

Our Savior Lutheran Church

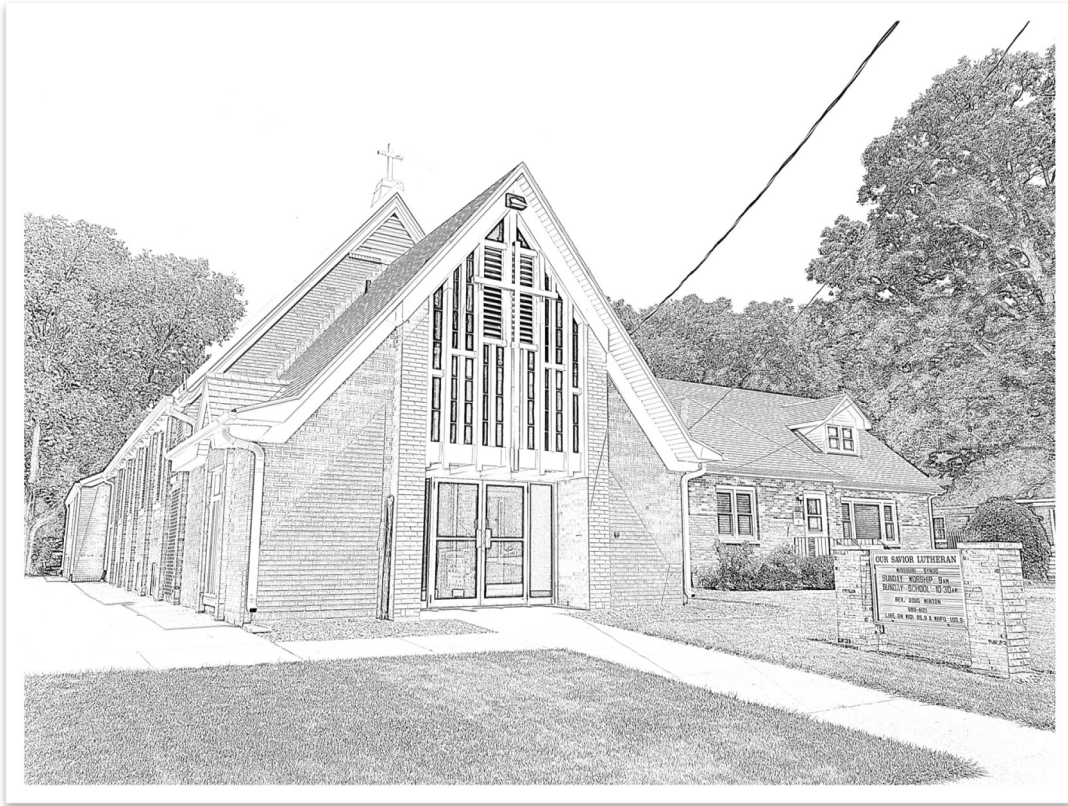
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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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Matins

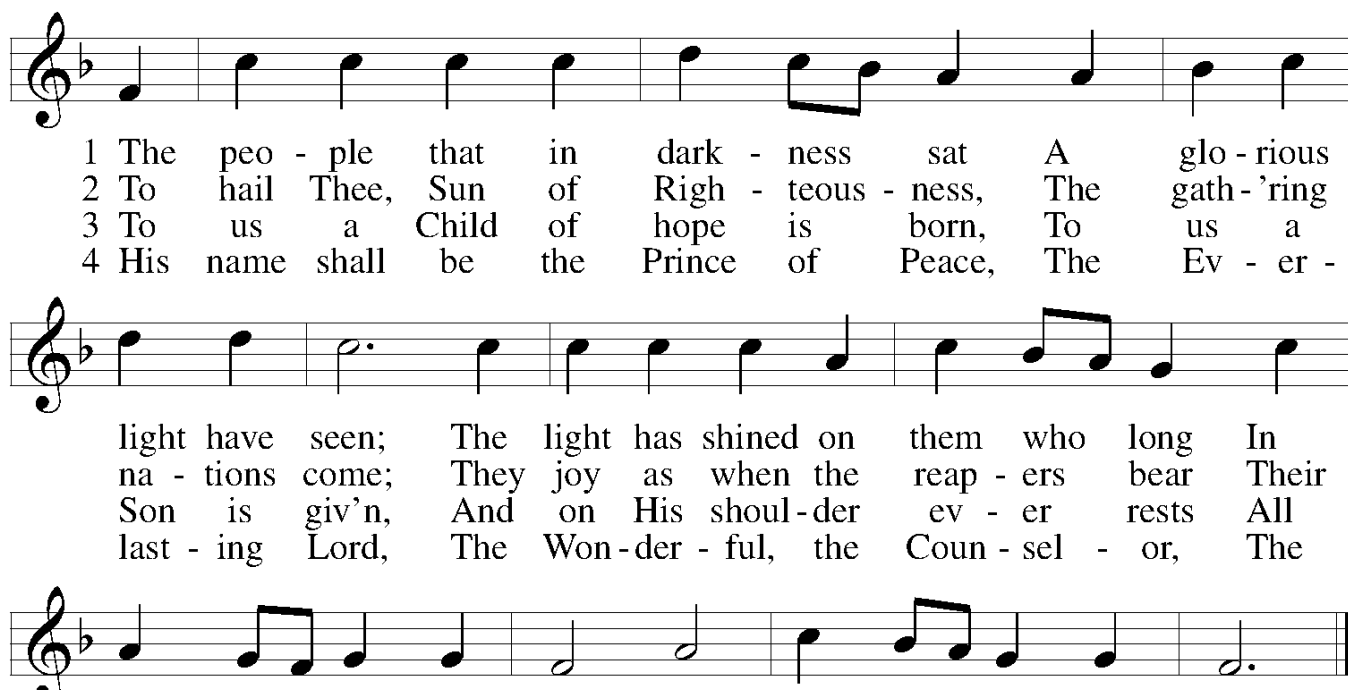
Prayer Before Worship

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

“The People That in Darkness Sat”

LSB 412



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -

light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
Shall over all extend;
On judgment and on justice based,
His reign shall have no end,
His reign shall have no end.

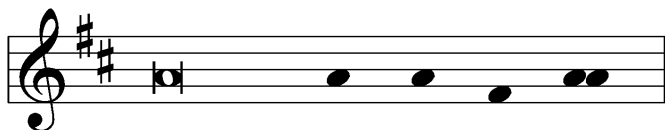
△6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art

And Holy Spirit, one, And Holy Spirit, one.

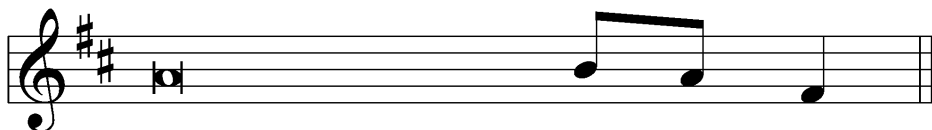
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Opening Versicles

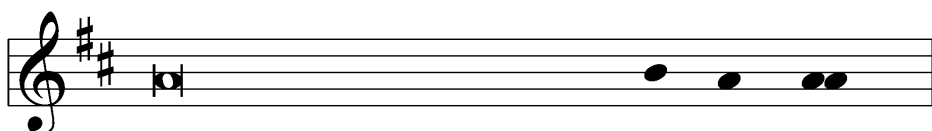
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



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;



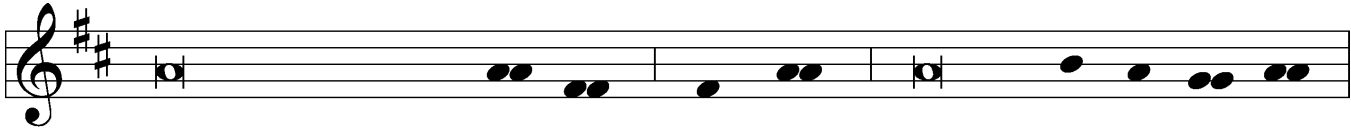
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



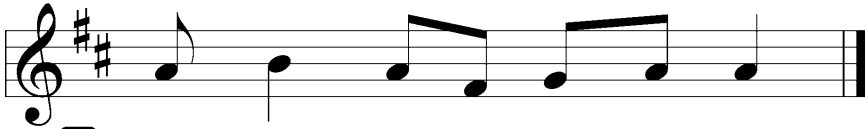
Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

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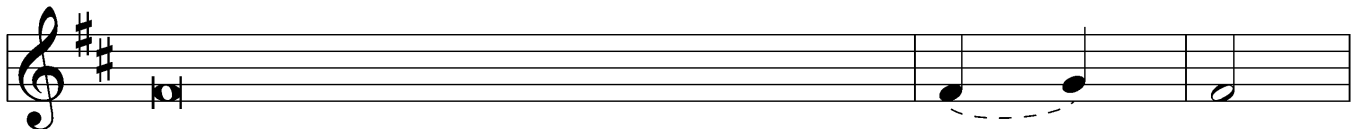
L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

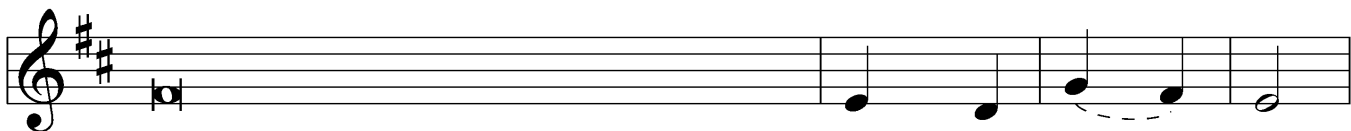
Venite

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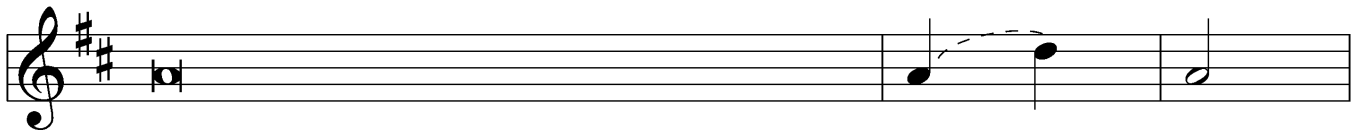
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

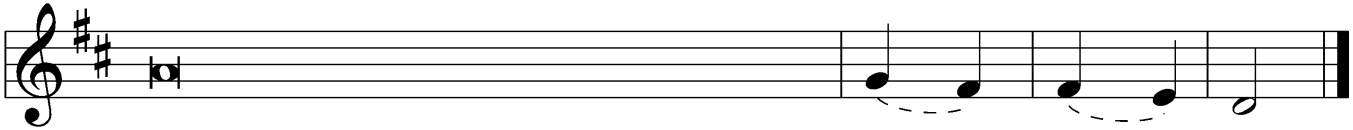


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

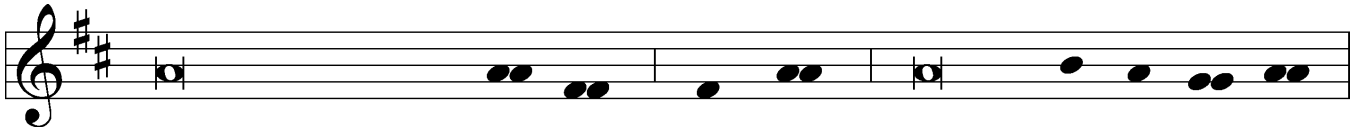
5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



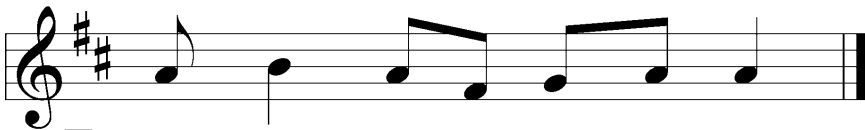
1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be-gin-nin-



- 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

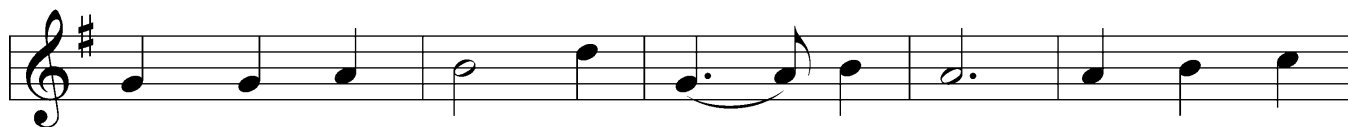
Psalm 22:27-31; antiphon: v. 22

I will tell of your name to my | brothers;*
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.
All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,*
and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.
For kingship belongs | to the LORD,*
and he rules over the | nations.
All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;*
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who
could not keep him- | self alive.
Posterity shall | serve him;*
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,*
that he has | done it.
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 tell of your name to my | brothers;*
in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

Office Hymn

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

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1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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L A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9.

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

L A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-25

L A reading from Matthew, chapter 4.

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

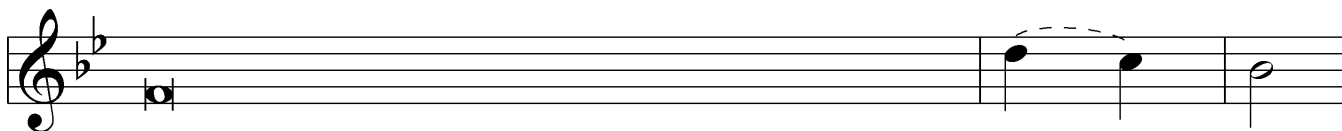
C Thanks be to God.

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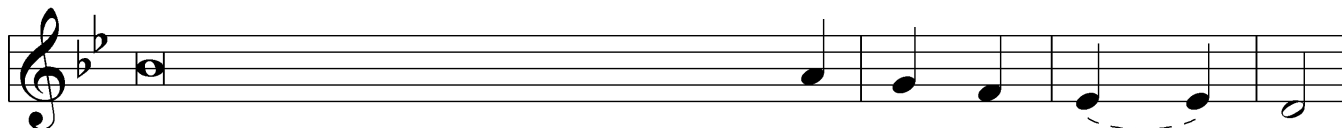
L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those
 who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
 3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

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

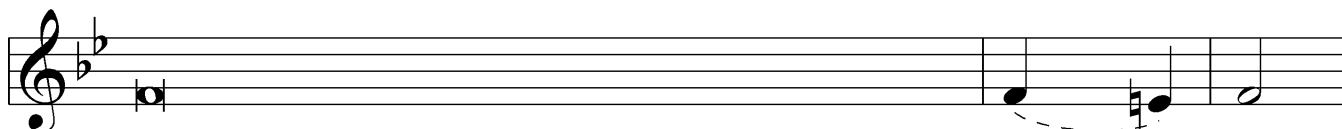
Isaiah 9:1-4



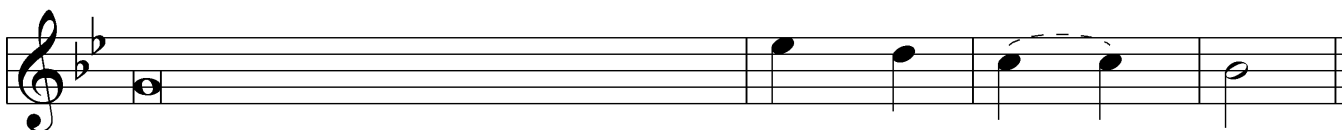
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



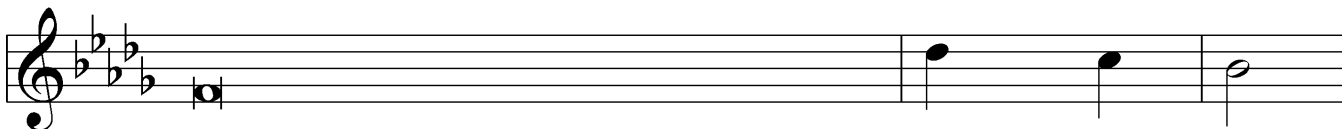
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



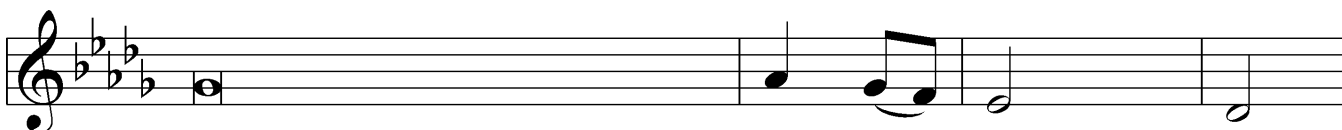
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



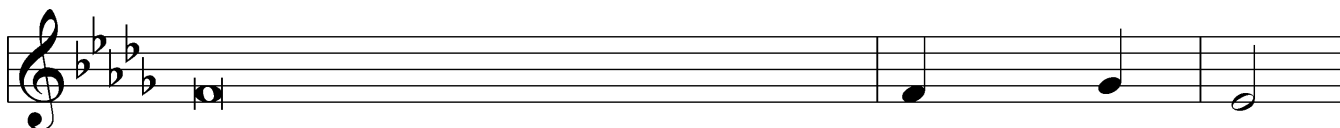
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



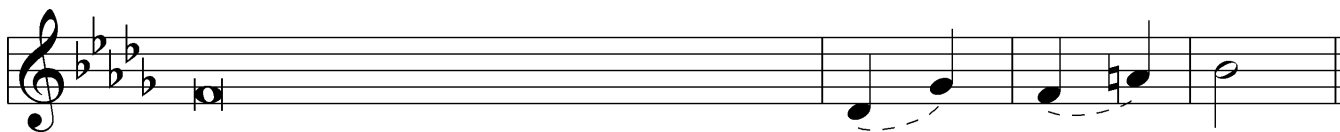
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



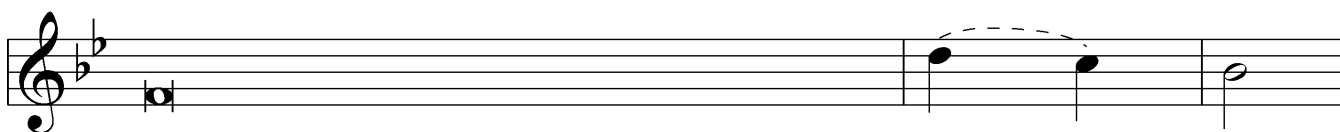
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



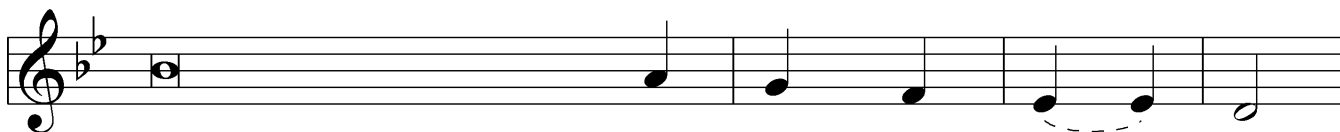
5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come



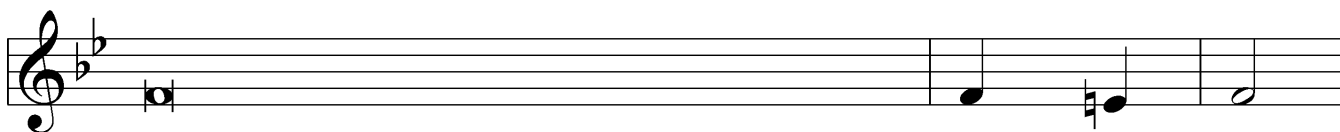
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



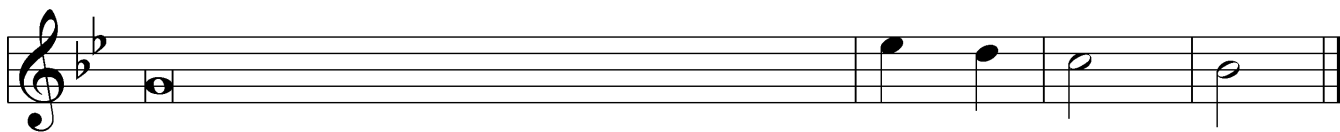
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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.

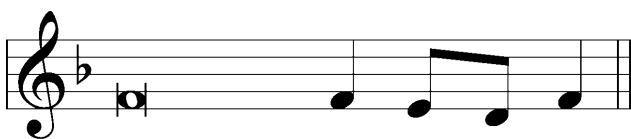
Lord's Prayer

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:

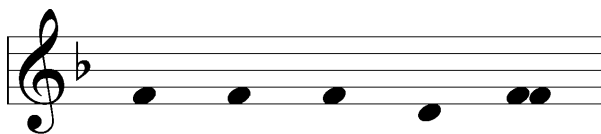
C Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Collect for Grace

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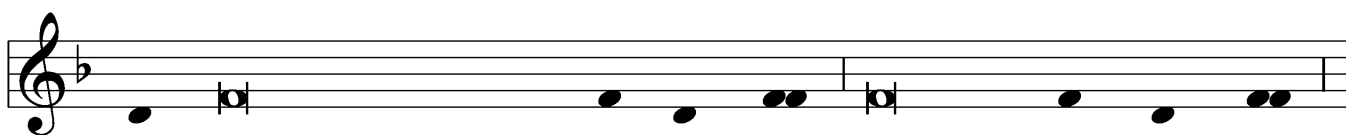
L Let us bless the Lord.



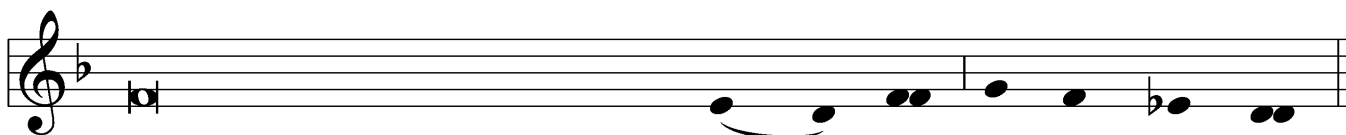
C Thanks be to God.

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 One Who Breaks the Darkness”

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1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Events This Week

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am
Today: Christian Education, 10:15am
Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am
Monday: Comforters, 1pm
Wednesday: Chapel at St John's, Buckley, 8:30am
Wednesday: Bible Class, 10am
Wednesday: *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Wednesday: Confirmation, 3:15pm
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	1/25/26	2/1/26
Elder	Justin Schroeder	Neil Rieches
Organist	Benny Verswijver	Benny Verswijver
Radio Monitors	Neil and Courtney Rieches	Justin and Brenna Schroeder
Sound Board	Patrick Teig	Josh Harms
Greeters	Jon and Diane Goldenstein	Jake and Olivia Harms
Acolyte	Hailey Schwartz	Avery Schroeder
Head Usher	Landon Reutter	Elders
Altar Guild	Kendra and Evelyn Morts	Marilyn Reeves Chris Schroeder

Announcements

WOMEN'S CARE CLINIC OF DANVILLE: As we wrap up Sanctity of Life month, prayerfully consider turning your purchases into PURPOSE by helping support families that are choosing life. You can purchase baby items from their Amazon Wish List to fill their Baby Market with essentials that moms can earn by completing their educational goals. Visit <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/W8GZQPHS8E9T> to view and make purchases. Thank you for helping!

JANUARY IS LIFE MONTH: Women's Care Clinic in Danville continues to care for those faced with an unexpected pregnancy. They provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counsel, and prayer to many in our community. As we have done in the past, please pick up a Baby Bottle from the narthex to fill with money during the month of January. You can also donate baby items – diapers, wipes, lotions, sleepers, etc. Please return filled bottles and baby items by Sunday, February 8, 2025.

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY are needed. If you can help the Elders usher this month, please talk to Neil R.

JANUARY YOUTH GROUP: Join us today for a Movie Night at Pastor's from 3pm-5pm. We will watch Cool Runnings (yes, going back to the 90's) and discuss how to be true to who God made you to be. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Friends are welcome! Please let Brenna or Jan know you will join us.

A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS IS ONLINE: New this year, you can now support Dollars for Mission through online giving. Many people no longer carry cash, or forget to bring it to church, but still want to support the Central Illinois District's mission work. One-time and recurring donations are now available by using the QR code, or online at <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M>.

All new recurring gifts will be matched by a special one-time gift, up to \$20,000.



ANNEX UPDATE: Sunday morning the annex was quite chilly as some of you may have heard. Following some troubleshooting by our trustees, Kunce's Sales and Services was contacted to complete the repairs. Repairs were not an option. A new furnace was installed on Tuesday at the cost of \$4,000.00. With the information that was shared at the Annual Meeting, we felt the congregation would like to know of this unexpected expense. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact a Trustee.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE: “The One who gives us our new beginning in Baptism is the same God who fashioned us and gave us our first beginning in the womb. It is God who brings forth life. It is God who created us, who ‘knits us together,’ so that we are ‘intricately and wonderfully made.’ Some say that the Bible never mentions abortion, and thus we should not speak against it. How far from the truth! The decisive moral truth of what Scripture teaches is this: Human beings are such from fertilization. And—it is a sin to shed innocent blood.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

Those celebrating a birthday:

Anna Minton	Monday
Waylon Reutter	Tuesday
Doug Morgeson	Thursday
Nathaniel Bushong	Friday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
Ethel Lucht
Nancy Tobeck
Joey, radio listener
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
Jeff Howard, friend of Charlene Rieches
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner
Joe Judd, brother in law of Dennis Selk
Sue Schreier, friend of Renee Minton
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes

Delmer Henrichs

Mary Kamin

Joann Sloan

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. Paul in Decatur and Robert Goodwin, Mark Gearig, and William Grueninger her pastors.

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

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.

