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Reformation Day

October 26, 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.

Processional Hymn

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

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1 All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall; One com - mon
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps And us in
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, Flow thoughts and
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came To bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the
dread - ful bond - age keeps; In guilt we draw our
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the
sin and woe and shame, To be our life, our



curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.

6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.
This grace our ev'ry way attend
Until we reach our journey's end.

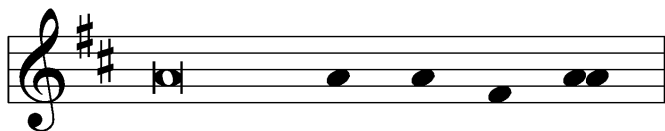
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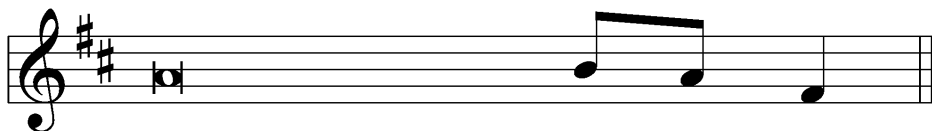
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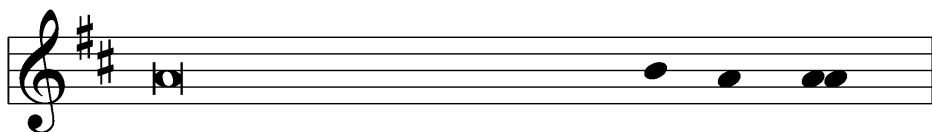
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



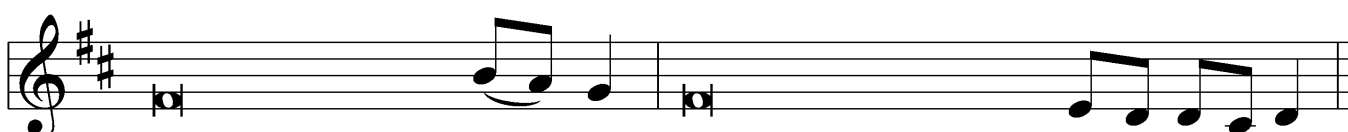
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



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;



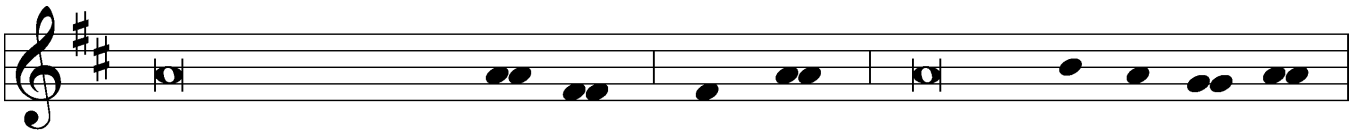
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



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

Psalmody

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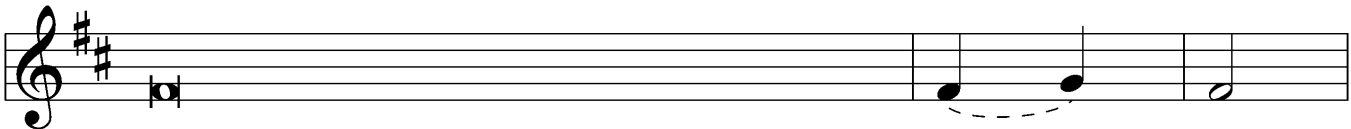
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

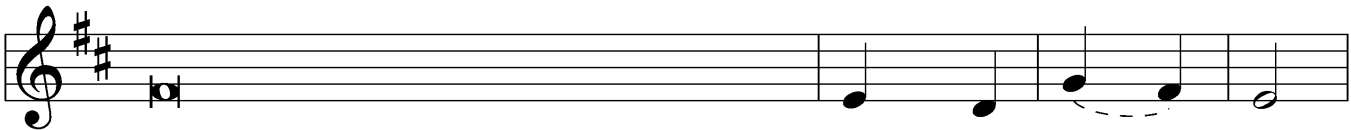
Venite

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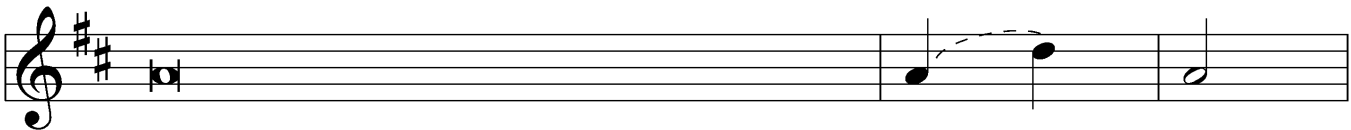
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

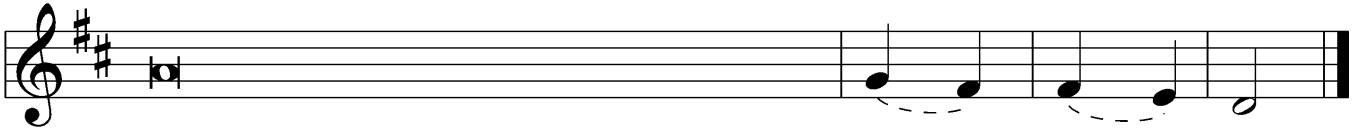


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

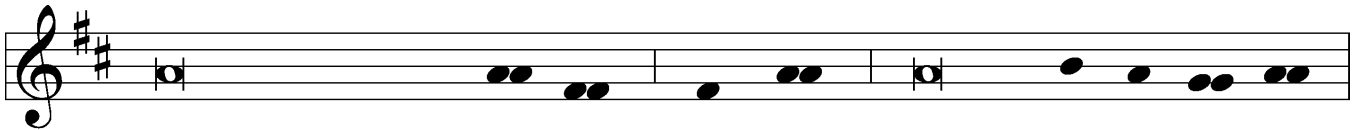
5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



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.

Introit

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

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

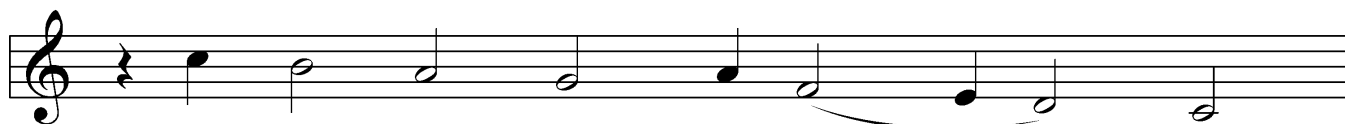
Office Hymn

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

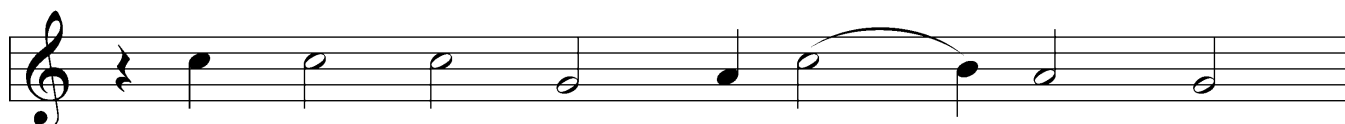
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1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main



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



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



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



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



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

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

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

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Old Testament Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

L A reading from Revelation, chapter 14.

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

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19-28

L A reading from Romans, chapter 3.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

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

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

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

L A reading from John, chapter 8.

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

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

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

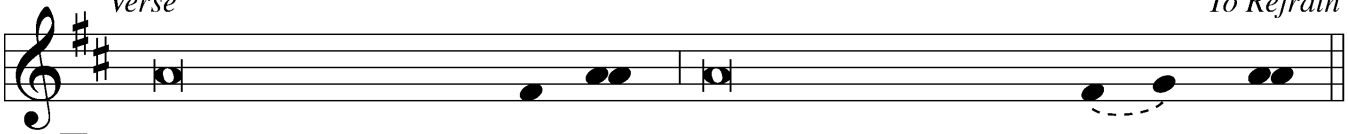
C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsory

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Verse

To Refrain



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.

Refrain

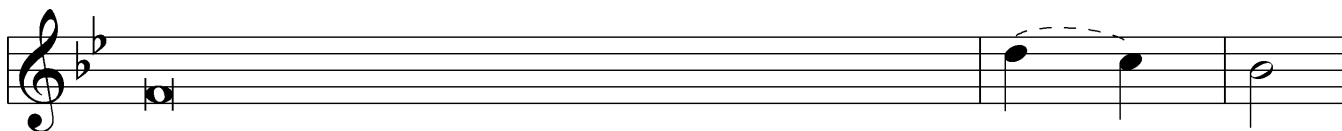


C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

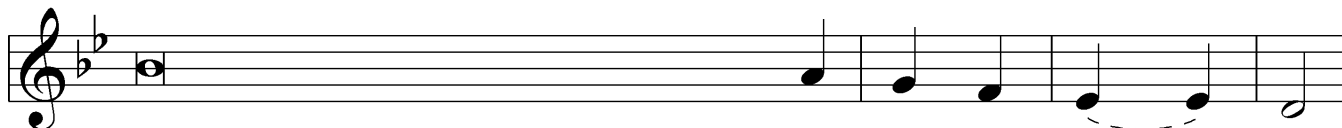
Sermon

“Accountability”

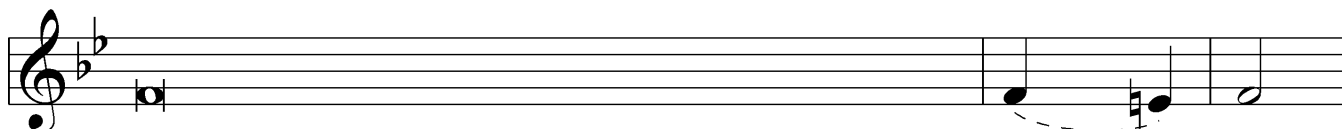
Romans 3:19-26



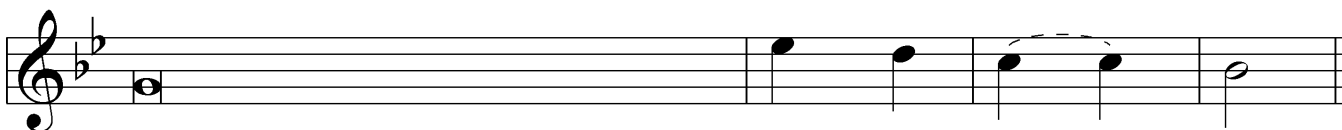
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise—— You.



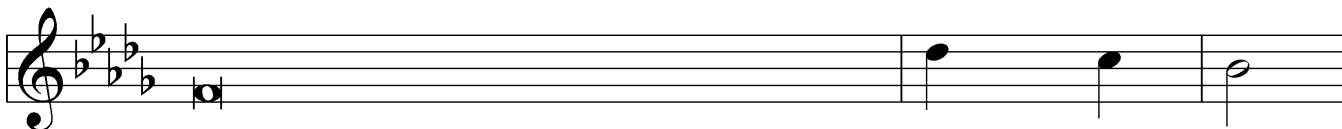
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



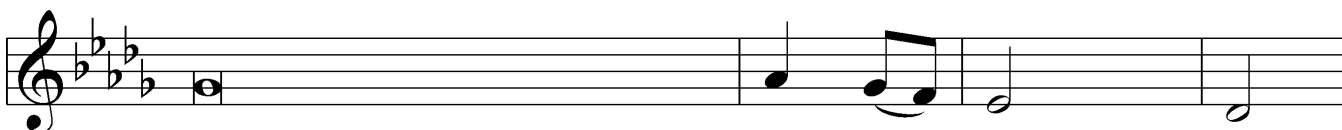
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise—— You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O—— Christ;



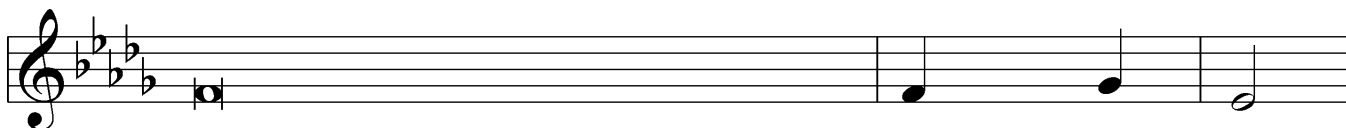
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise—— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



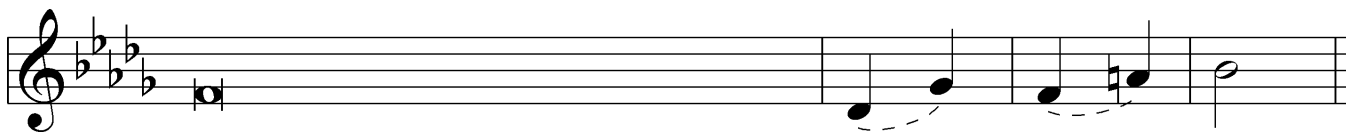
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



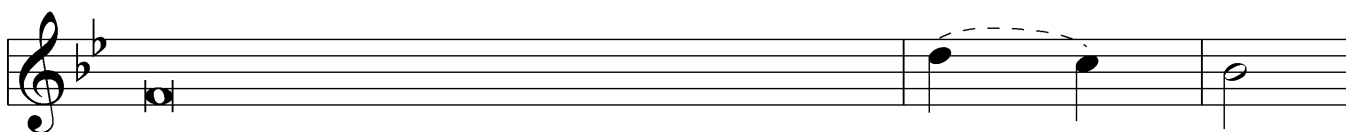
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



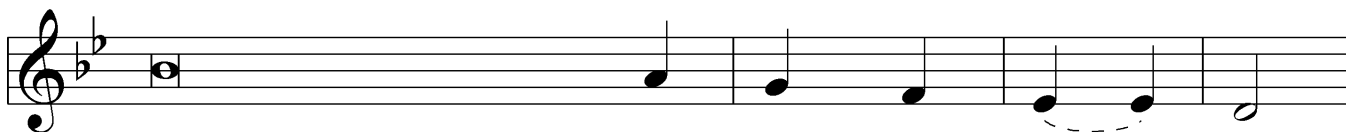
5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



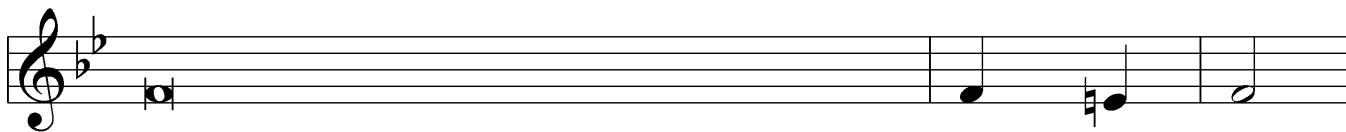
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



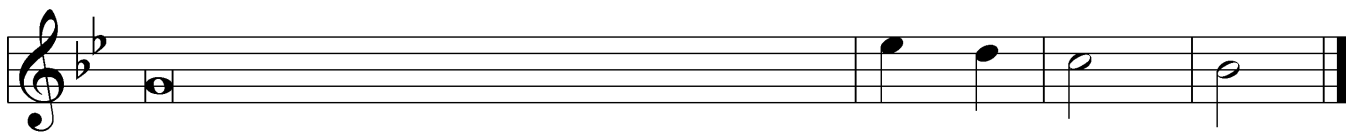
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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.

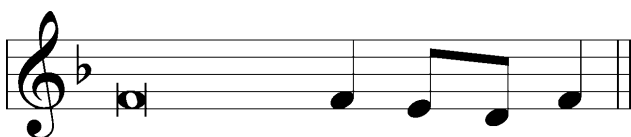
Lord's Prayer

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:

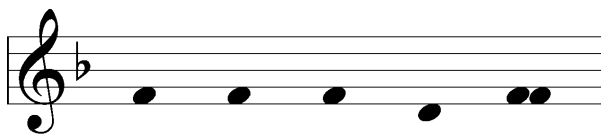
C Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Collect for Grace

Benedicamus

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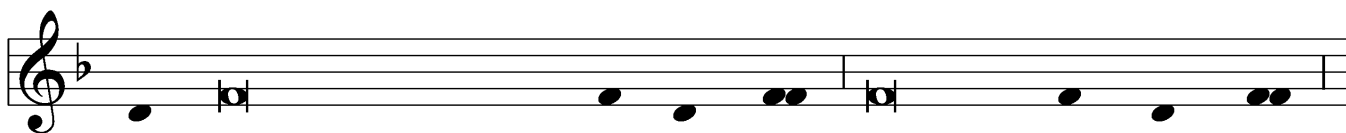
L Let us bless the Lord.



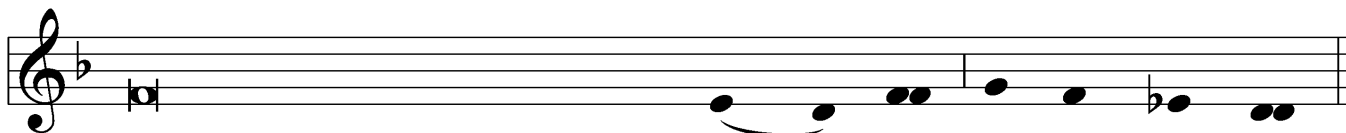
C Thanks be to God.

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.

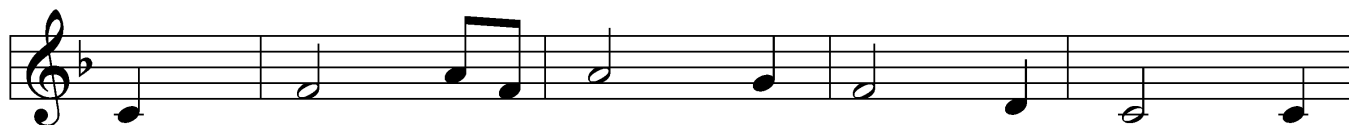


C A - men.

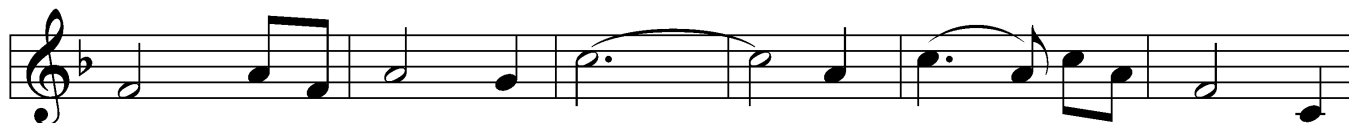
Recessional Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

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1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Events This Week

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am; Christian Education, 10:15am
Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am
Today: Concordia, Chicago Kapelle Concert, Calvary, Watseka, 6pm
Monday: Comforters, 1pm
Wednesday: Chapel at St. John, Buckley, 8am
Wednesday: Bible Study, 10am; *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Wednesday: Confirmation, 3:15pm
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	10/26/25	11/2/25
Elder	Jim Winder	Rich Rieches
Organist	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhals
Radio Monitors	Chris Schroeder Marilyn Reeves	Justin and Brenna Schroeder
Sound Board	Dean Lingley	Patrick Teig
Greeters	Pastor and Renee Minton	Phil and Cindy Raddatz
Acolyte	Hailey Schwartz	Avery Schroeder
Head Usher	Doug Benner	Dean Lingley
Altar Guild	Marilyn Reeves Chris Schroeder	Renee and Anna Minton

Announcements

REFORMATION DAY:

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

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

ALL SAINTS’ DAY will be celebrated November 2. We will remember those that have died this past year. If you would like a friend or family member that has died between November 2024 and October 2025 included, please send their name, birth date, baptism date (if known), and death date. Please send that to the church office by October 29, 2025.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION today following service. The Sunday School Children will learn about The Bronze Serpent. The Adult Bible Class will continue our study of the Fourth Commandment in Luther’s Large Catechism. This is a great opportunity to learn (or refresh your memory) what we believe as Lutherans.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: We still have a few boxes for Operation Christmas Child to fill. When you pick up your box, you will also be given list of ideas for items to fill the box. The suggested cost to ship each box is \$10. If you don’t want to pack a box, but still want to donate, this is a great option. We need the filled boxes and money for shipping returned by Sunday, November 2. Talk to Courtney R. with any questions.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL is Wednesday, November 5 at 6pm. We will have meatballs and cheesy potatoes, side dishes, and a dessert. Talk to Renee if you can bring a side dish or a dessert. Our donation this month will be for the Radio Ministry. Have you been brushing up on your Bible Trivia? If you haven’t attended yet, join us!

CONCORDIA CHICAGO KAPELLE CHOIR will give a concert at Calvary, Watseka this afternoon starting at 3pm. The concert is free, but they will take a free will donation to support the choir. This is a great opportunity to hear (and support) one of the many talented choirs at Concordia Chicago.

THE BACK (NORTH) DOOR OF THE CHURCH will be locked during service starting Sunday, November 2. The door will be locked shortly after 9am. If you are running late, you will need to use the front (south) door to enter. Any questions, please talk to Neil R or Patrick T.

CHURCH YARD CLEAN UP is Saturday, November 1 at 8:30. We will be cleaning up the church yard for fall. Please bring any tools/supplies – rakes, chainsaw, leaf blower, etc.

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

Prayer List

Those celebrating a birthday:

Sheila Selk Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Jeff and Gretchen Brown Saturday (28 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

Larry Tobeck, health issues

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: Zion in Danvers and Good Shepherd in Minier and Frank Zimmerman their pastor.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: St. Paul in Woodworth and Michael Ruhlig 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.



Family Faith Time

Daily Bible Readings - Almighty God is our strength.

Sunday	John 8:31-36
Monday:	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Tuesday:	Romans 3:19-28
Wednesday:	2 Corinthians 3:4-18
Thursday:	Romans 6:5-14
Friday:	Galatians 2:15-21
Saturday:	Psalms 46

Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, thank you for being our security and strength; renew us with faith in Christ so that we may rest in peace and service all people in love. Amen.