

**DAILY PRAYER - NOON - January 6, 2021**

*Lutheran Service Book - p. 296*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;

**hear me and answer me.**

Evening, morning and noon

**I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.**

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;

**He will never let the righteous fall.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**READING**

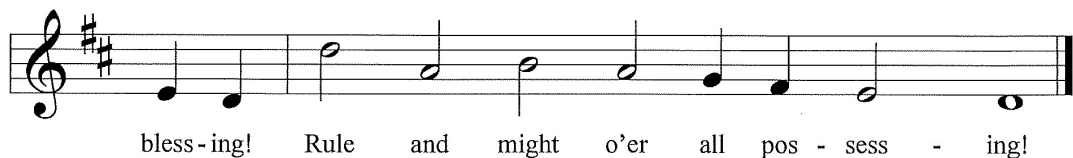
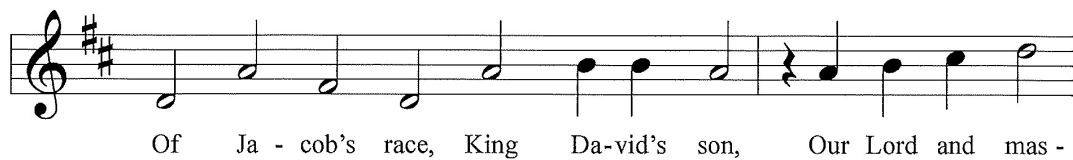
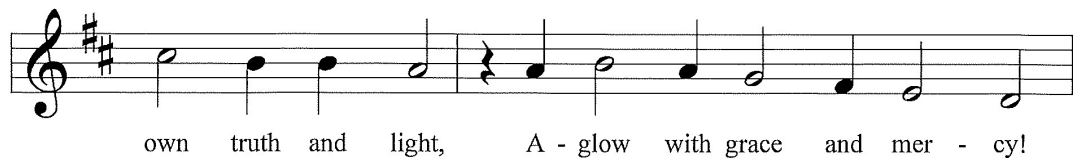
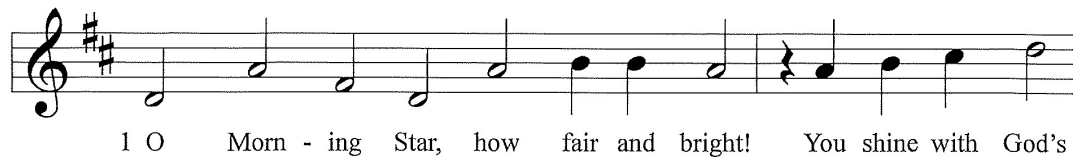
**Ephesians 3:1-12**

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—

(2) assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, (3) how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. (4) When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, (5) which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. (6) This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

(7) Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. (8) To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, (9) and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, (10) so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. (11) This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, (12) in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

**“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” - Lutheran Service Book, #395, stanzas 1 and 5**



5. **O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned, our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!  
Great is He the King of Glory!**

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*(Daily prayer for noon continues...)*

O Lord,  
    **have mercy upon us.**

O Christ  
    **have mercy upon us.**

O Lord,  
    **have mercy upon us.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

*(Additional prayer petitions.)*

## **Concluding Prayer**

Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray.  
**Amen.**