MID-WEEK 5
LENTEN SERVICE

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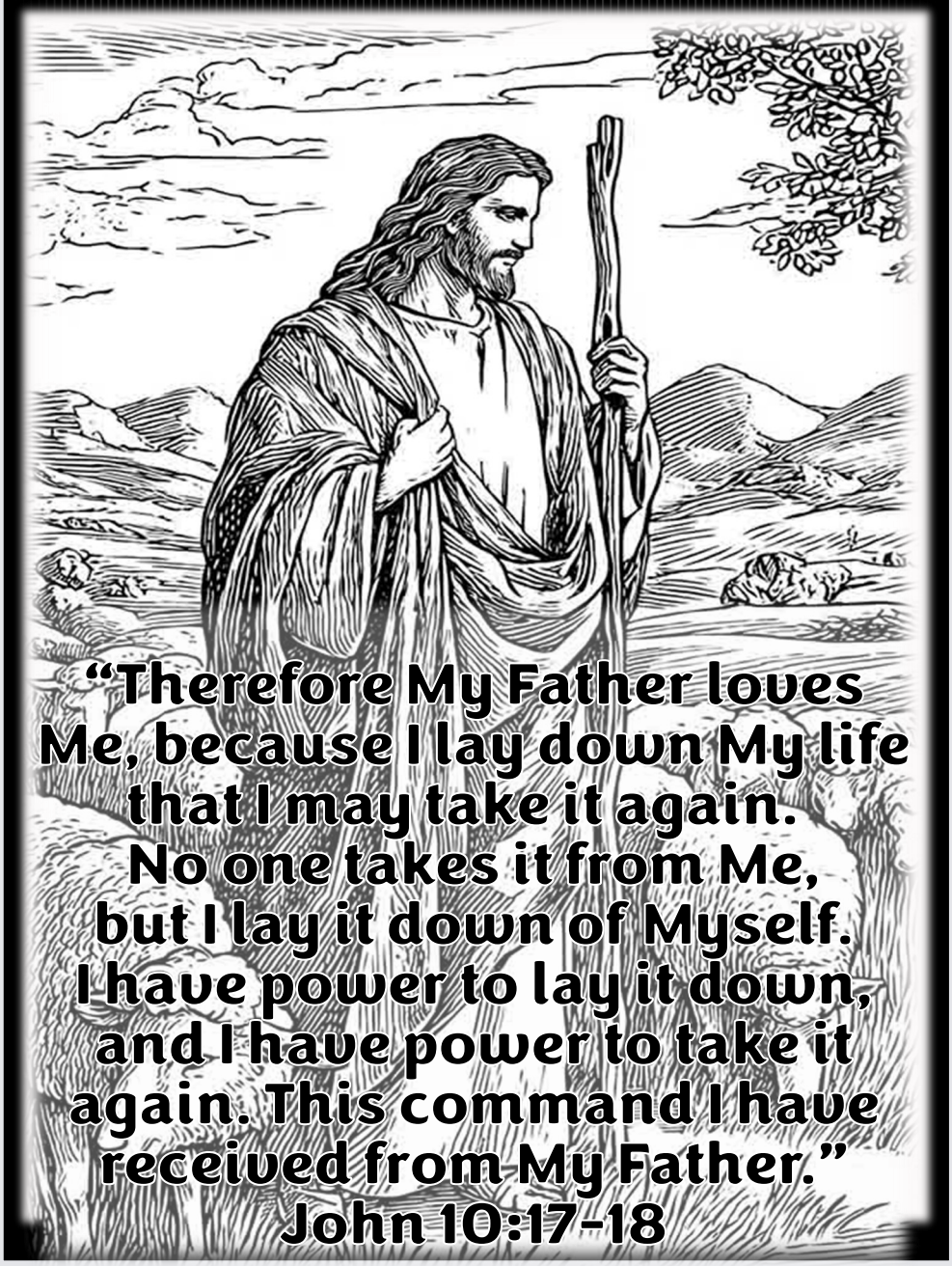

"Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."
John 10:17-18

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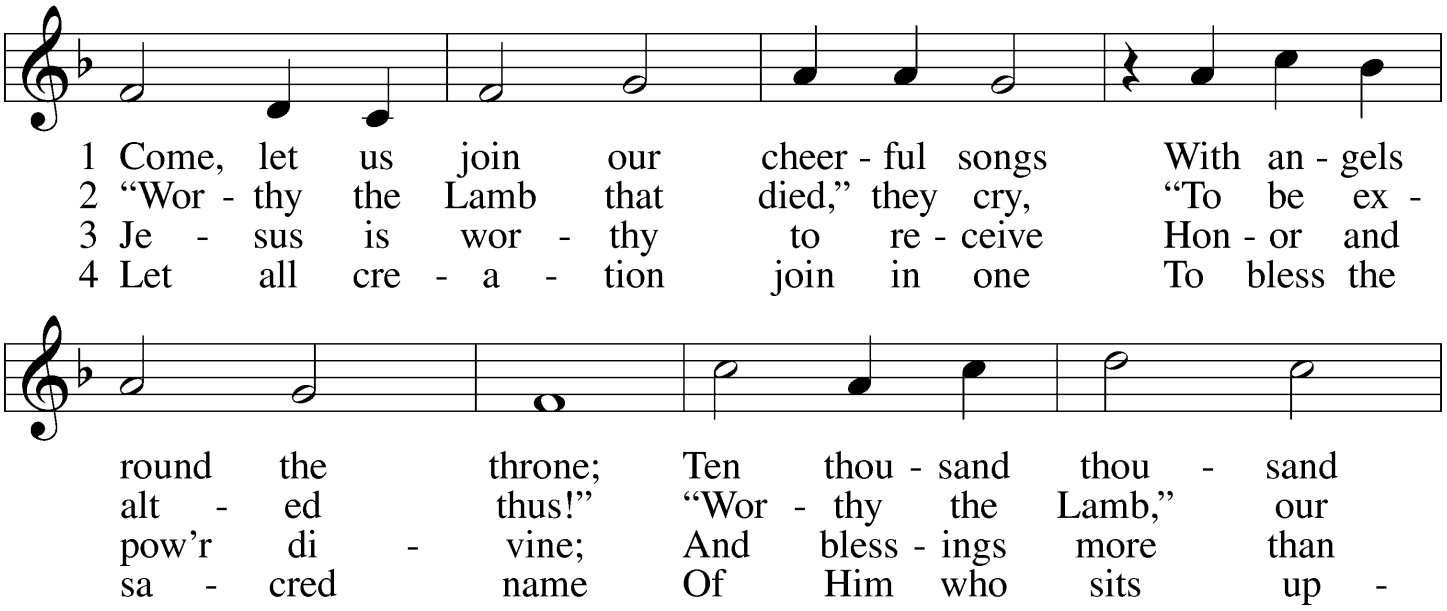
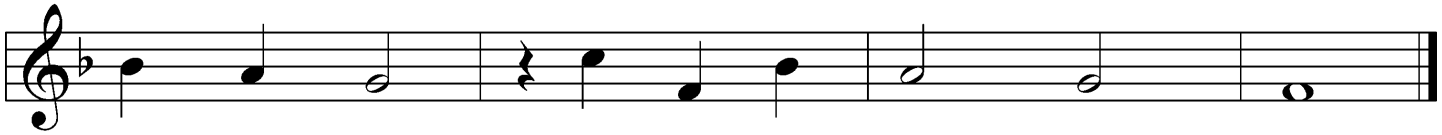
WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors here today. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

AS WE GATHER When the Israelites seemed trapped, the way out for them was through the middle of the sea. For Christians today, it has been through the waters of Baptism. It is Jesus who is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. God's Old Testament people survived to continue their escape in the desert. But we follow Christ, in our daily walk, united in a resurrection like His, and on to the place in heaven He has readied for us.

PRELUDE *(A Quiet Time for Prayer and Meditation)*

OPENING HYMN *Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs* **LSB 812**



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

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VESPERS

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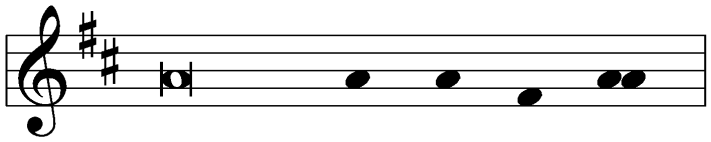
INVOCATION

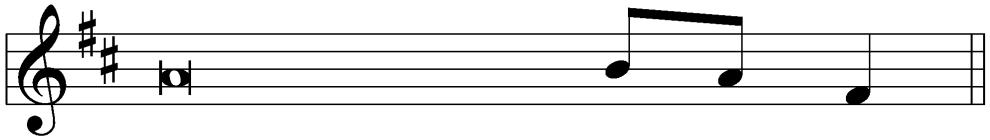
P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

C Amen.

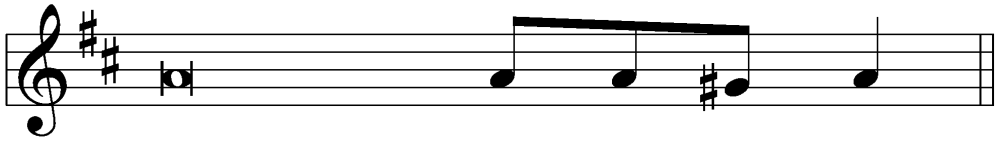
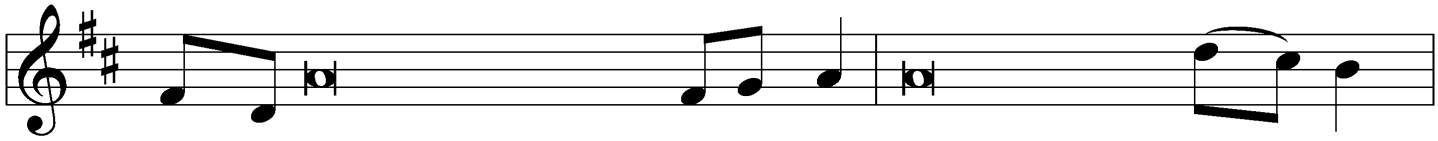
RESPONSE



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;

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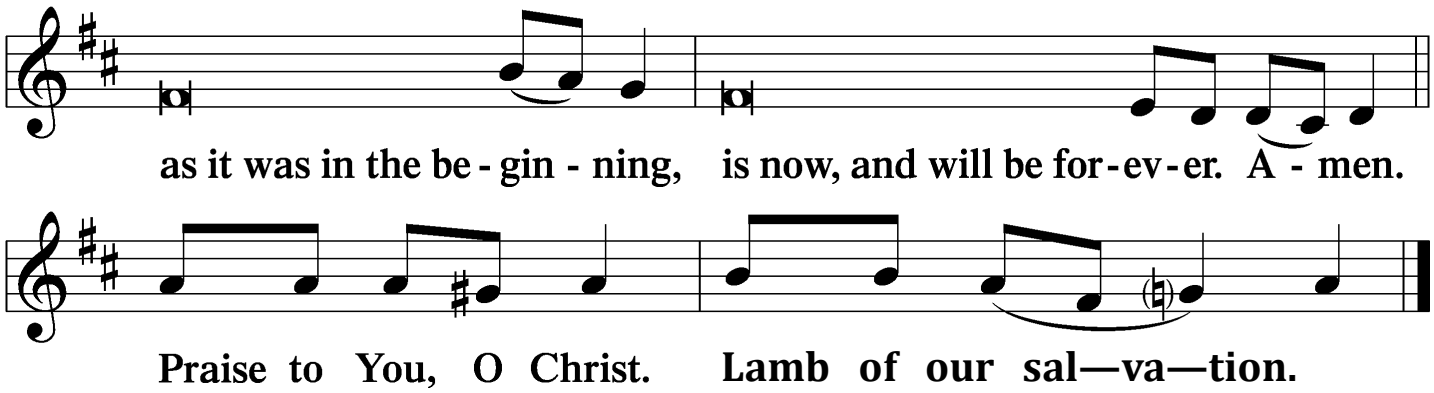
PSALM *Psalm 27*

P The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear ? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell.

P Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.

C One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

P For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

C And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

P Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

C When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."

P Do not hide Your face from me; do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

C When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me.

P Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because

of my enemies.

C Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.

P I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

C Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord!

Please sit

FIRST READING John 10:7-18

7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

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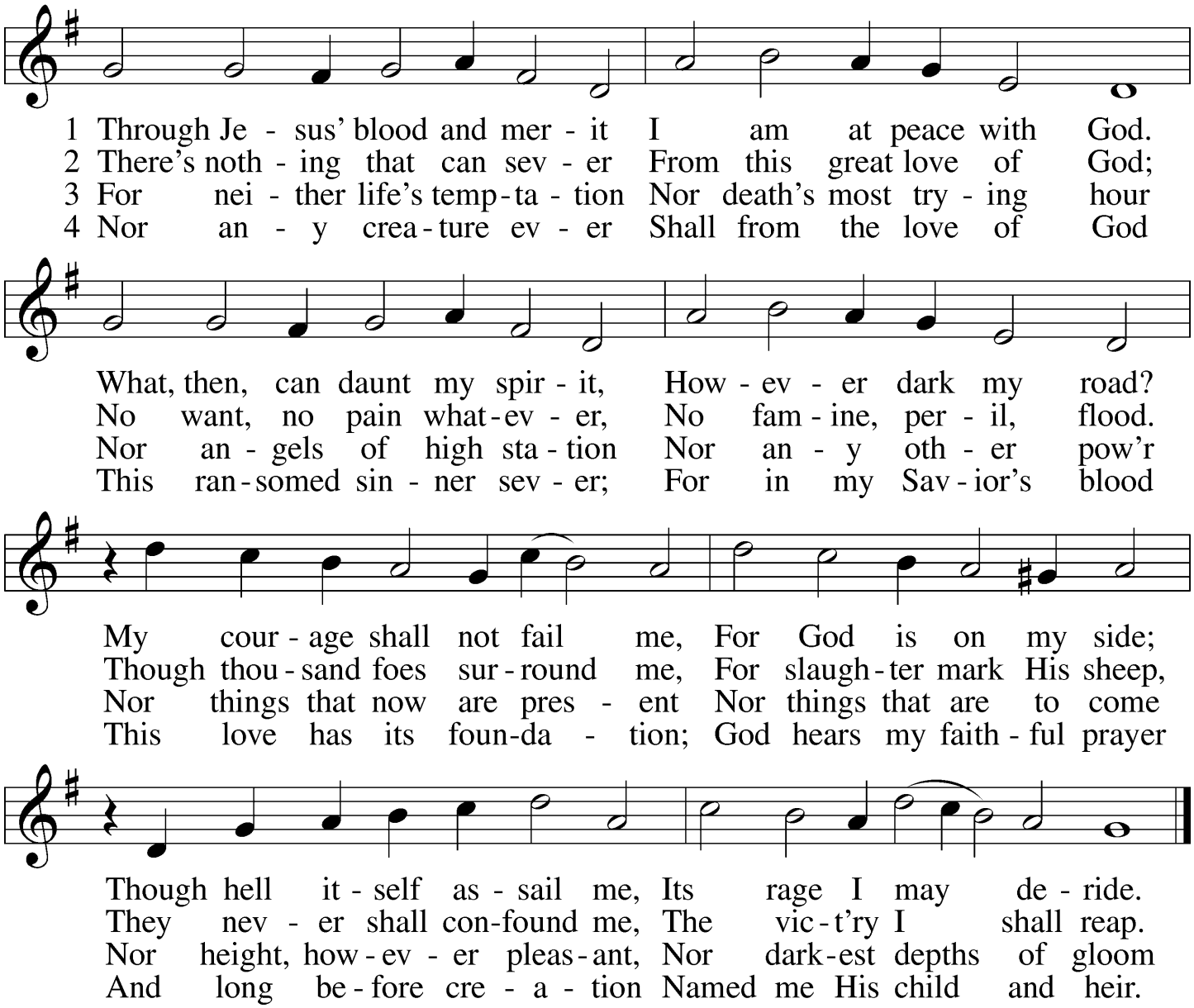
HYMN *Through Jesus' Blood and Merit* **LSB 746**

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Harmony of the Gospels Reading *of the Passion and Death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*

Luke 23:6-16; Matthew 27:15-16; Mark 15:7b-8; Matthew 27:17a; John 18:39a; Matthew 27:17b; John 18:39b; Mark 15:10; Matthew 27:19-20; Luke 23:18; Luke 23:20; Matthew 27:22; Mark 15:12b; Luke 23:21-22; Matthew 27:23b; Luke 23:23b

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked if the Man were a Galilean. 7 And as soon as he knew that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time. 8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for a long

time to see Him, because he had heard many things about Him, and he hoped to see some miracle done by Him. 9 Then he questioned Him with many words, but He answered him nothing. 10 And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him back to Pilate. 12 That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

13 Then Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, the rulers, and the people, 14 said to them, “You have brought this Man to me, as one who misleads the people. And indeed, having examined Him in your presence, I have found no fault in this Man concerning those things of which you accuse Him; 15 no, neither did Herod, for I sent you back to him; and indeed nothing deserving of death has been done by Him. 16 I will therefore chastise Him and release Him”. 15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to releasing to the multitude one prisoner whom they wished. 16 And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. 8 Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them. 17 Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, 39 “But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. “Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ, the King of the Jews?” 10 For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, “Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him.”

20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. 18 And they all cried out at once, saying, “Away with this Man, and release to us Barabbas”—
20 Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ, the King of the Jews?” 21 But they shouted, saying, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” 22 Then

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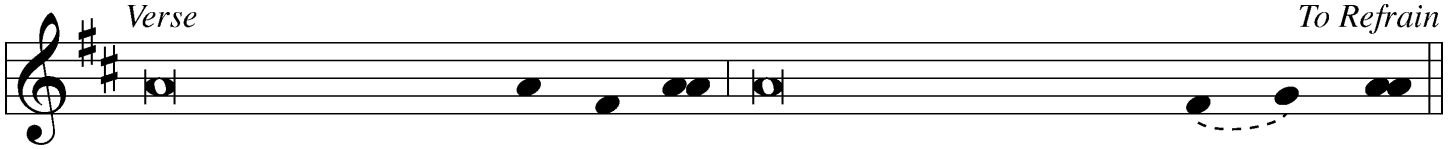
he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has He done? I have found no reason for death in Him. I will therefore chastise Him and let Him go." But they cried out all the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!" And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed.

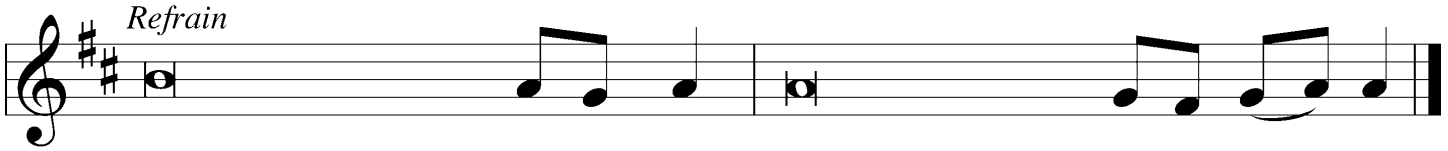
P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

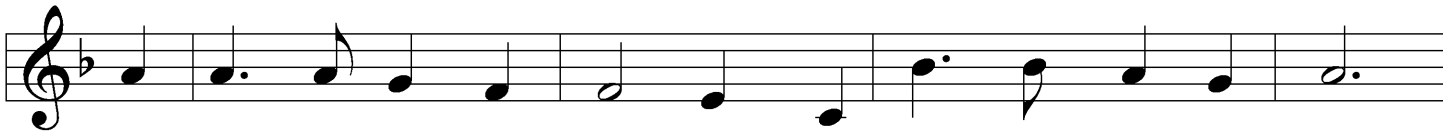


L 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.

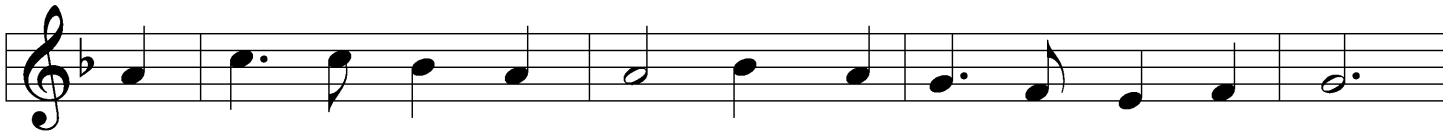


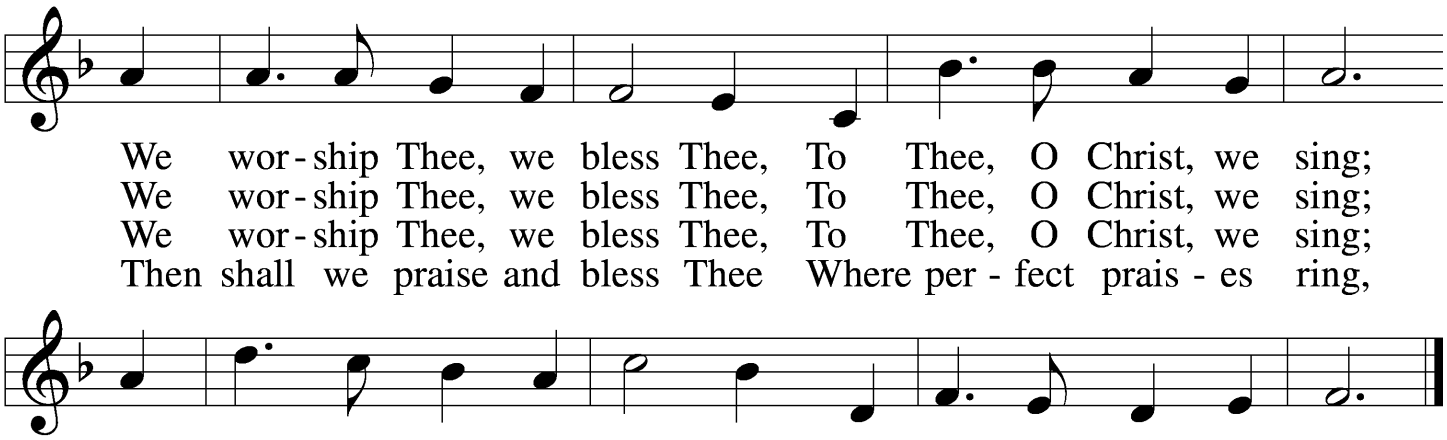
C Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Savior, Precious Savior* LSB 527



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;

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SERMON ***"...Point Out His Power"*** John 10:17-18

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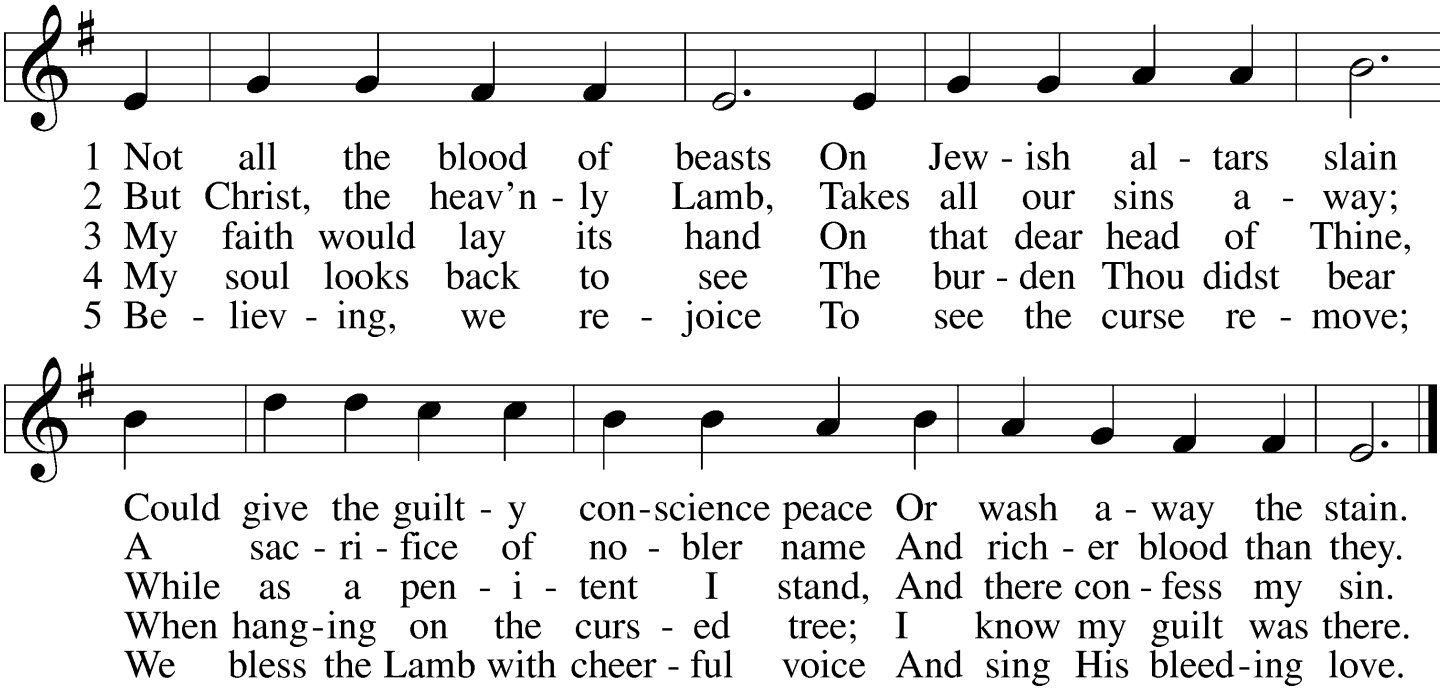
OFFERTORY *Not All the Blood of Beasts* **LSB 431**



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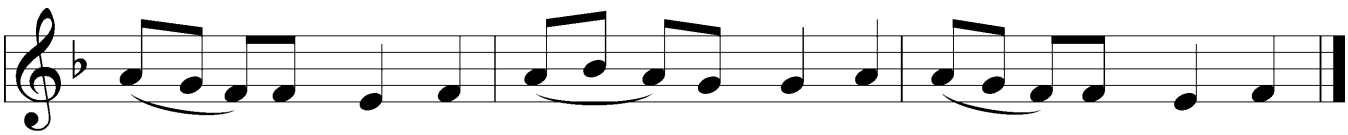
C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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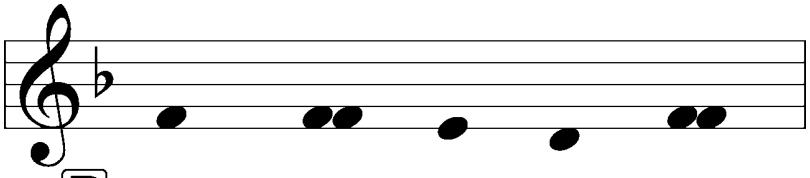
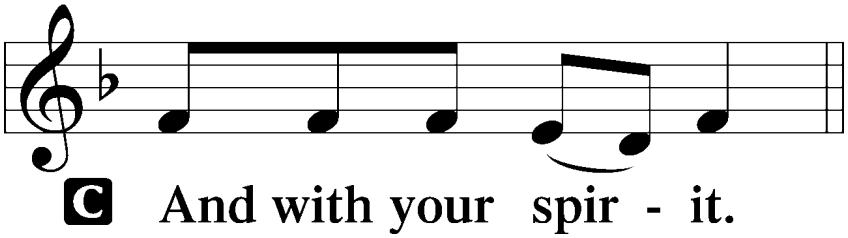
LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COLLECTS



COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, because it was your will that your Son should bear the pains of the cross for us and thus remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive remission of sins and redemption from

everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

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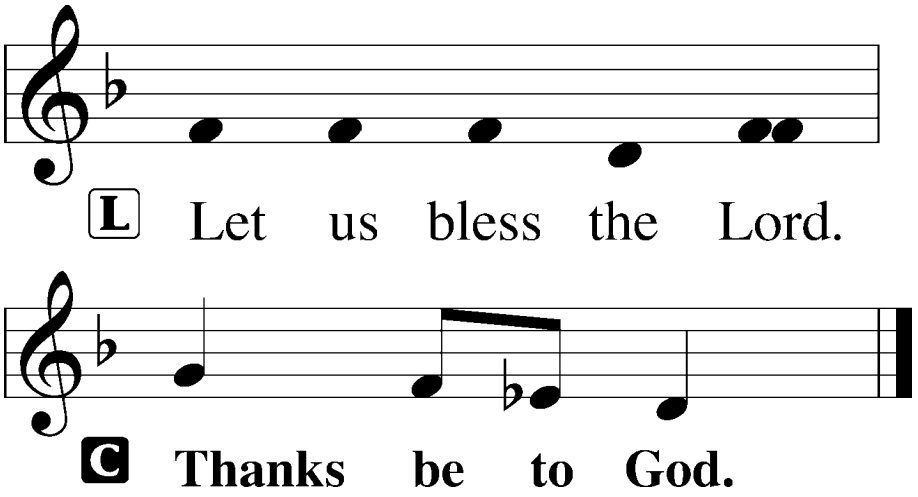
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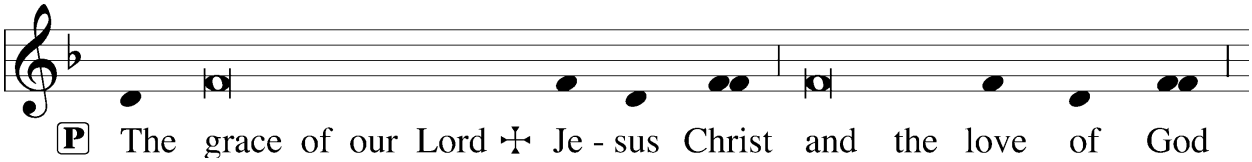

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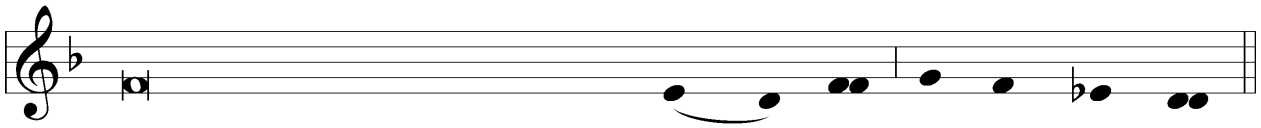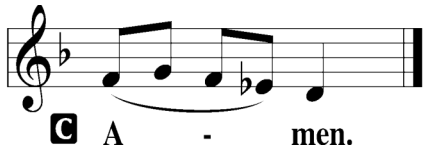

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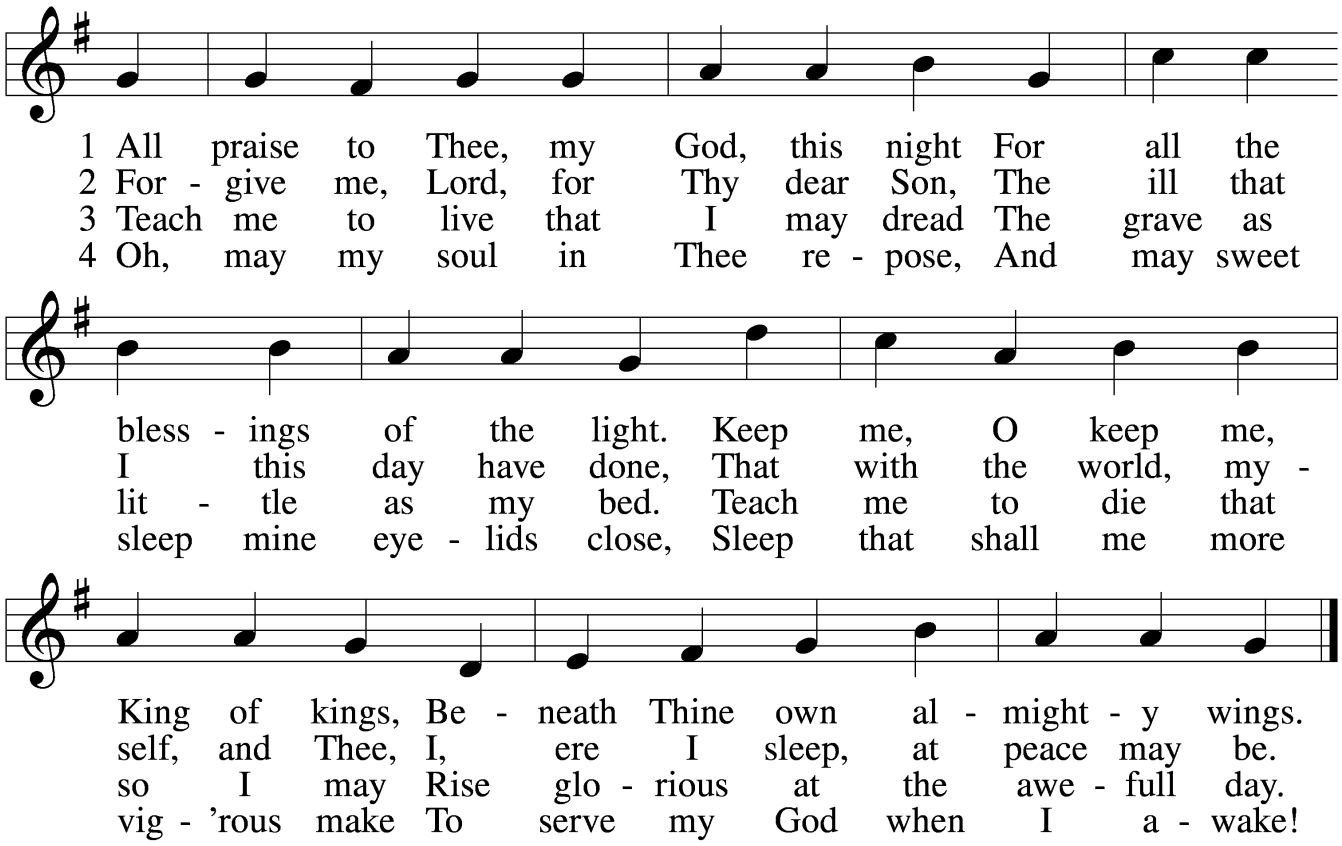
SENDING HYMN *All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night* LSB 883



5 When in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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