few weeks of class.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION today following service. The Sunday School Children will learn about The Rich Man and Lazarus. The Adult Bible Class will finish the Third Commandment in Luther's Large Catechism. This is a great opportunity to learn (or refresh your memory) what we believe as Lutherans.

AS WE GATHER after service for coffee, juice, and a snack, please consider providing a treat for our fellowship time. Treats can be sweet, savory, and/or nutritious and they can be homemade or store bought. Apple and orange juice are favorites. All treats are appreciated.

CAMP CILCA EVENT: The Grueling, Rugged, Intense Trail Run (G.R.I.T. Run) is Saturday, October 4 at 11:30am at Camp CILCA. Run participants ages 6-18 run for \$10, and participants 19+ run for \$30. Find out more and sign up at cilca.org/grit-run or call 217-487-7497 for more information.

2025 HIGHER THINGS RECAP: Our hearts are full as we look back on all who worshipped and learned more about their faith at the All Things New conferences this summer. We had 1,947 Lutherans, 193 churches, 29 new groups, 2 countries, and 32 states.

If you look around your congregation and feel like it's dying (empty pews, fading influence, and more questions than answers) know that the Word endures forever. It's not about numbers or nostalgia, it's about being near to Jesus. Be encouraged that the church is not dying wherever God's word is preached and His sacraments are ritely administered. As Jesus said, "I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) Join us in 2026 at WashU in St Louis June 23-26, or June 30-July 3, or Colorado State in Ft. Collins, CO July 14-17, 2026.

DO YOU SHOP AT BERKOTS IN WATSEKA? They offer a monthly donation/round up program at the checkout which supports various organizations. During the month of September, Berkots and your roundup donation will support Breakthrough T1D - formally JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation). Your donation will help support research, education, events, and programs for those living with Type 1 Diabetes. Thank you for your support of this organization and others offered through Berkots.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE Being a child is a calling. Being a parent is a calling. Being a student is a calling. Being a citizen is a calling. Each so-called occupation is a calling. The role one fills in one's church is a calling. As God crafts each of us in our callings, He places us in the presence of neighbors whom we are to love on His behalf." *Rev. Adam Osier, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota*
– *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* •
lutheransforlife.org

Prayer List

Those celebrating a birthday:

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Donald and Diane Estes Friday (61 years)

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester

John Lee

Ethel Lucht

Nancy Tobeck

Joey, radio listener

Peter Brown, cousin of Dean Lingley

Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder

Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens

Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm

Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles

Kris Hines, daughter in law of Bonita Hines

Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner

Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner

Troy Schaumburg, friend of Connie Langellier

Sue Schreier, friend of Renee Minton

Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Judy Brassard, recovering from surgery

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes

Delmer Henrichs

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: Trinity in Urbana as they continue in the call process.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: St John in Buckley and Kevin Wyckoff her pastor.

Those studying at the Seminary:

Seminarian Simon Niemtschk, Concordia Seminary, St Louis, MO.

Vicar Jacob Bergstedt, Redeemer Lutheran, Gresham, OR.

Those serving in the Mission Field:

Rev. Jordan Andreasen, his wife Alison, and children, Abigail, Bethany, Benjamin, Aaron, and Ethan, our international missionary, currently serving in Romania. Rev. Andreasen works with the Confessional Lutheran Church in Romania and in the surrounding Balkan-Mediterranean subregion.



