

**NEW YEAR'S EVE  
SERVICE**

**DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN  
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*Missouri Synod*



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***Sunday***

**9:00 AM**

**Worship Service**

**10:30 am**

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***Sunday School***

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"Therefore you also  
be ready,  
for the Son of Man  
is coming

at an hour  
you do not expect."

Luke 12:40

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### WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

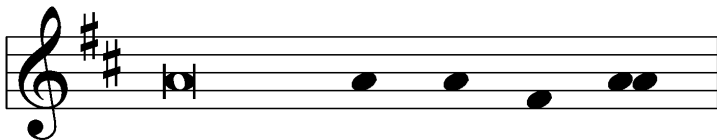
We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this evening. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance.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

**AS WE GATHER** Although not an official church holiday, New Year's Eve has been, for many centuries, a time for Christian people to gather for worship. The psalmist exclaims: "I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1). The changing of the calendar year is a most appropriate time for God's people to bless Him and thank Him for the time of the old year now ending and for the time yet to come in the new year. King David, the psalmist, shares this blessed invitation with us: "Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!" (Psalm 34:3). In another of his thoughtfully reflective psalms, David says to the Lord: "But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in Your hand" (Psalm 31:14–15a). In our worship this New Year's Eve, we echo the faith-filled expression of King David, joyfully committing our time and commending our times to our gracious and faithful God.

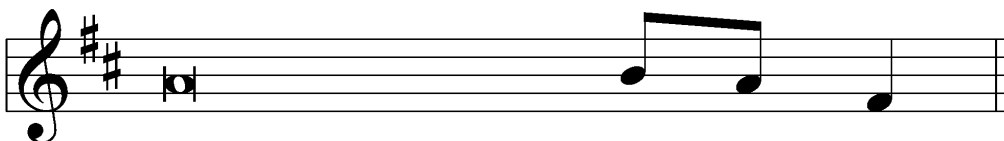
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#### PRELUDE

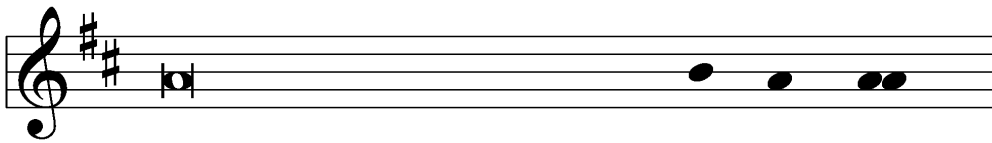
*Please Stand*



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



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



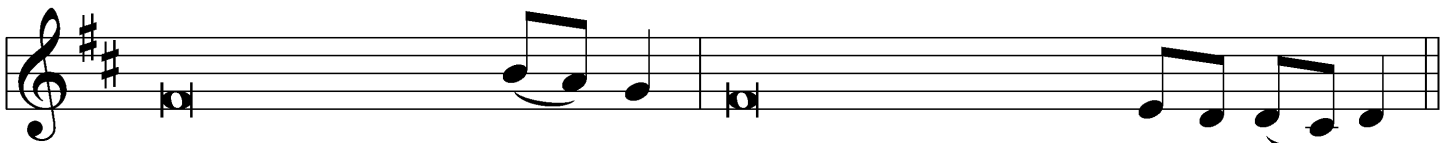
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



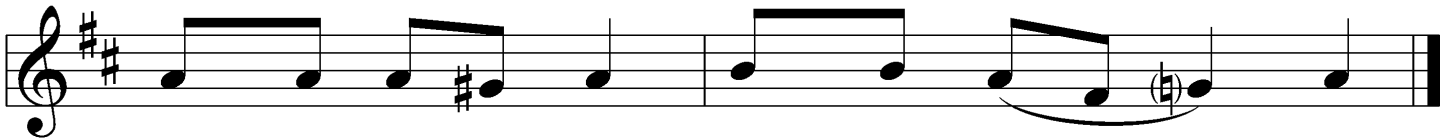
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**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.

## PSALM *Psalms 90:1-12*

**P** Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**C** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God.

**P** You turn man to destruction, and say, "Return, O children of men."

**C** For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night.

**P** You carry them away like a flood; they are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up:

**C** In the morning it flourishes and grows up; in the evening it is cut down and withers.

**P** For we have been consumed by Your anger, and by Your wrath we are terrified.

**C** You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.

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- P For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; we finish our years like a sigh.
- C **The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.**
- P Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.
- C **So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

## OPENING HYMN

*Now Thank We All Our God*

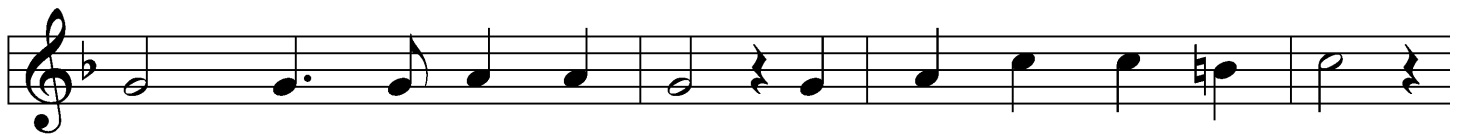
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1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
 △ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
 With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
 The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus

Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Please Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      Isaiah 30:15–17

(“In quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”)

15 For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:

“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.” But you would not,

16 And you said, “No, for we will flee on horses”—therefore you shall flee! And, “We will ride on swift horses”—therefore those who pursue you shall be swift!

17 One thousand shall flee at the threat of one, at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left as a pole on top of a mountain and as a banner on a hill.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**      *Romans 8:31b–39*

(God is for us!)

31 If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

“For Your sake we are killed all day long;

We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to

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P 0 Lord, have mercy on us.

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 12:34-40*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

## COMMON RESPONSORY

The musical notation for the 'Verse' and 'To Refrain' section is written on a single staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature (C). The notation consists of a series of notes: a half note on G4, followed by a whole note on A4, then a half note on B4, and a whole note on C5. This is followed by a bar line. After the bar line, there is a half note on B4, a half note on A4, and a whole note on G4. This is followed by another bar line. After the second bar line, there is a half note on F#4, a half note on E4, and a whole note on D4. The notation ends with a double bar line. The word 'Verse' is written above the first measure, and 'To Refrain' is written above the last measure.

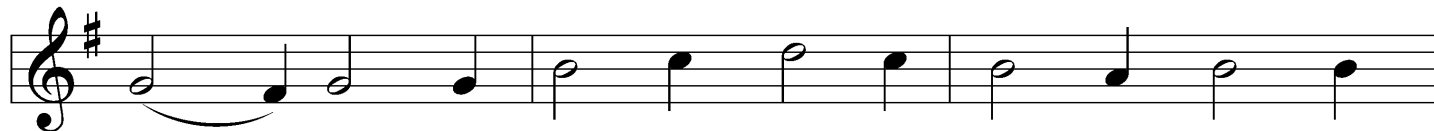
The musical notation for the Refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of the following notes: D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). The notes are grouped into measures: the first measure contains D4, E4, and F#4; the second measure contains G4, A4, and B4; the third measure contains A4, G4, and F#4; the fourth measure contains E4, D4, and C4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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# HYMN OF THE DAY *Across the Sky the Shades of Night* LSB 899



1 A - cross the sky the shades of night This New Year's Eve are  
2 Be - fore the cross sub - dued we bow, To You our prayer ad -



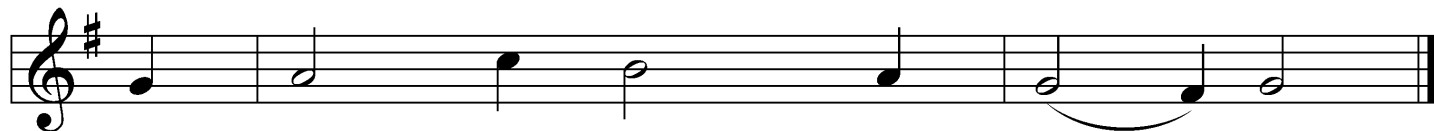
fleet - ing. We deck Your al - tar, Lord, with light, In  
dress - ing, Re - count - ing all Your mer - cies now, And



sol - emn wor - ship meet - ing; And as the year's last  
all our sins con - fess - ing; Be - seech - ing You this



hours go by, We raise to You our ear - nest cry,  
com - ing year To keep us in Your faith and fear



Once more Your love en - treat - ing.  
And crown us with Your bless - ing.

3 We gather up in this brief hour  
The mem'ry of Your mercies:  
Your wondrous goodness, love, and pow'r  
Our grateful song rehearses;  
For You have been our strength and stay  
In many\_a dark and dreary day  
Of sorrow and reverses.

4 We now remember, as we pray,  
Our dear ones in Your caring  
Who brightly shine in endless day,  
Past death and all despairing.  
At our life's end, Lord, as Your own,

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Bring us with them around Your throne,  
The joys of heaven sharing.

5 Then, gracious God, in years to come,  
We pray Your hand may guide us,  
And, onward through our journey home,  
Your mercy walk beside us  
Until at last our ransomed life  
Is safe from peril, toil, and strife  
When heav'n itself shall hide us.

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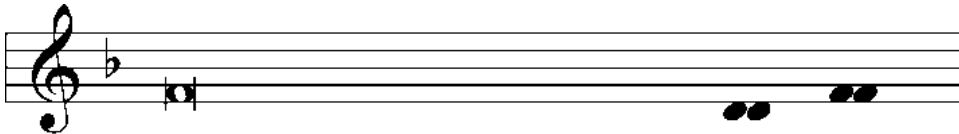
**SERMON**      ***"Blessed servants of the coming Master - Jesus"***

Luke 12:37-40

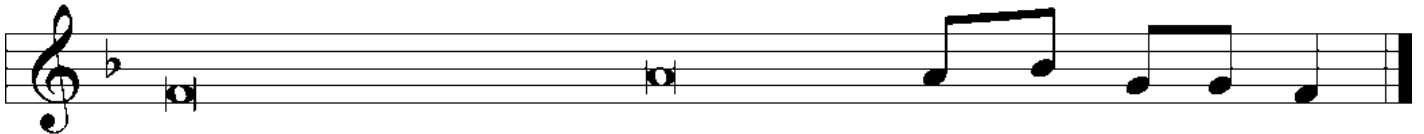
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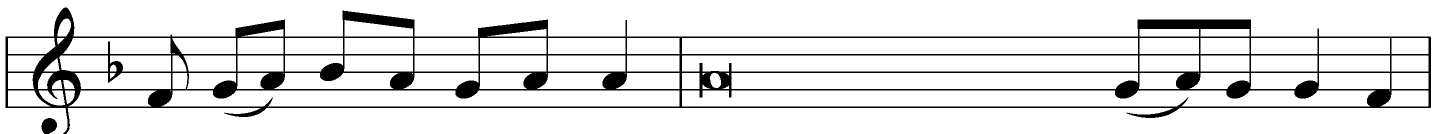


**L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,

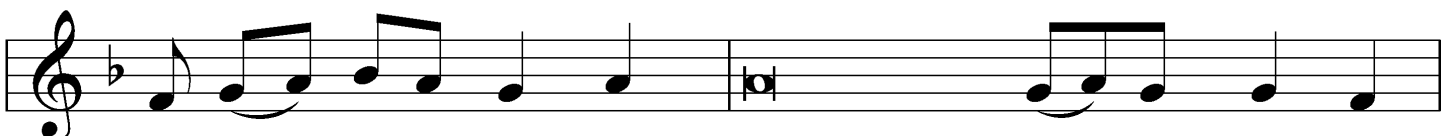


**C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

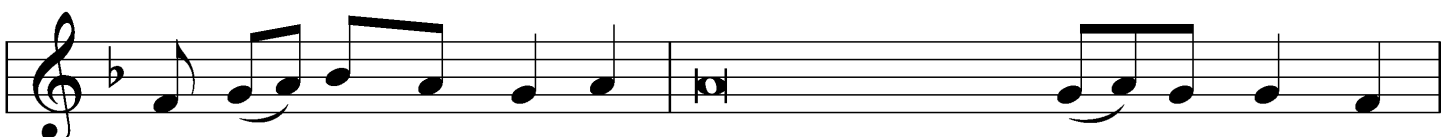
**Magnificat**



**C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;

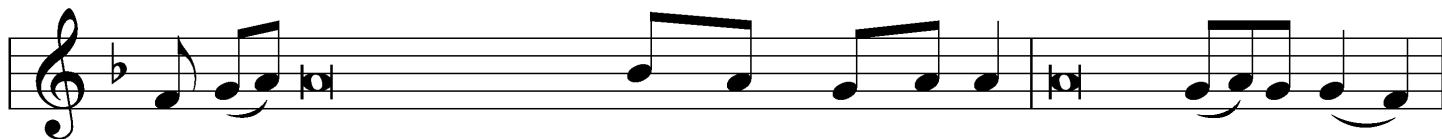


for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.





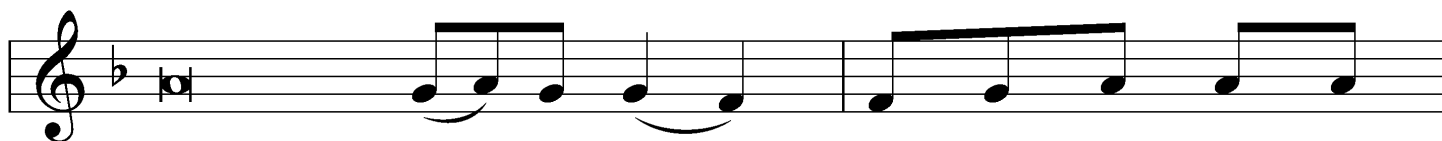
For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



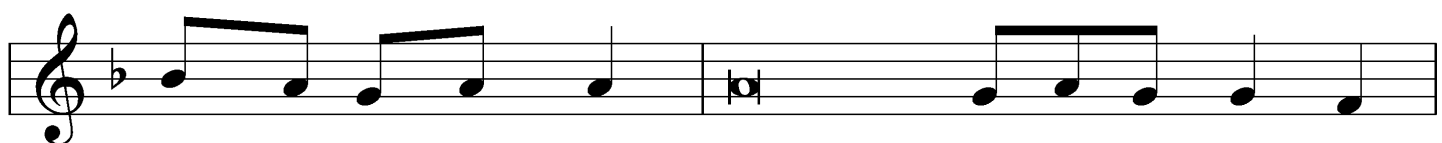
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



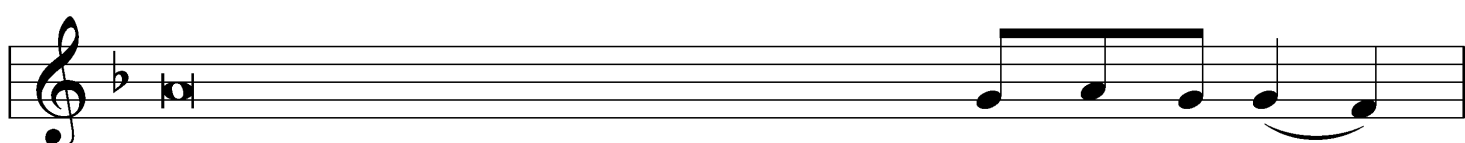
imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the



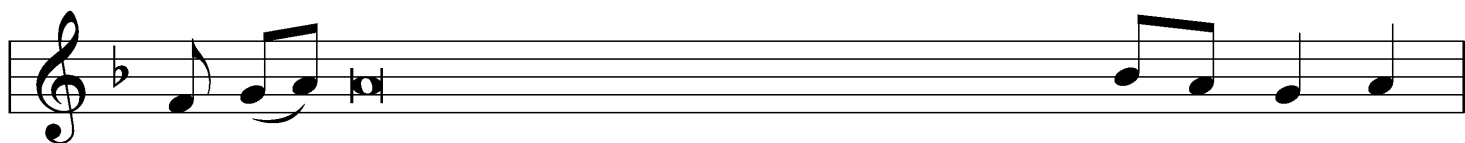
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



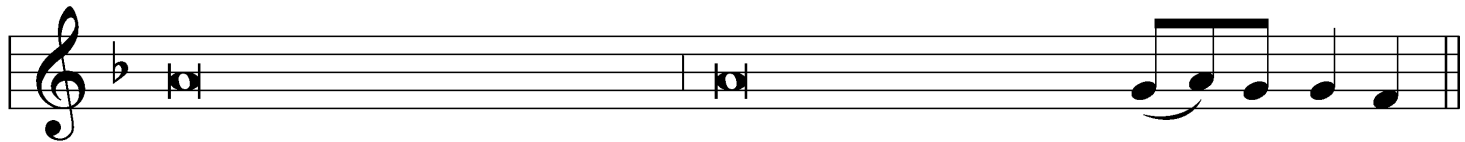
He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.



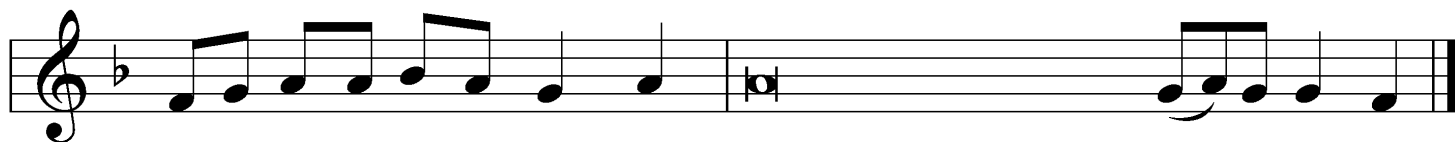
He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir-it;



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

## KYRIE



**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.

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

**P** Let us pray. Blessed are You, gracious God, for in Your great mercy You sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to be our Savior. You have graciously given us the gift of faith and have safely brought us to the conclusion of another year of grace. Grant that we may remain strong in faith and imbued with Your goodness throughout the coming year, that with joy and thankfulness we may

receive the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, which come to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C     Amen.**

## **CLOSING COLLECT**

**P**     Let us pray. 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.

**C     Amen.**

## **LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER**

**C     I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**  
**Amen.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

**P**     Let us bless the Lord.

**C     Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P**     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**C     Amen.**

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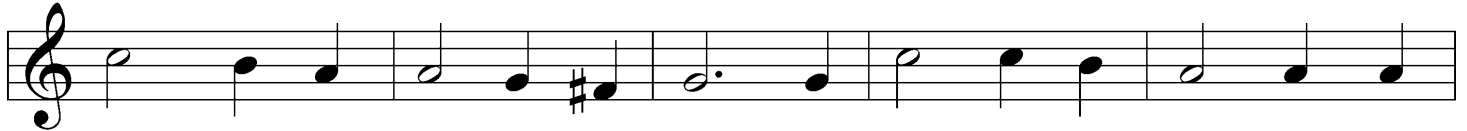
## CLOSING HYMN

## *When Peace, like a River*

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1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

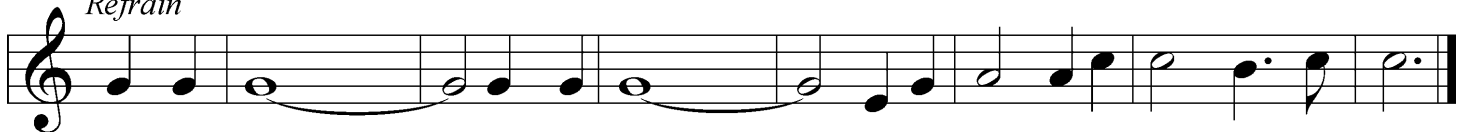


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

