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Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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

“Up through Endless Ranks of Angels”

LSB 491



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph
2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,
△ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,
to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther
prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our
With Your pow'r and love a - bid; Wel - come us, as
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.
world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!
You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter tide.
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

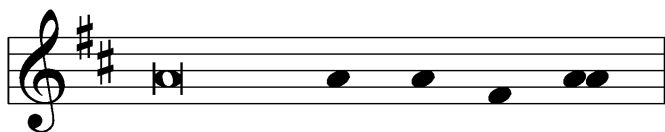
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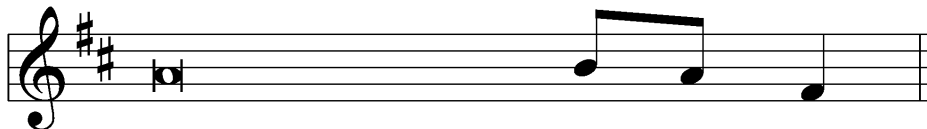
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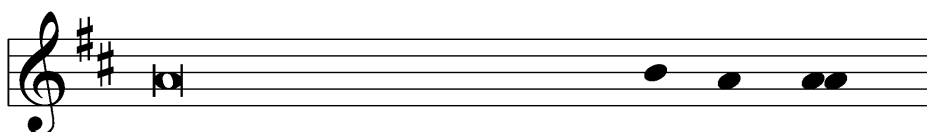
LSB 219



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;



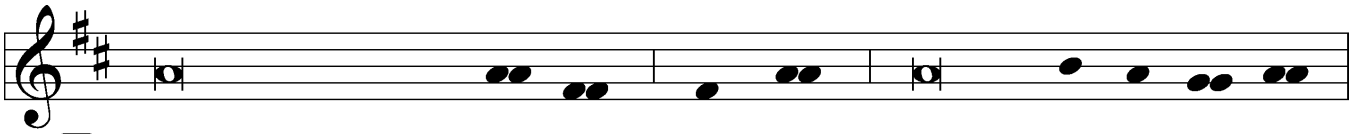
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



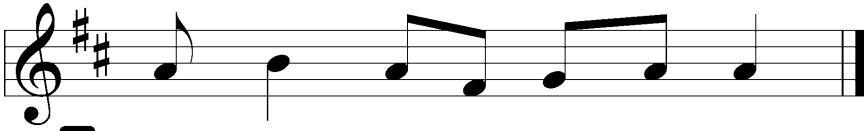
Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

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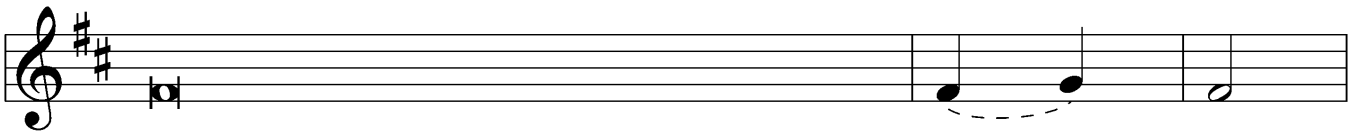
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

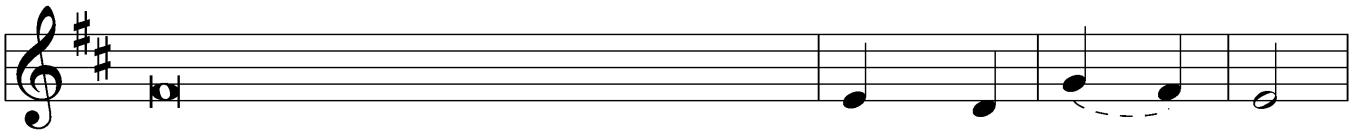
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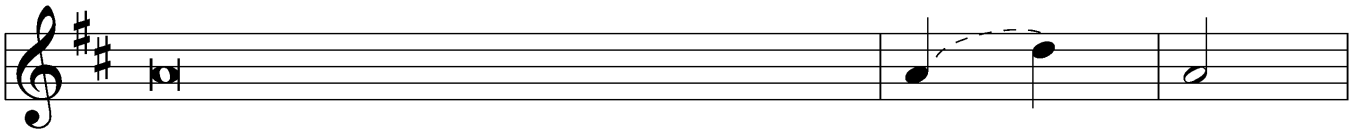
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

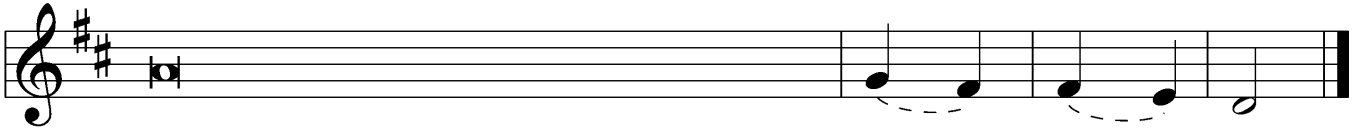


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

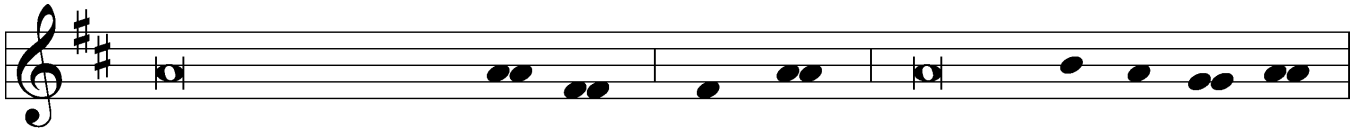
5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



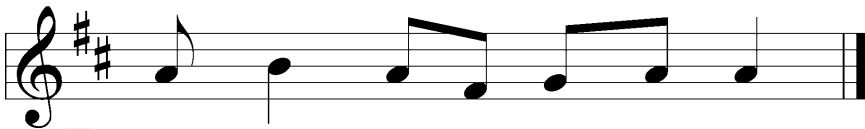
1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



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 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice;*
 to you, O LORD, I will make | music.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with
| singing!
 Know that the LORD, | he is God!*
 It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep
 of his | pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!*
Give thanks to him; | bless his name!
 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,*
 and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
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 sing of steadfast love and | justice;*
 to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

Office Hymn

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

LSB 493



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why
 4 “You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?” Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the por - tals of the sky.” Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l’wers
 al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior,” thus they
 al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
 say; “This is His glo - rious tri - umph
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 day!” Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty.” Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



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

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.

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First Reading

Acts 1:12-26

L A reading from Acts, chapter 1.

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

L A reading from 1 Peter, chapter 4.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil

prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

L A reading from John, chapter 17.

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

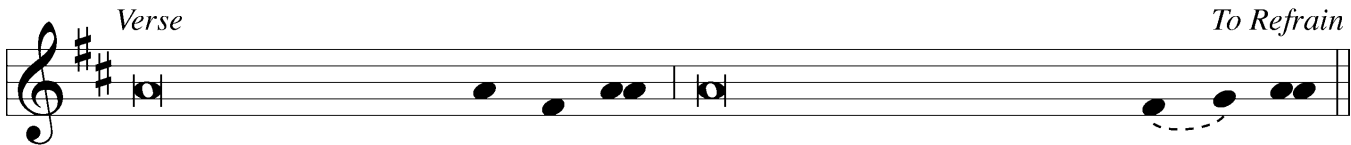
⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

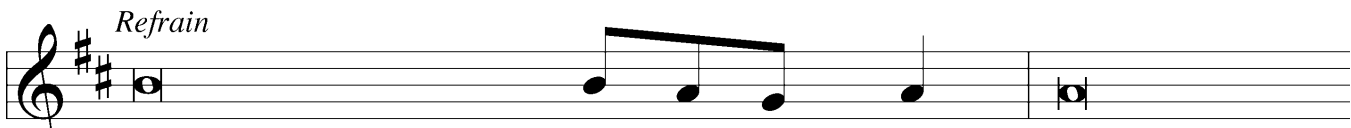
C Thanks be to God.

Easter Responory

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- L** 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.
 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.
 3 Glory be to the
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



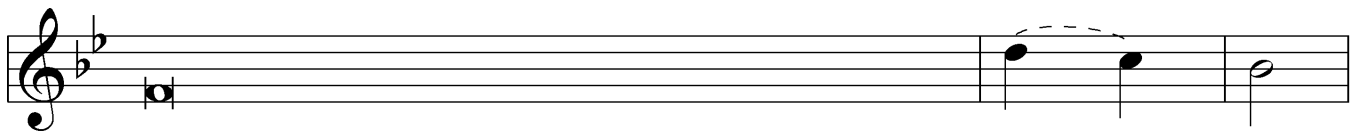
- C** Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the
 hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sermon

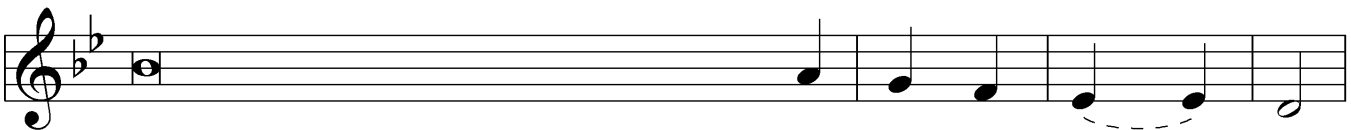
“Ascended and Reigning”
Acts 1:1-11

Te Deum

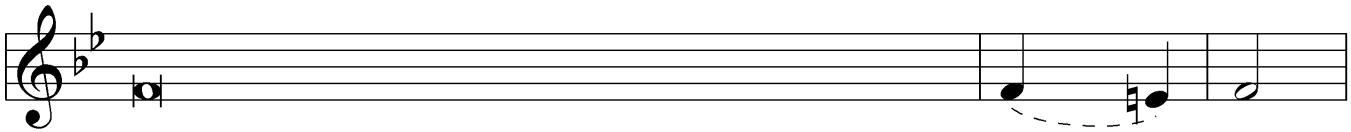
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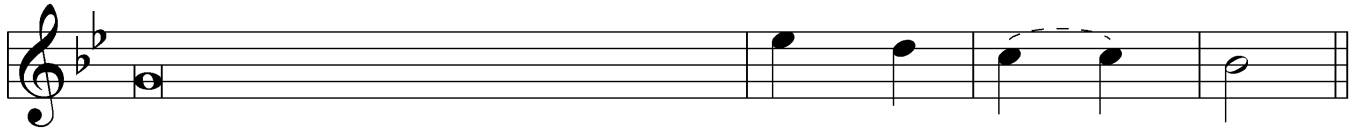
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.



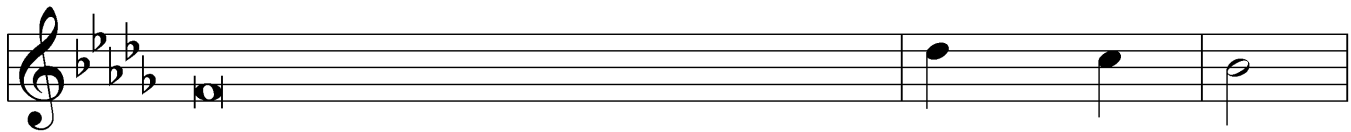
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



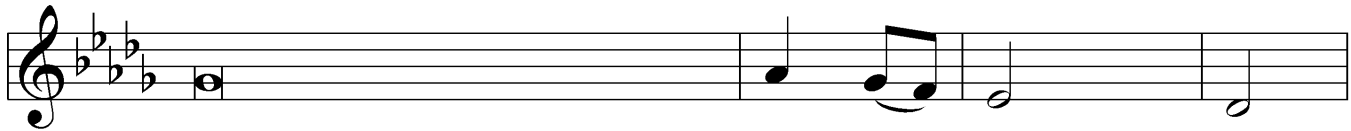
1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



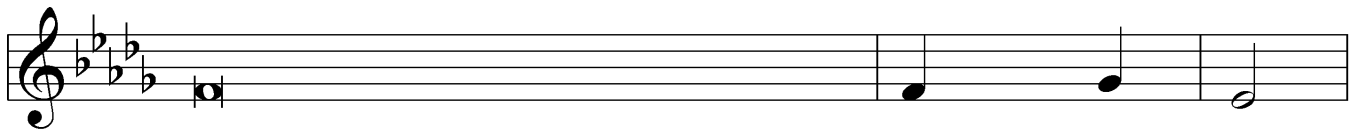
1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



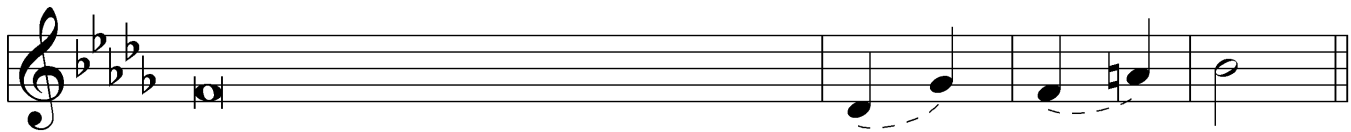
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



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

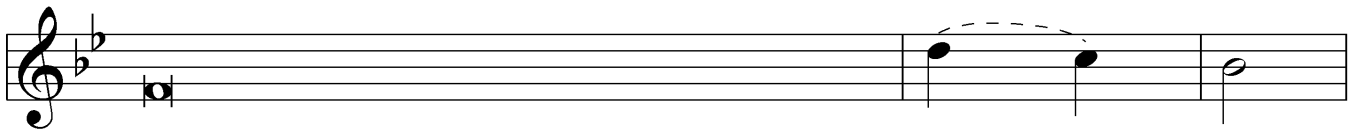


5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come



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

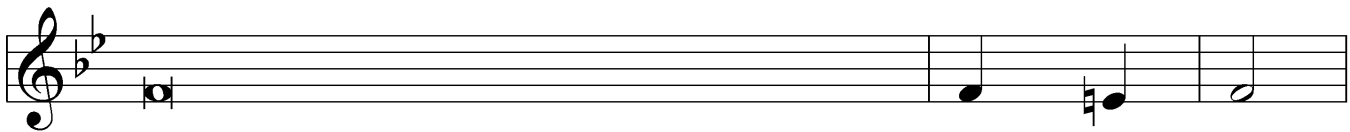
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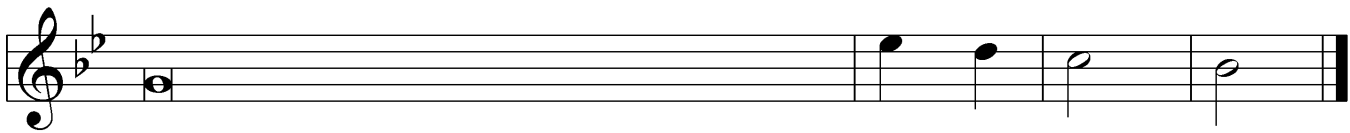
7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out _____ sin.



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

Kyrie

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

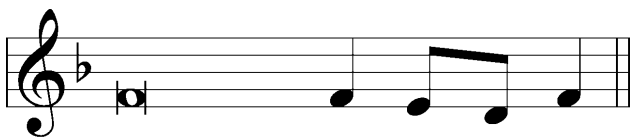
Lord's Prayer

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

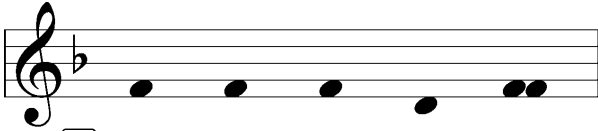
P In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Collect for Grace

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L Let us bless the Lord.



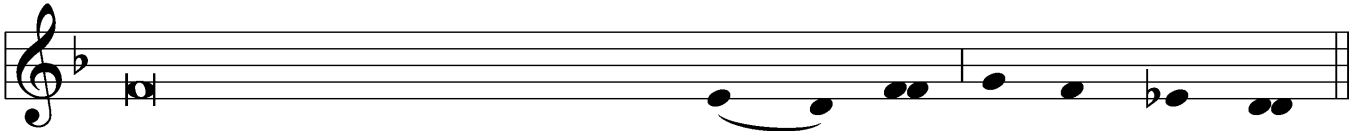
C Thanks be to God.

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.

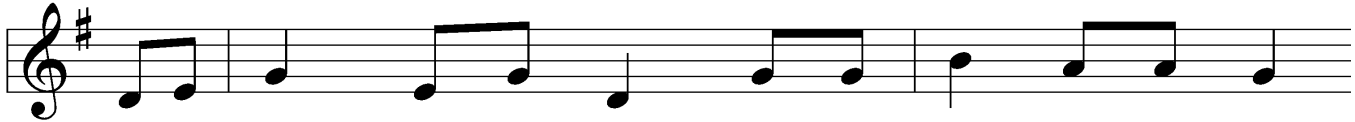
Closing Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

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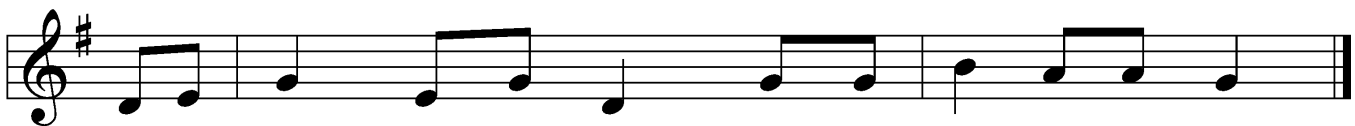
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3 “The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
4 “When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
5 “Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne.”

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Events This Week

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am
Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am
Tuesday: Women's Bible Study, 6:30pm
Wednesday: Bible Class, 10am; *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	5/17/26	5/24/26
Elder	Rich Rieches	Justin Schroeder
Organist	Theta Lee	Theta Lee
Radio Monitors	Neil and Courtney Rieches	Patrick and Dawn Teig
Sound Board	Jake Harms	Kendra Morts
Greeters	Patricka and Dawn Teig	Marvin and Deb Wright
Acolyte	Sophia Billingsley	Hailey Schwartz
Usher	Patrick Teig	Patrick Teig
Altar Guild	Linda Kellerhals Gloria Schleef	Linda Kellerhals Gloria Schleef



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Announcements

MAY COMMUNION: We will not celebrate the Lord's supper today due to Pastor being out of town. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper May 24th and May 31st.

THANK YOU to Rev Strom for preaching in my absence today. May God bless his preaching of the Word. I will be back in the office Monday. If a need arises before that, please contact an elder or reach me by cell.

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. *If the bench is still here on May 20, it will be assumed no one wants it and will be given away.*

2026 LAWN MOWING: Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board. 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.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP: If you have a special day you would like recognized, you can sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast! The cost for us to broadcast our service each week is \$150. Radio sponsorship donation is \$75 or more. Give donation and date sponsoring to Renee.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 15 to 19 from 1p – 3p. Journey through Ireland in Emerald Crossing, where Psalm 23 comes to life! Kids will explore God as Shepherd, Guide, Comforter, Provider, and King through David's story, hands-on activities, and apologetics. From Donegal's green pastures to Dublin's Viking history, each day reveals how God leads, protects, and provides. Join the adventure! Scan the QR code or visit the website to register. <https://oursaviormilford.myanswers.com/emerald-crossing/>



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30pm. We will continue our study with Psalm 7.

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.

SMALL CHURCH SUMMIT – FAMILY MINISTRY: The Small Summit will have it's summer meeting on Saturday, June 13 at Trinity Lutheran, Auburn, IL. Sign-in is at 9am with opening devotions at 9:30am. "Family Ministry in the Small Church" is the topic of the keynote address by Rev. Andy Becker (director for family ministry in the Office of National Mission) from St. Louis. In the afternoon there will be multiple sectionals available for participants to learn about all things congregational hospitality, planning, church assessment tools, life issues, and more. Ready to bring some new learnings to OSLC? Join Pastor and Renee in attending.

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY WHILE TRAVELING! When you miss church, you can give through Tithely to prevent the summer lull in giving as we still have bills that need to be paid. Scan the QR code on the insert (next to the weekly giving amounts) and follow the prompts. You can set up a one-time or recurring donations. *There is a processing fee that varies based on how you are giving and on the amount you are giving.* Thank you for continuing to support your congregation even when you aren't in attendance. Any questions, talk to Renee.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION: On Sunday, May 10 we recognized our High School graduates and they told us their plans for the future.

Molly Harms plans to attend Kankakee Community College and study to become a Licensed Practical Nurse and maybe a Registered Nurse in the future.

Hailey Rieches plans to attend Kankakee Community College and study Agribusiness Horticulture. She plans to start her own business in the future.

Andrew Storm plans to attend Kankakee Community College and take General Education studies while he decides what he wants to focus on. He would like to be outside working with his hands in the future.

Continue to keep these young people in your prayers as they move on to the next stage in their life.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE: "We are no longer terrified sinners but God's own children because of what Jesus has done for us. And so, the Day of Judgment becomes good news for us—because it is the day when the One we love most returns to bring us home in peace." *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Prayer List

Those celebrating a birthday:

Pastor Minton Tuesday
Alyssa Whitaker Thursday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Michael and Stacie Trumann Today (29 years)

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 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:

MaryAnne Anderson, surgery recovery
Sheila Selk, surgery recovery
Marc Avila, cousin of Patty Bruens, alzheimers progression

Those who mourn:

Family and friends of Lisa Garra, sister of Becky Bridge, given
Christian burial this past week.

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes Joann Sloan
Mary Kamin Julie Towers

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 Louisville and Emmet Bartens her pastor.

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

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.

