

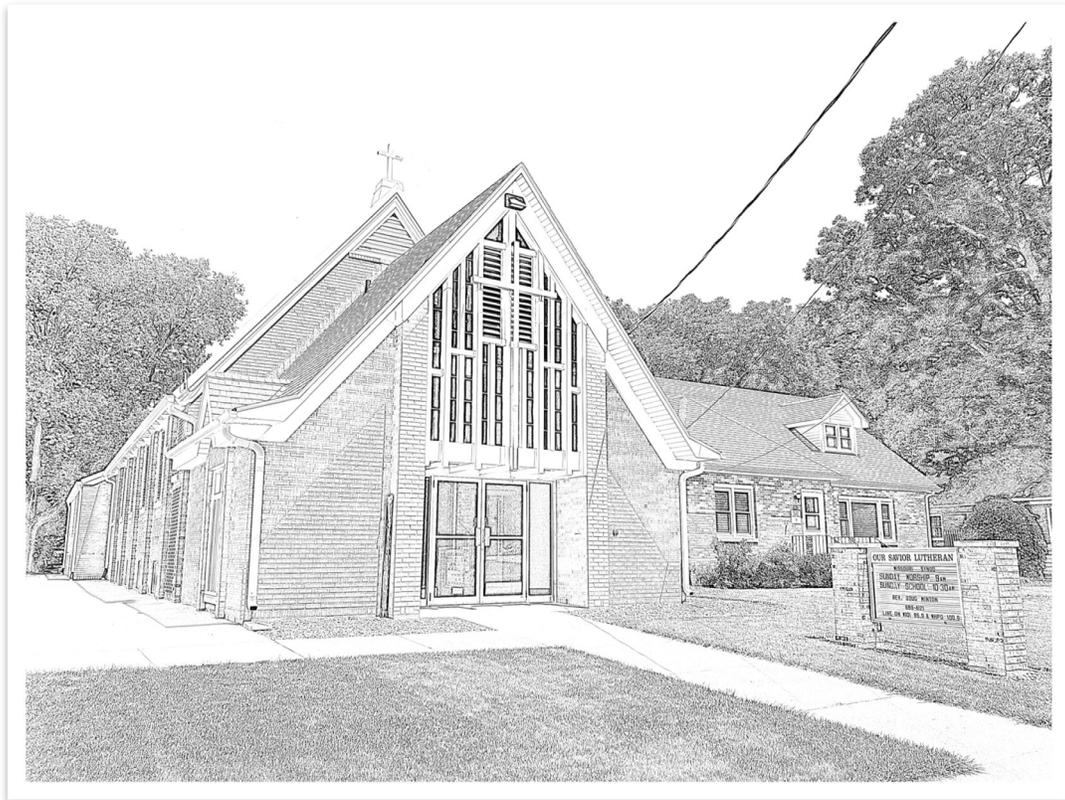
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## First Sunday in Lent

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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

## “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

LSB 562



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



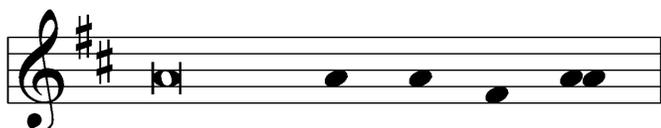
curse de - scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.  
dark - ened soul Seeks not nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

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.

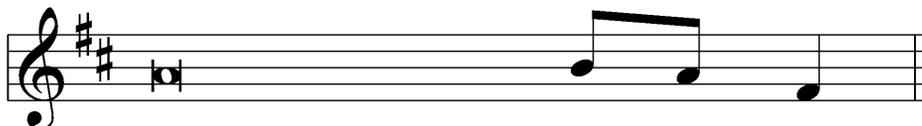
6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
This grace our ev'ry way attend  
Until we reach our journey's end.

# Opening Versicles

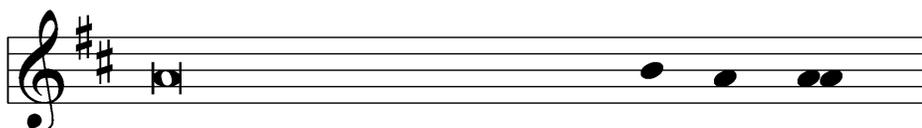
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**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, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmody

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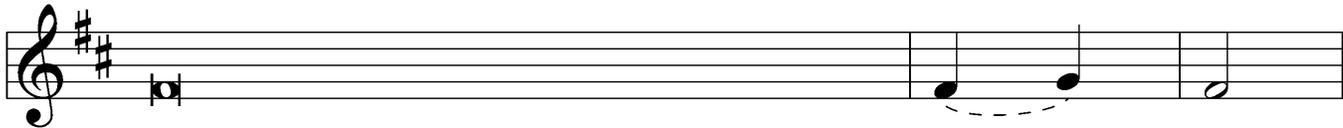
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



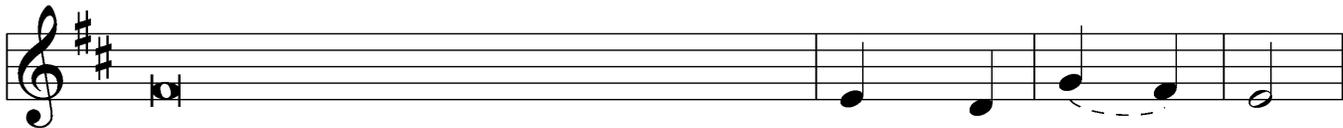
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

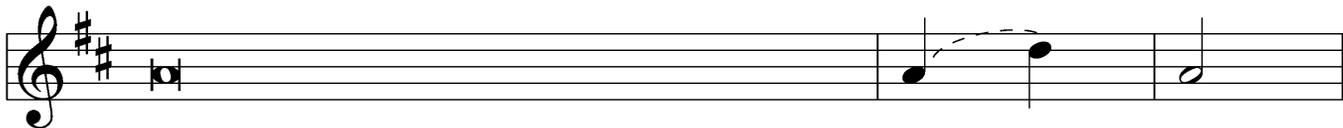
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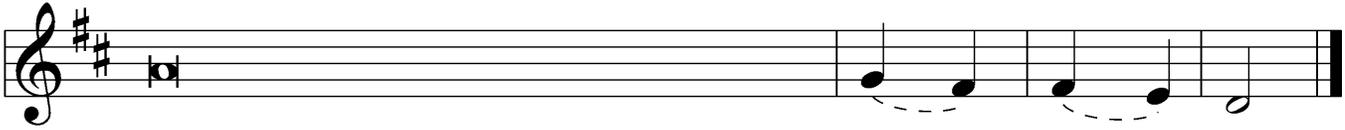
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
  
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



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 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16*

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
I will rescue him and | honor him.  
**With long life I will sat- | isfy him\***  
**and show him my sal- | vation.**  
Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—\*  
the Most High, who is my | refuge—  
**no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,\***  
**no plague come | near your tent.**  
For he will command his angels con- | cerning you\*  
to guard you in | all your ways.  
**On their hands they will | bear you up,\***  
**lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**  
You will tread on the lion and the | adder;\*  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.  
**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.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;\*  
 I will rescue him and | honor him.  
 With long life I will sat- | isfy him\*  
 and show him my sal- | vation.

Office Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*LSB 657*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
 vour us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
 fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
 self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
 o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
 of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
 hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
 we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
 child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 3:1-21*

**L** A reading from Genesis, chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;  
in pain you shall bring forth children.  
Your desire shall be for your husband,  
and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife  
and have eaten of the tree  
of which I commanded you,  
‘You shall not eat of it,’  
cursed is the ground because of you;  
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;  
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face  
you shall eat bread,  
till you return to the ground,  
for out of it you were taken;  
for you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*Romans 5:12-19*

**L** A reading from Romans, chapter 5.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—<sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

*Matthew 4:1-11*

**L** A reading from Matthew, chapter 4.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
and

“On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve.”

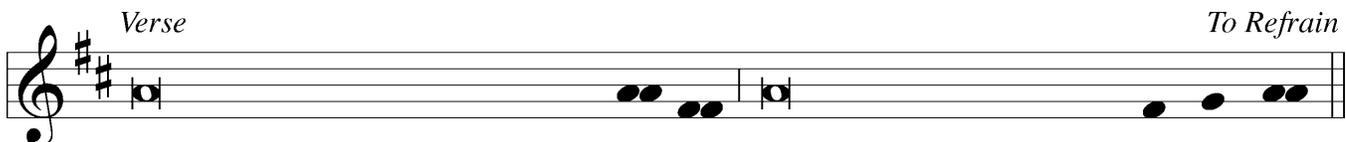
<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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

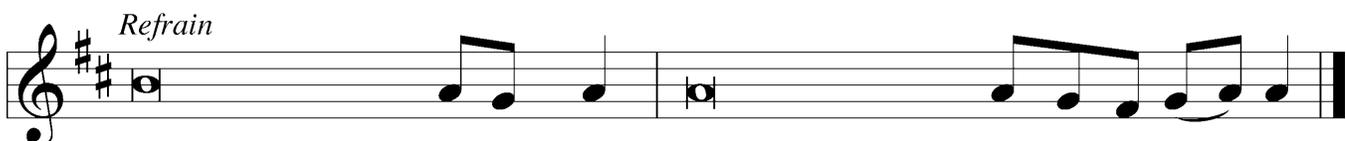
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Common Responsoy

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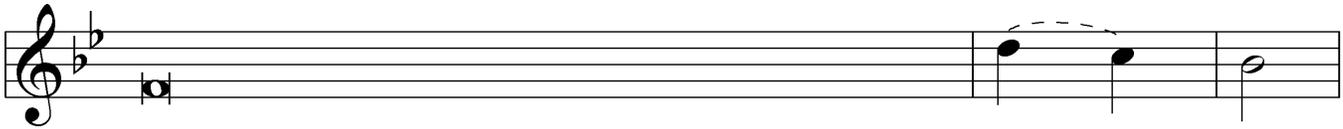
- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.  
2 Blessed is he whose  
transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.  
3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



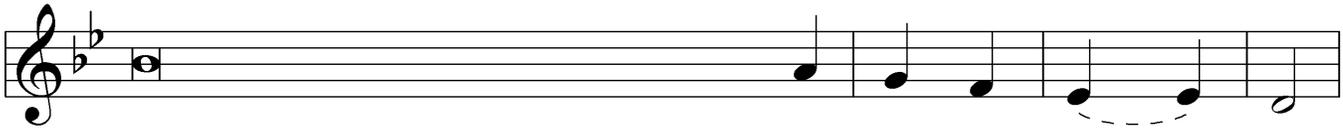
**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered  
for the sins of the peo-ple.

## Sermon

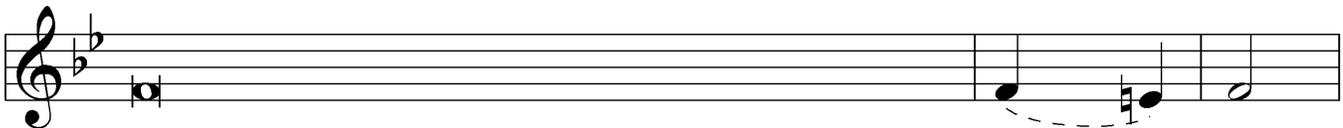
“Sinners Like Me”  
*Romans 5:12-19*



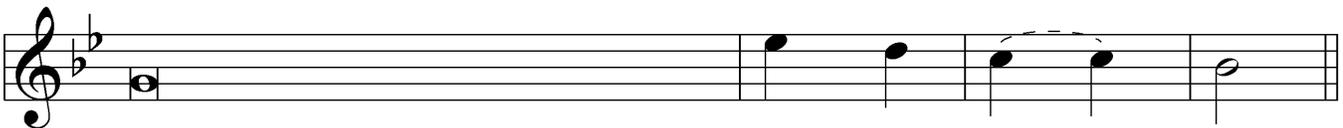
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;
- 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



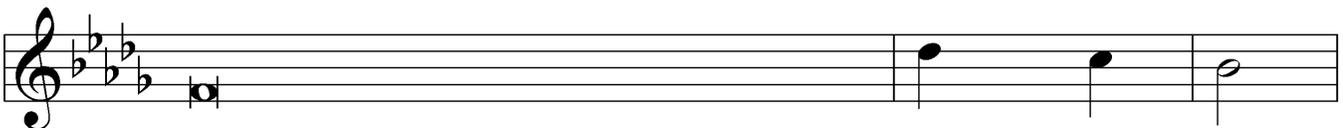
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
- 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



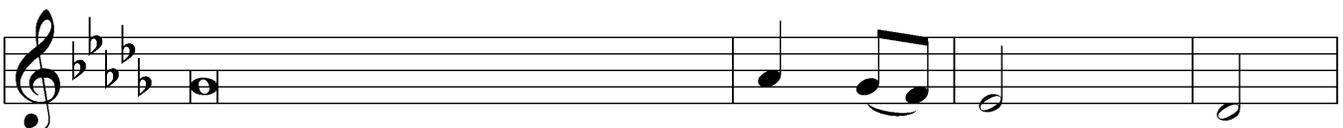
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
- 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.
- 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
- 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



- 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.

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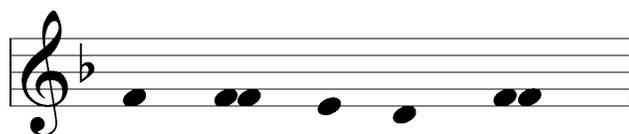


**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

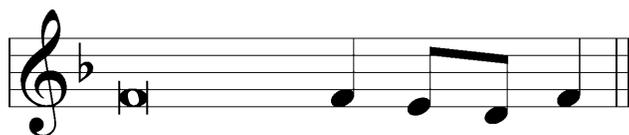
### Lord's Prayer

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

### Collects



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



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

### Prayer of the Church

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

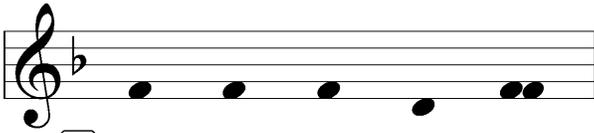
**C** Lord, have mercy.

# Collect of the Day

## Collect for Grace

### Benedicamus

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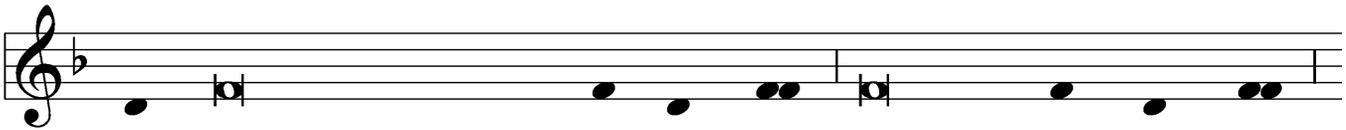
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



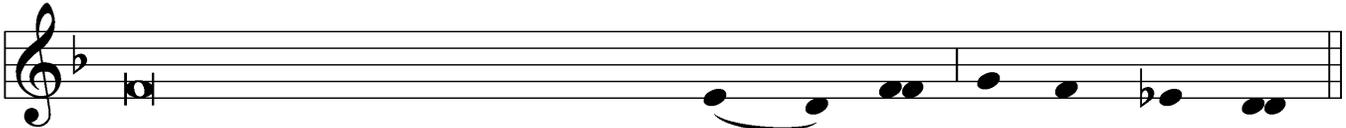
**C** Thanks be to God.

### 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.

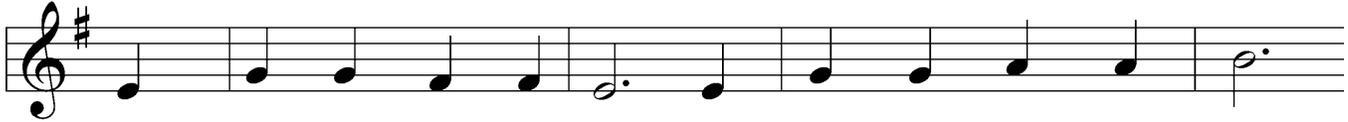


**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn

## “O Christ, You Walked the Road”

LSB 424



1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.  
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.  
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.  
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,  
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.  
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.  
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swerv-ing love.  
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.  
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

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## Events This Week

**Today:** Worship at OSLC, 9am; Christian Education, 10:15am  
**Today:** Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am  
**Monday:** Comforters, 1pm  
**Wednesday:** Bible Class, 10am; *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation, 3:15pm  
**Wednesday:** Lent Meal, 5:45pm; Hymn Sing, 6:45pm  
**Wednesday:** Lent Service, 7pm  
**Saturday:** Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

## Those Serving at OSLC

	<b>2/22/26</b>	<b>2/25/26</b>	<b>3/1/26</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Neil Rieches	Neil Rieches	Justin Schroeder
<b>Organist</b>	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee	Theta Lee
<b>Radio Monitors</b>	Darren and Jamie Bakken		Dean Lingley Patty Bruens
<b>Sound Board</b>	Kendra Morts	Kendra Morts	Neil Rieches
<b>Greeters</b>	Dean and Laurie Lingley		Pastor and Renee Minton
<b>Acolyte</b>	Hailey Schwartz	Hailey Schwartz	Avery Schroeder
<b>Head Usher</b>	Elders	Elders	Marvin Wright
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marilyn Reeves Chris Schroeder	Marilyn Reeves Chris Schroeder	Olivia and Ruth Harms

## **Announcements**

**FEBRUARY YOUTH GROUP:** We will meet TODAY for an afternoon of baking! Join us from 3 - 5pm for a devotion with Pastor, making desserts, and fellowship with friends. Remember, friends are welcome. Let Brenna or Jan know you can attend.

**LENT MEALS and FELLOWSHIP** will start Wednesday, February 25 starting at 5:45pm. This week we will have Ham and Scalloped Potatoes, veggies, and dessert. We will take a **free will offering** to benefit **Backpack Blessings**. Let's help the spring and end of school year go a little easier for those that need a little help with food. They currently give out 30 bags each week. Thank you for your support of this ministry for those in Milford!

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL** of Woodworth is hosting PK & K Round-Up and an Open House on Thursday, February 26th. All teachers will be available during the open house from 6-7 pm to answer questions and tell you what they teach. There will be grade specific meetings for parents interested in PK & K; PK3 at 6:00 pm, PK4 at 7:00 pm and K at 6:30 pm. This is a no obligation opportunity to see the school and learn what they offer for PK3 through 8th grades. Contact St. Paul's at 815-889-4209 or [office@stpaulspk8.org](mailto:office@stpaulspk8.org) for more information.

**2026 MARTIN+KATIE CONFERENCE** will be held at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 28, 2026. At this free conference, grow as Christian men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to ages 18–30. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Please register no later than Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Info and registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org>. *Plus:* Extra bonus activities planned for Friday night, March 27, and Saturday night, March 28! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Sunday, March 29.

### **LENT: DO WE GIVE UP SOMETHING OR TAKE UP SOMETHING?**

Traditionally during the Season of Lent, the western church will give up something of pleasure. Doing this signifies that we are experiencing some suffering through deprivation. While there is nothing wrong with this practice and can help with spiritual discipline, do we really think not eating chocolate or giving up soda for 40 days is suffering?

#### **What could we do instead? Take Up something!**

Take up intentionally reading the Word of God daily, or intentionally speaking the Gospel to one person each week, or attending a bible class once a week, or if you miss church listen to the sermon online, or finish your devotions and prayer time before you reach for your phone and social media each day. The list could go on.

**KITCHEN PANTRY SHOWER:** The Church Kitchen is in need of donations of regular and decaf coffee, napkins, and dessert paper plates. When you are doing your weekly shopping, pick up an item for church.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORMS:** Order forms are included in the newsletter and there are extras in the narthex. Please return to Renee by Sunday, March 8th. Please plan to pick up your flowers after service on Easter or Monday, especially if you order hydrangeas, azaleas, or tulips as these don't do well with little light and water during the week.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE:** "God created us anew in Baptism. We are the work of His hands, and He will not forsake us. Guided by the Spirit through the wisdom of His Word, we learn to walk in His ways, even when we must 'walk in the midst of trouble.'" *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## **Prayer List**

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

Linda Buhrmester	Monday
Keith Catron	Monday
Ruth Harms	Monday
Bonnie Hines	Monday
Larry Tobeck	Tuesday
Julie Towers	Tuesday
Mary Bushong	Thursday
Trace Schwartz	Saturday

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

Steve and Connie Langellier	Leap Day (2 years)
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**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

Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

**Those requesting your prayers:**

Arabella Dart, granddaughter of Lucas Wright, upcoming surgery

Cindy Raddatz, health issues

Larry Tobeck, health issues

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** for Sue Schreier, friend of Renee Minton, as her scans are cancer free.

**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

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:** Immanuel in Charleston and Samuel Smith her pastor.

**Iroquois Circuit Congregations:** Good Shepherd in Hoopeston and Immanuel in Idaville and Doug Minton their vacancy 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.

