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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

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

“Christ, the Lord of Hosts. Unshaken”

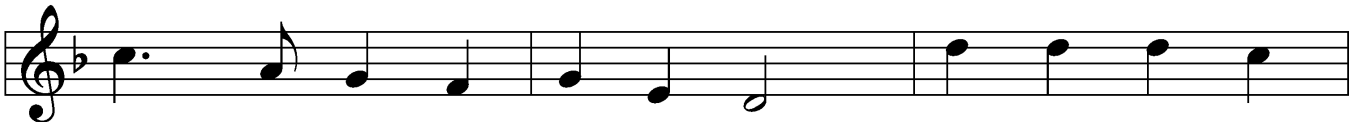
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1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels
3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's
4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth - bound
Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
God was spo - ken: “You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!”
raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
 From his heav'nly perch on high,
 As the word of Jesus' vict'ry
 Floods the earth and fills the sky.
 Wounded by a wound eternal
 Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
 When the foe would us enslave.
 Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
 Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
 Overthrow at last the dragon;
 Send him to his fiery grave.

Text: Peter M. Prange, 1972

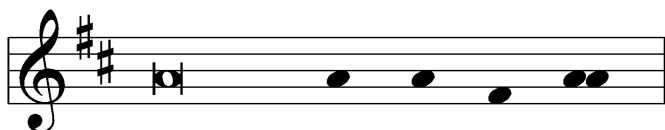
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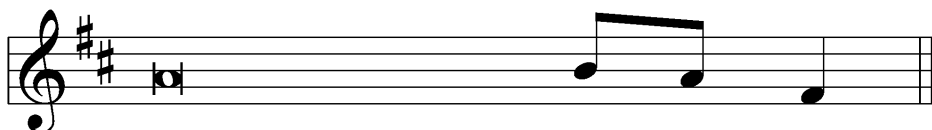
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Opening Versicles

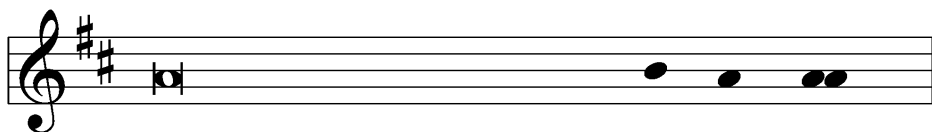
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



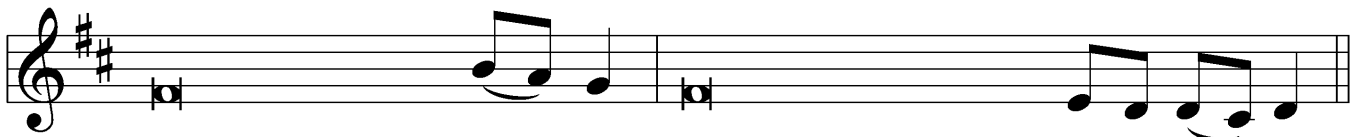
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



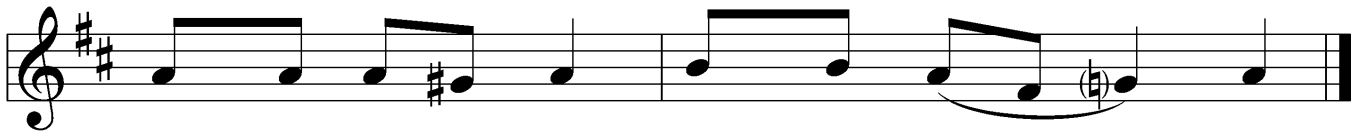
C make haste to help me, O Lord.



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



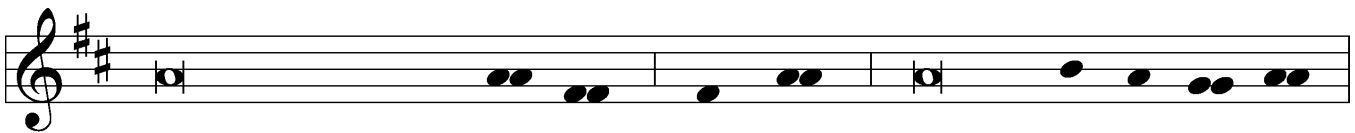
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



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

Psalmody

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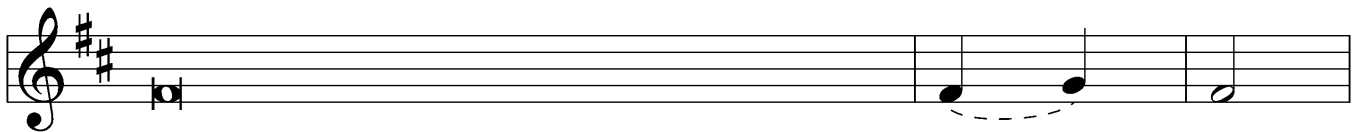
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

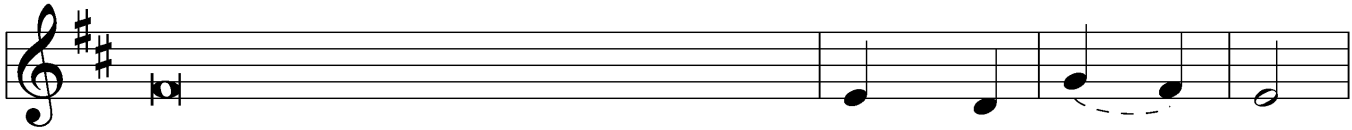
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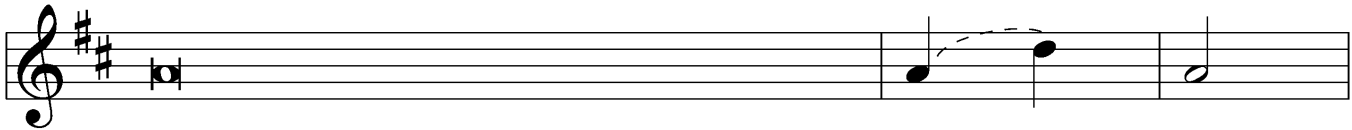


- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
- 2 For the Lord is a great God
- 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

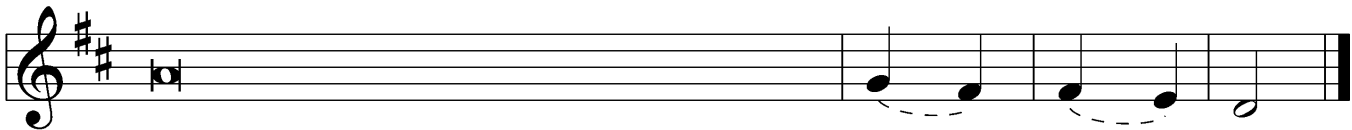
- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



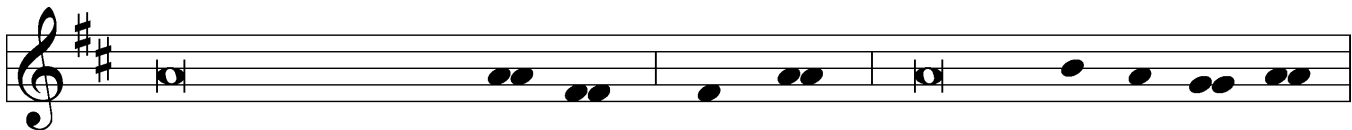
1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry — land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



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 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!

Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;*

let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!

For the LORD is a | great God,*

and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*

let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!

For he | is our God,*

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

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 am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

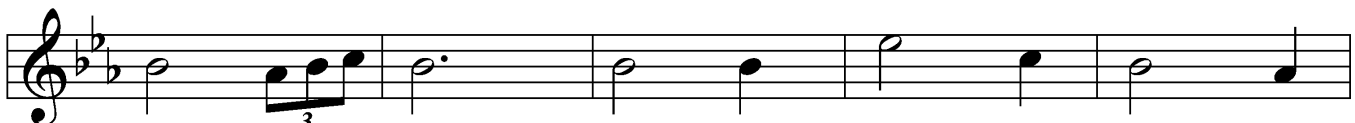
Office Hymn

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

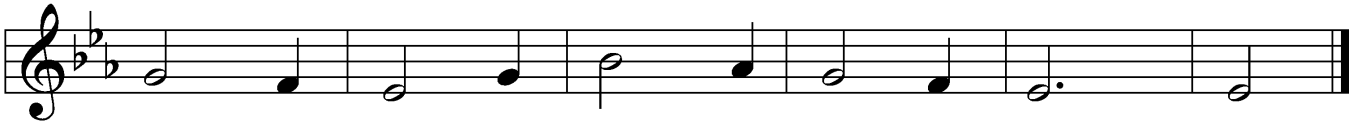
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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77
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First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

L A reading from Acts, chapter 2.

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

L A reading from 1 Peter, chapter 2.

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

L A reading from John, chapter 10.

¹[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

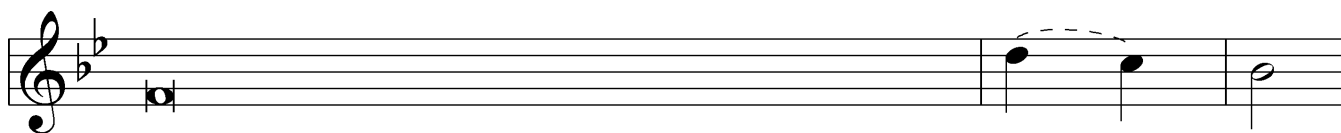
⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

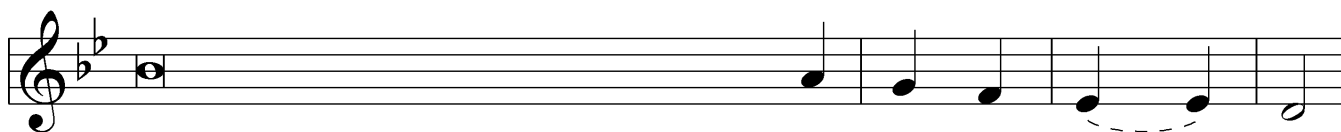
C Thanks be to God.

Te Deum

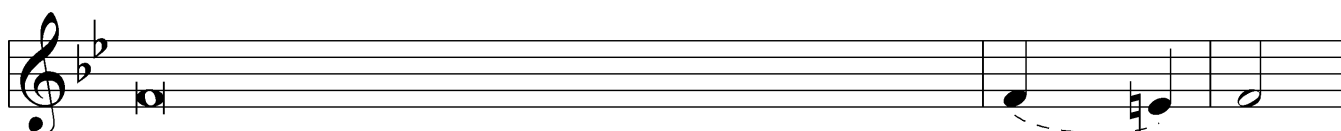
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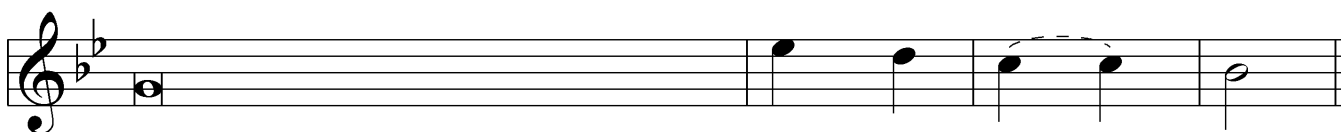
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



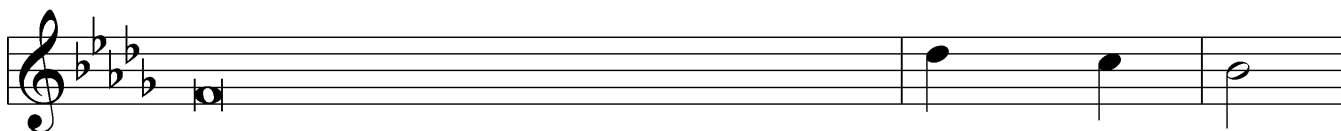
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



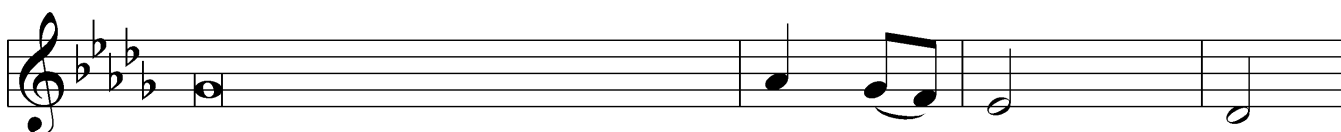
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;



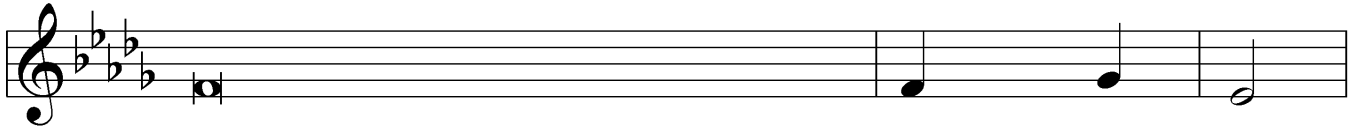
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



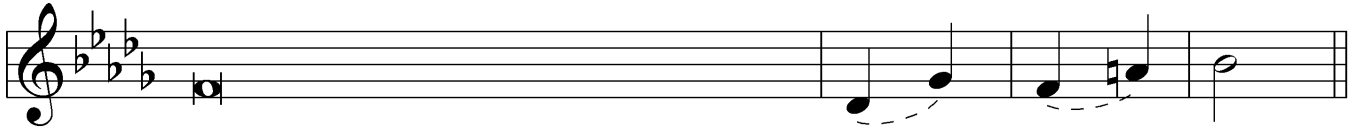
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



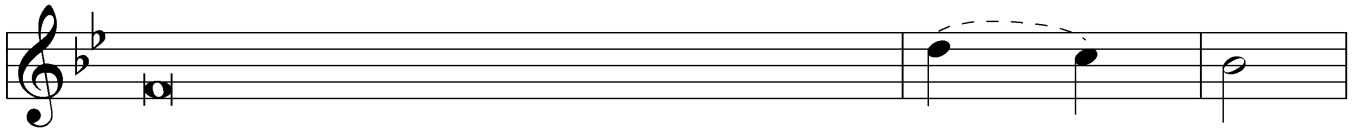
- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



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.



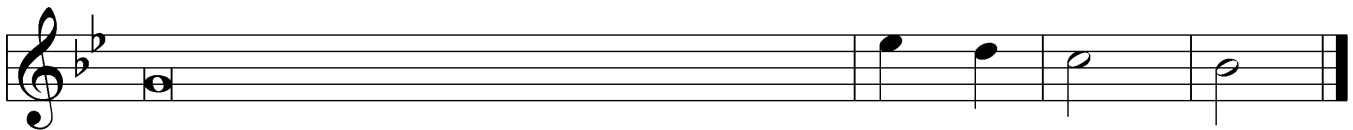
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



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

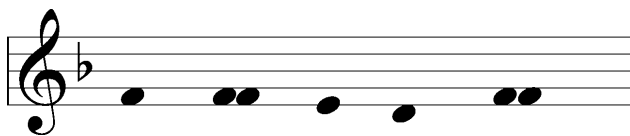


C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

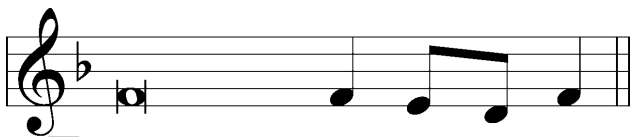
Lord's Prayer

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:

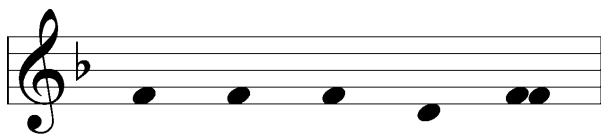
C Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Collect for Grace

Benedicamus

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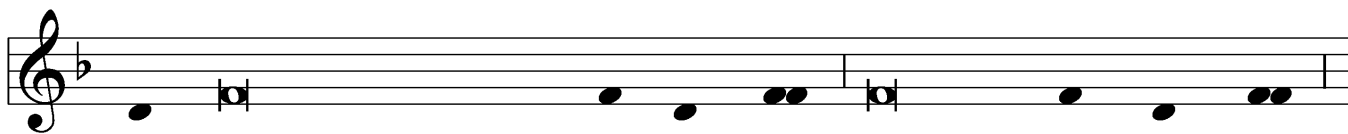
L Let us bless the Lord.



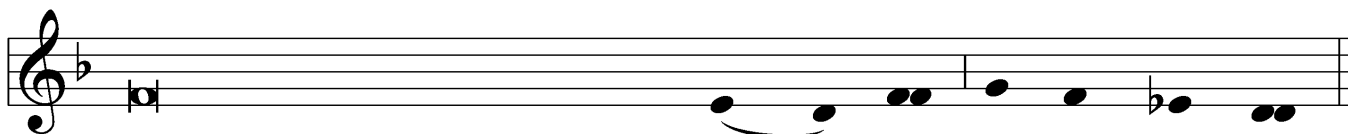
C Thanks be to God.

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.

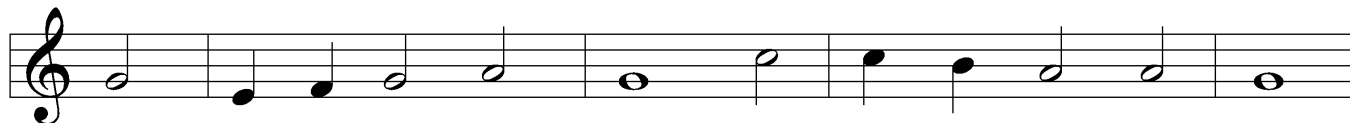


C A - men.

Closing Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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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
Mon - Thur: Pastor and Renee out of town
Wednesday: *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	4/26/26	5/3/26
Elder	Justin Schroeder	Jim Winder
Organist	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhals
Radio Monitors	Linda Buhrmester Deb Wright	Rich and Charlene Rieches
Sound Board	Dean Lingley	Patrick Teig
Greeters	Landon and Megan Reutter	Justin and Brenna Schroeder
Acolyte	Hailey Schwartz	Avery Schroeder
Usher	Jon Goldenstein	Patrick Teig
Altar Guild	Renee and Anna Minton	Linda Kellerhals Gloria Schleef



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Announcements

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS: This year our SS children have been collecting money for **Praise Him, Africa** through Lutheran Heritage Foundation. For every \$5 donated, we can provide a beautiful “Nyimbo za Watoto” songbook for a Lutheran teacher or student in Africa. Please remember to send offerings with your child as we wrap up the SS year. If you are older than SS age, but would still like to donate, give your offering to Courtney, or drop it off during SS opening in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support spreading the gospel in Africa!

APRIL OSLC YOUTH GROUP for today is cancelled.

2026 LAWN MOWING: Sign-up sheet in on the bulletin board. The grass is growing and we need your help. THANK YOU to those that have mowed the lawn already this spring! There are plenty of options to fit your schedule. We are asking those that are able to sign up for a couple weeks to push mow the church/annex yards. This is an excellent service project for the youth of the congregation. Thank you for continuing to support and help your church. This helps our yearly budget.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION will be Sunday, May 10 following service. Our graduates are Molly Harms, Hailey Rieches, and Andrew Storm. After the presentation of quilts and hearing about their future plans, join us in the fellowship hall for a short reception in their honor.

2026 CALL SERVICE IS THIS WEEK! Call day for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis is Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm. Our Seminarian, Simon Niemtschk, will receive his first call this year. Continue to keep him and all seminarians in your prayers as many receive first calls and vicarage assignments next week. Listen live at www.edu/academics/call-day-services.

THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT HAVE SPONSORED our Portals of Prayer subscription. We have the rest of 2026 covered! Thank you for helping keep this devotional resource available.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL will be Sunday, May 3. Adult Bible Class will probably go a couple weeks longer to finish up the Lord’s Prayer in the Large Catechism.

PASTOR AND RENEE ARE OUT OF TOWN Monday through Thursday. If you have a pastoral emergency please reach out to an Elder or contact Pastor on his cell phone.

THE NEW MAHLAH BENCH has arrived! As the weather gets warmer, take a moment to sit and relax at the back of church. If you would like an outdoor bench, the old bench is available. It is a little weather worn, but still has life to it. If you want it, it is currently sitting in the parsonage driveway.

OSLC SECURITY PLAN was mentioned at the Voters Meeting last Sunday. Copies of that plan are available in the narthex on the rack. If you have any questions, please talk to Patrick Teig.

VOTERS MEETING: If you were not able to be at the quarterly meeting and would like to listen or review the documents, please reach out to Dave L.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Gary Toelstede will be held Saturday, May 30 at the Milford Fire Station from 1p – 4pm. Keep his family in your prayers.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE: “Sin and shame and guilt are taken away by one thing only—the blood of Jesus Christ—which cleanses us from all sin. Our sins have already been punished in Him, on that cross. Jesus bodily rose from the tomb so that we would know that now even death itself cannot harm those who belong to Jesus and trust in Him alone, for as He lives, so we live as well.” *Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

Those celebrating a birthday:

Benny Verswijver	Last Monday
Tessa Schroeder	Monday
Paul Harms	Tuesday
Michael Trumann	Wednesday
Lucas Wright	Wednesday
Frank Hines	Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Pastor and Renee Minton	Tuesday (25 yrs)
Dennis and Sheila Selk	Friday (55 yrs)

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
John Lee
Ethel Lucht
Nancy Tobeck
Joey, radio listener
Rik Anderson, son of Erica Anderson
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm
Lisa Garra, sister of Becky Bridge
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:

Sharon York, friend of Joyce Williams, health issues.

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes

Mary Kamin

Joann Sloan

Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:

Armed Forces

Eric Barrie - brother in law of Natalee Dart, serving in the U.S. Navy

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy

Corey Moore - serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves

Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Law Enforcement

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

Central Illinois District Congregations: St. John in Effingham and Michael Burdick and Trey Dille her pastors.

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:

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