

**LAST SUNDAY OF THE
CHURCH YEAR**

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



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9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

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**“Watch therefore, for you
do not know when the
master of the house is
coming—in the evening,
at midnight, at the crowing
of the rooster, or in the
morning—” Mark 13:35**

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. 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.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10; 1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you... this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17-34.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son, I pray, that He may lead home His bride, the Church, that I with all the redeemed may enter into Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last

things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ “will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,” Christ, “whose kingdom will have no end” (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God’s salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

(A quiet time for prayer and meditation)

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior

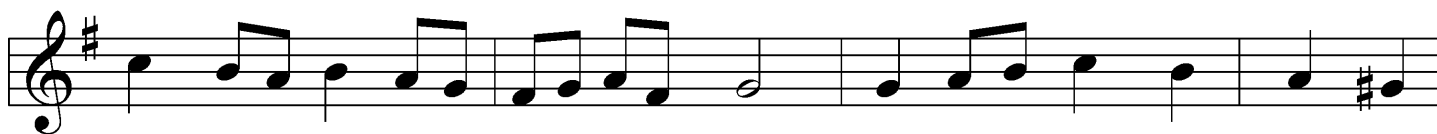
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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for



truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;



Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in
Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the



glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards



love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.

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- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and
iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly
deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am**

heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a; antiphon, 2 Peter 3:13b*

P Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

C **“Lord, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am.**

P Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is as nothing before You; certainly every man at his best state is but vapor.

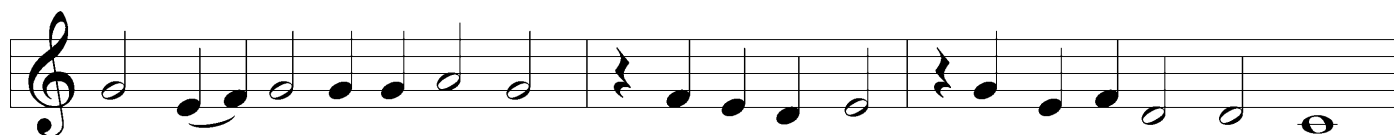
C **“And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You.**

P Deliver me from all my transgressions; do not make me the reproach of the foolish.

C **“Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; do not be silent at my tears;**

P Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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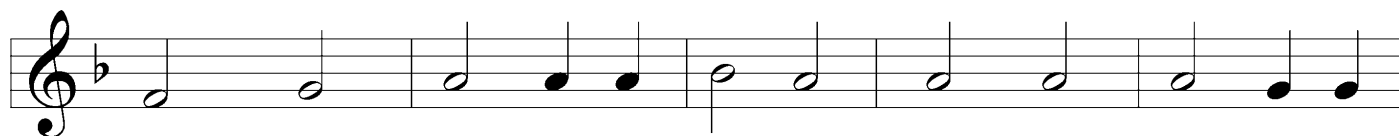


☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

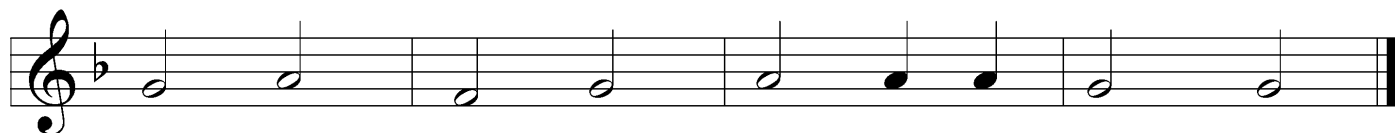


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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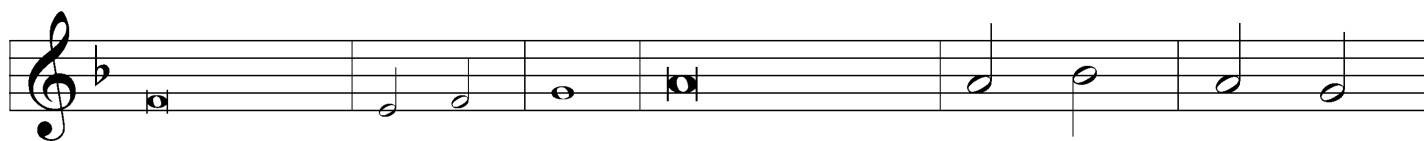


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

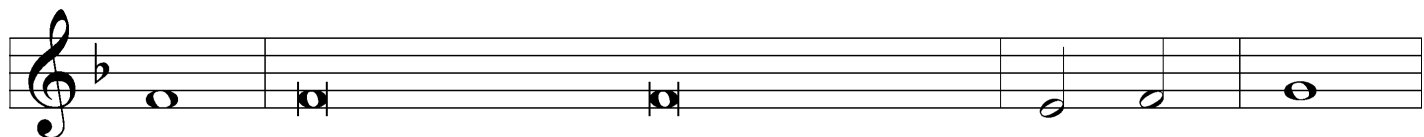


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

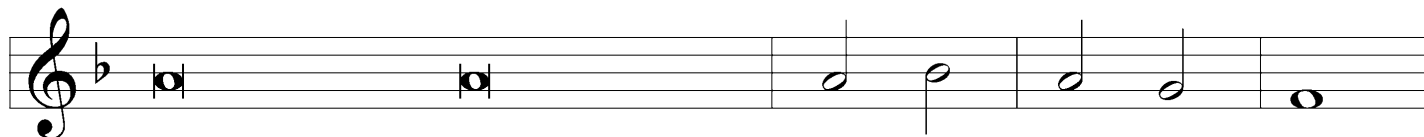
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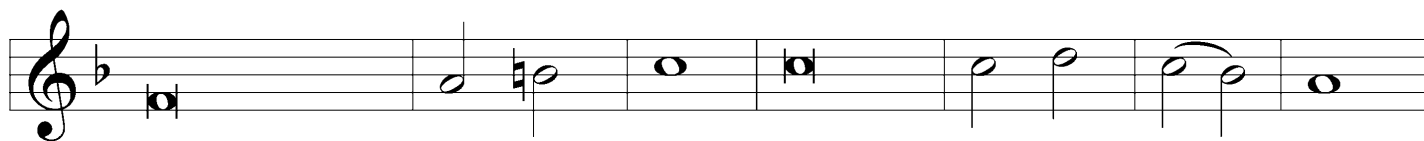
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



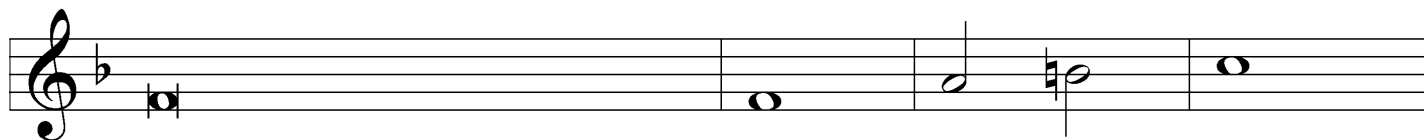
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



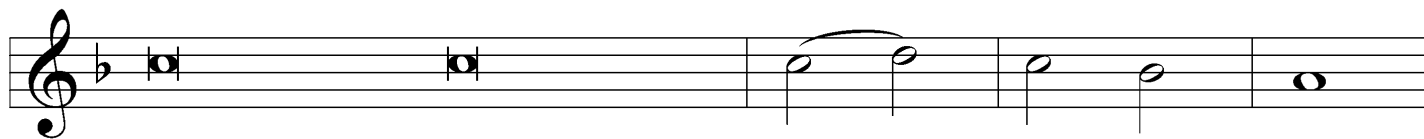
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



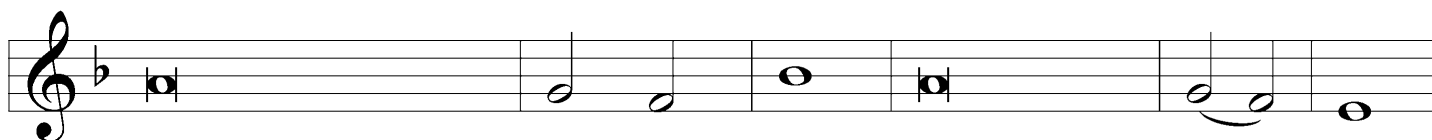
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



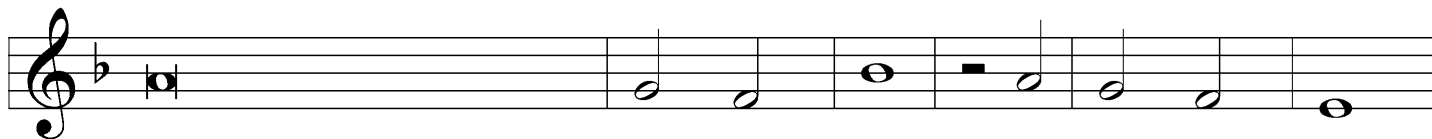
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



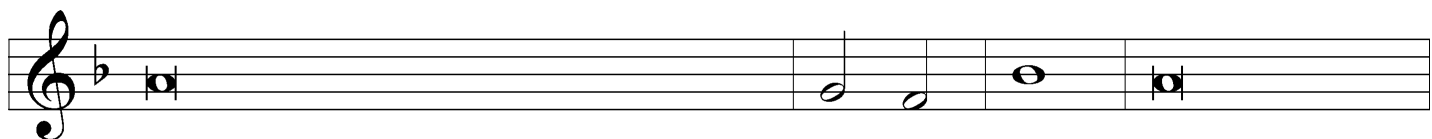
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



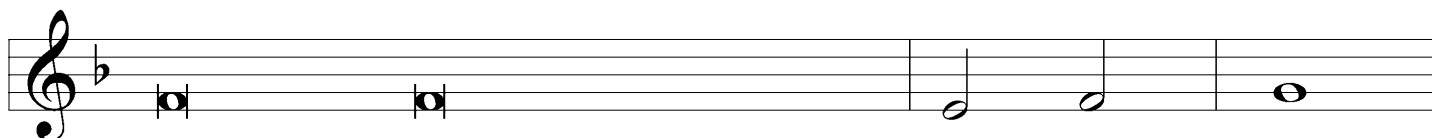
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

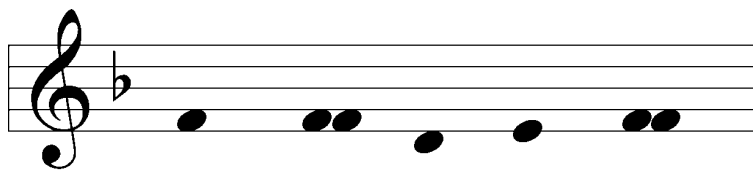


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

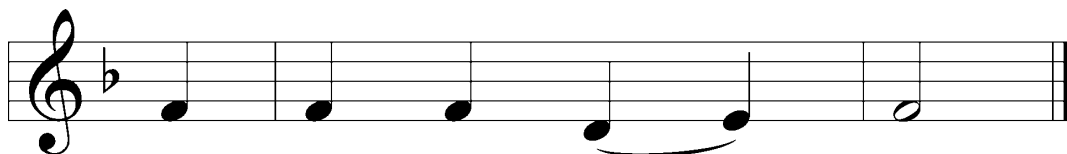


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



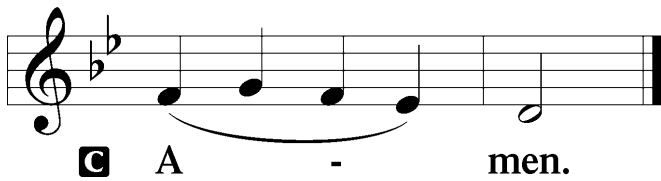
C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

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P Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

(The Ancient of Days gives dominion to the Son of Man.)

9 “I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; 10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. 13 “I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalms 93; antiphon: v. 2*

P Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

C **The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved.**

P Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

C **The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.**

P The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea.

C **Your testimonies are very sure; holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.**

P Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

EPISTLE *Revelation 1:4-8*

(“I am the Alpha and the Omega.”)

4 Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

ALLELUIA



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 13:24-37*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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24 “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

28 “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors! 30 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

32 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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All: *I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and

for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

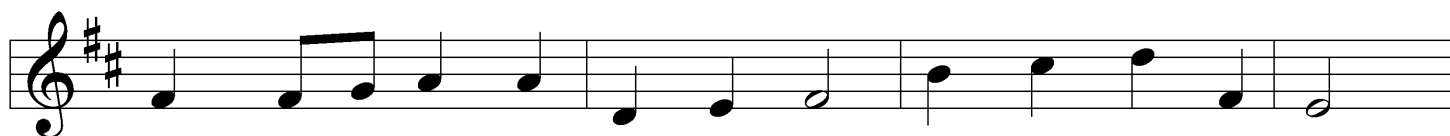
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

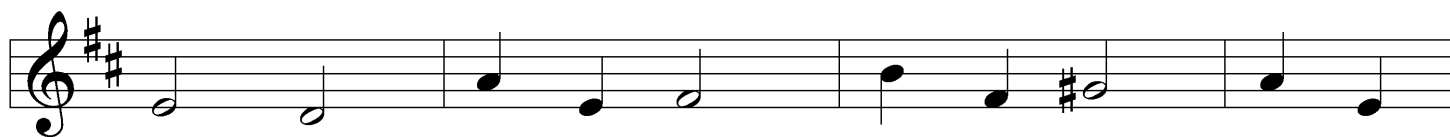
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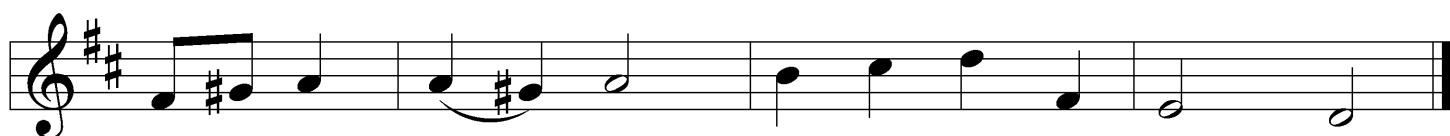
1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and

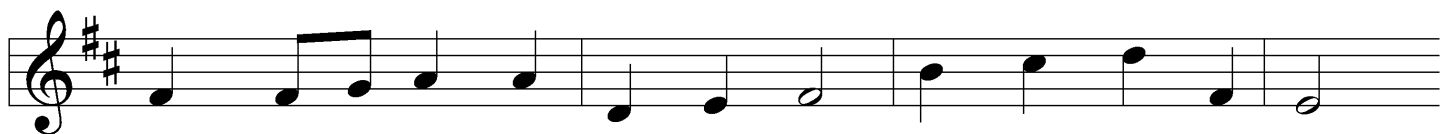


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blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -

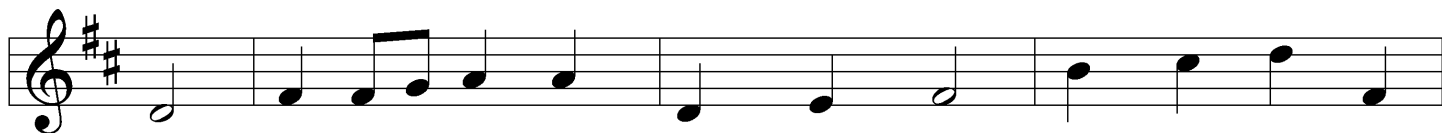


har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.

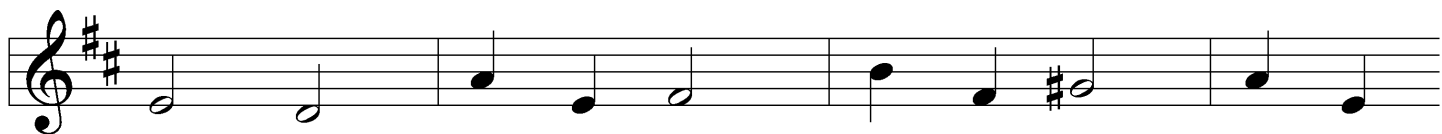
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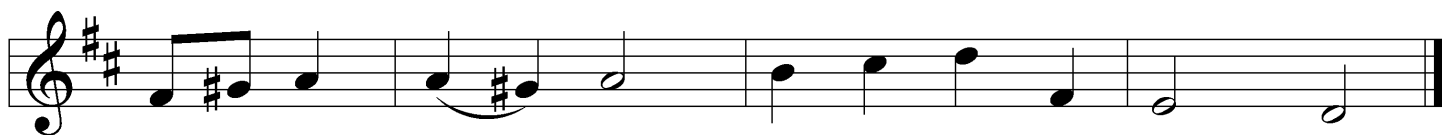
3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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SERMON

"God's servants in charge"

Mark 13:34

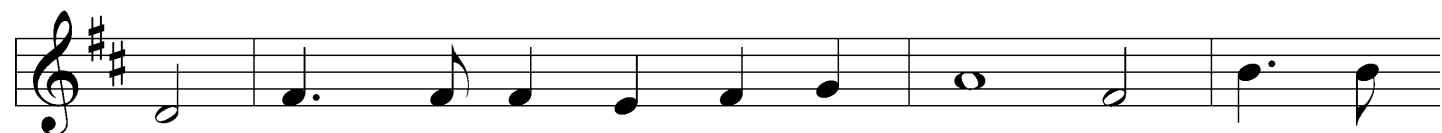
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OFFERTORY

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

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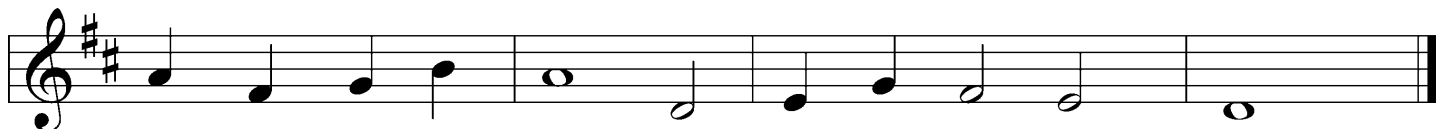
1 May we Thy pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
 2 So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace a -
 3 Spir - it of life, of love and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove;
 dore, Thy pow'r con - fess, From sin and strife to flee.
 hearts, our joy in - crease, Thy gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all Thy
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil-dren and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE *"Peace be with you"* [American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, Lord and king of all creation, we give You thanks for all of Your blessings You have given to all beyond any worthiness or merit of our own. We praise You especially for Your holy church throughout the world of all ages, for preserving Your Word and Sacraments and providing faithful pastors to preach and administer Your grace. Keep them in purity of doctrine and all Your people in confident faith. Protect us in any tribulation or danger, and strengthen our hope in Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of the nations, grant that Your grace guide and protect all who are in authority, especially in our own country. Keep all people in safety by means of Your gifts of Mercy and truth, righteousness and peace. Defend all who labor and grant that all may grow in useful knowledge that we may live in freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Comfort, O God, all who are in any trouble, want, sickness, or any other adversity, [especially . . .]. Show us Your mercy that we may live our days in safety and health. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We remember with thanksgiving all who have loved and served You

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who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in Your mercy,

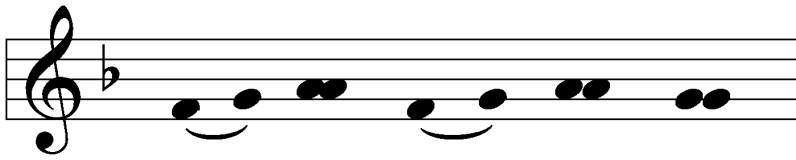
C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

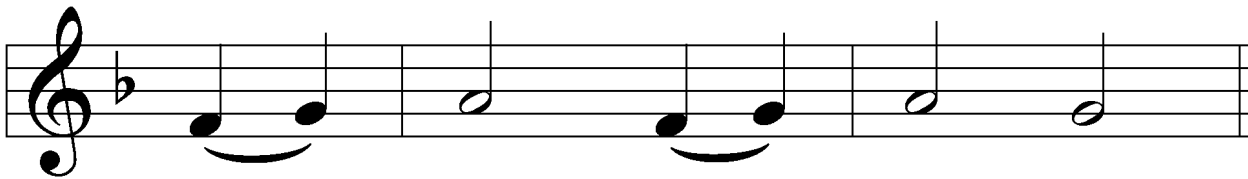
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

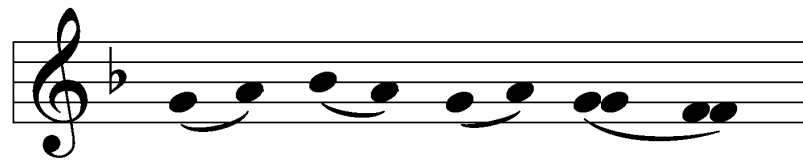
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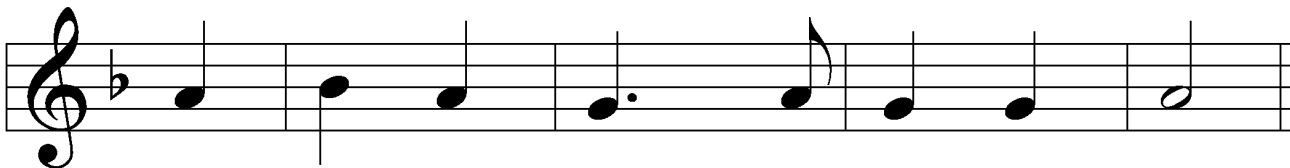
P The Lord be with you.



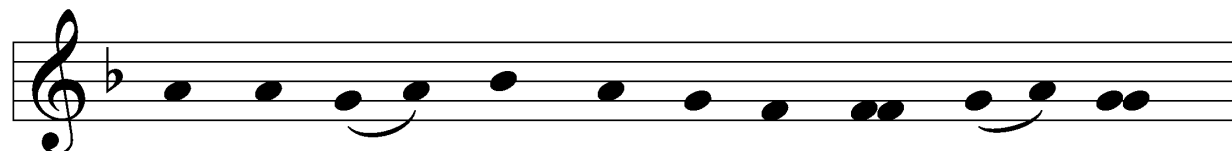
C And with thy spir - it.



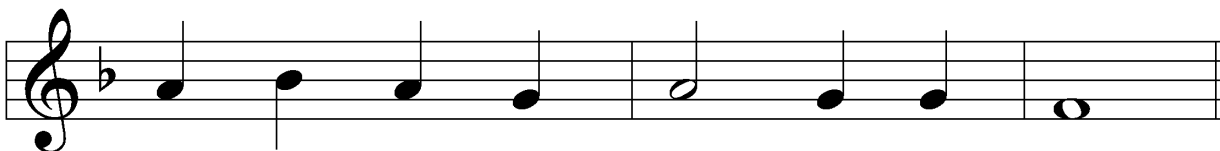
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



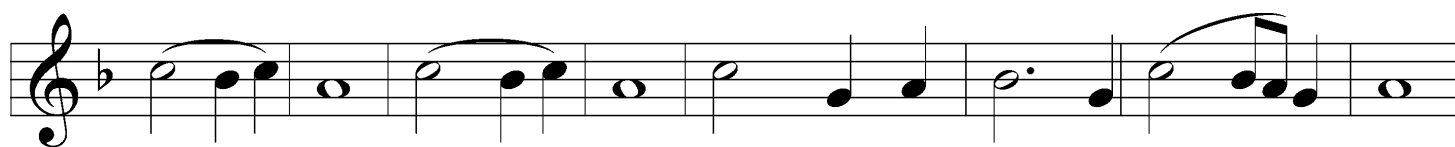
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



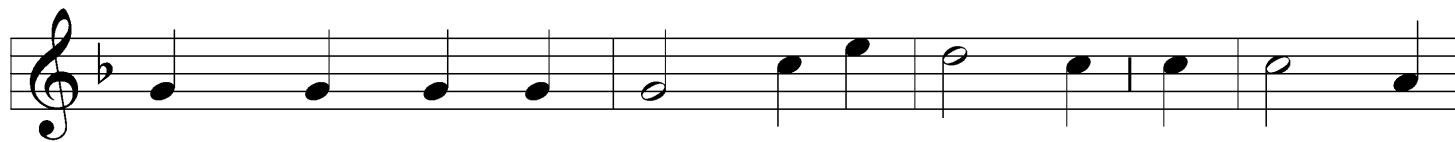
C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



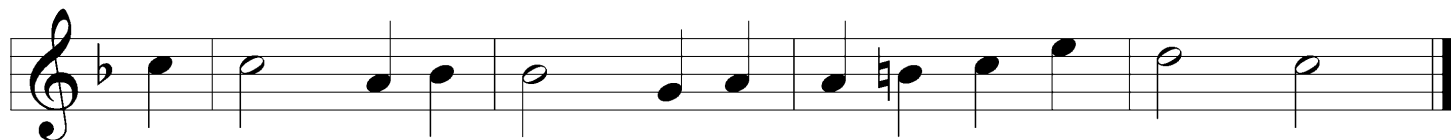
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

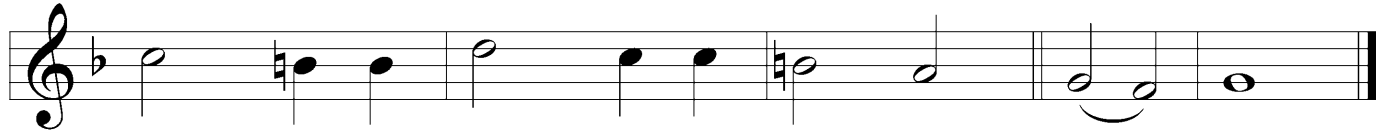
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

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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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



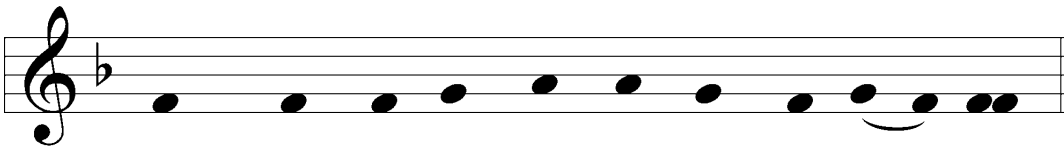
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please sit

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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be
 Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy
 body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins.

Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a
 place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and
 drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ,
 Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
 Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Your Table I Approach

LSB 628

1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.

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2 Lord, I con-fess my sins And mourn their wretch-ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won-drous mys - ter - y;
5 O grant, most bless - ed Lord, That earth and hell com-bined
6 Oh, may I nev - er fail To thank You day and night

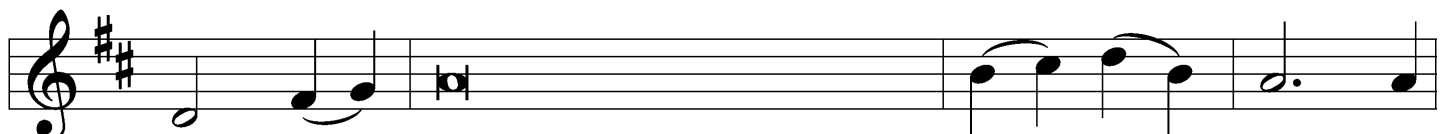


A con-trite heart is sure to find For - give-ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com-plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.
May not a - bout this sac - ra - ment Raise doubt with-in my mind.
For Your true bod - y and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

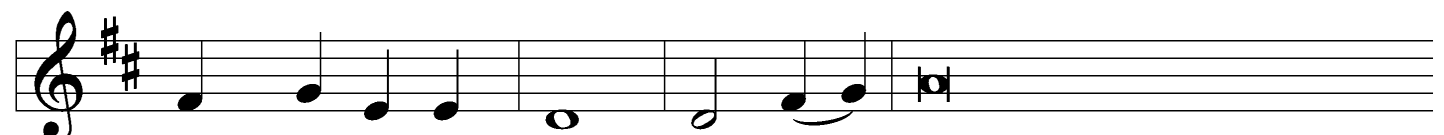
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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



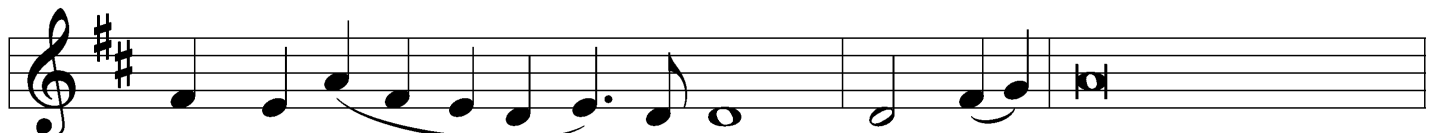
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



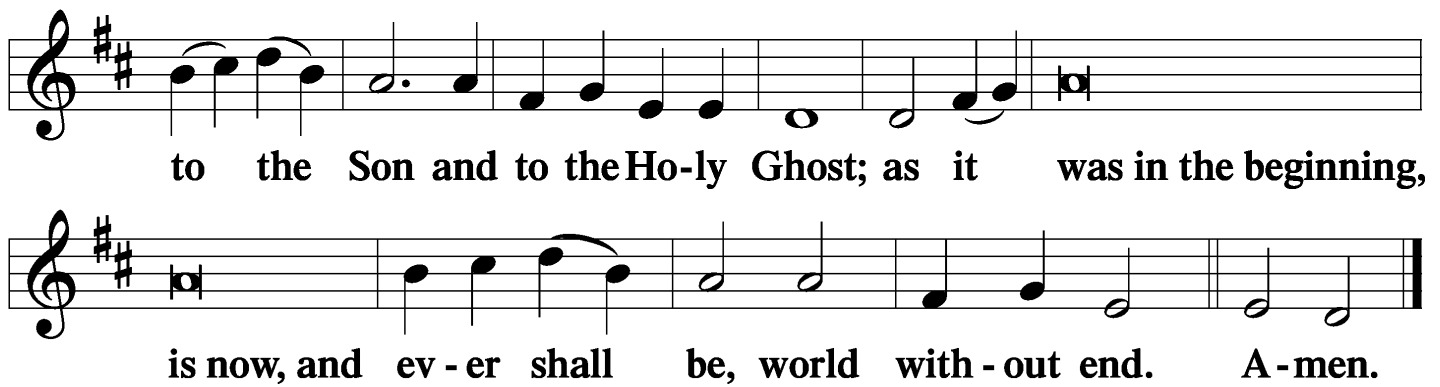
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

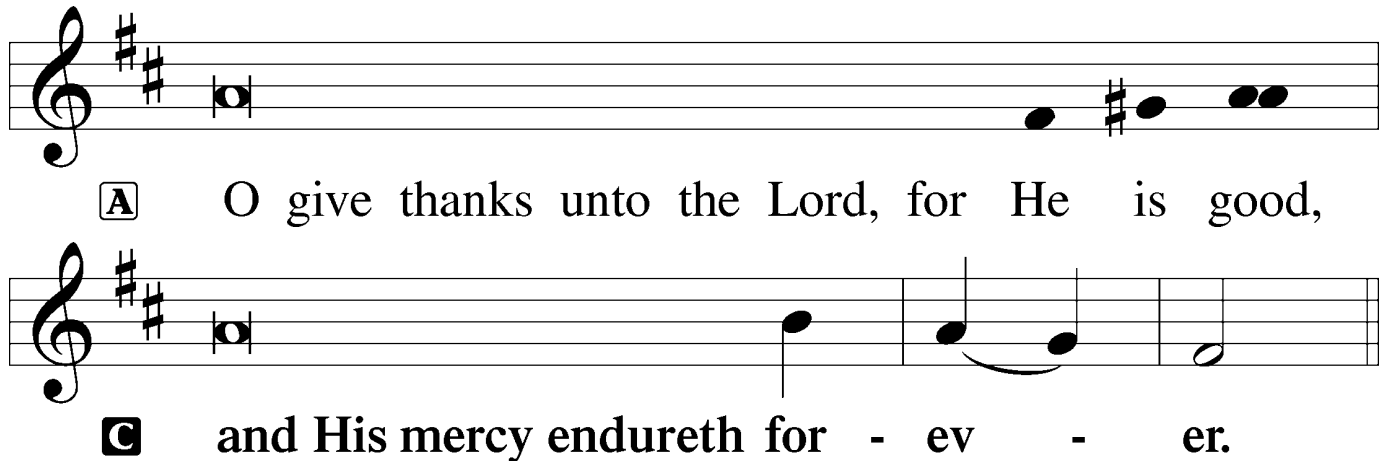


peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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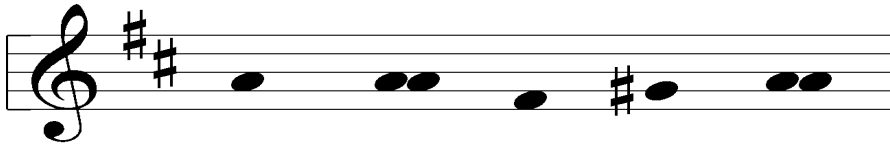
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

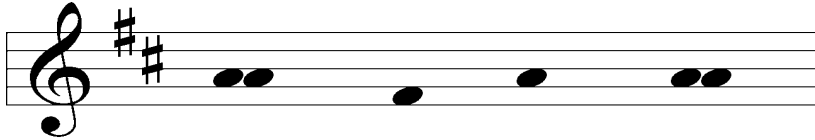
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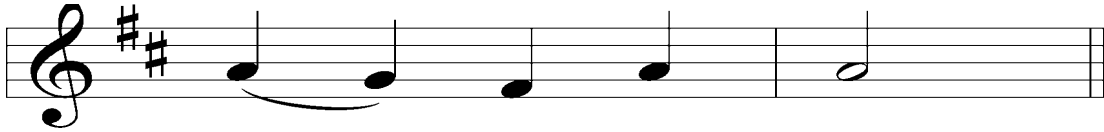
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

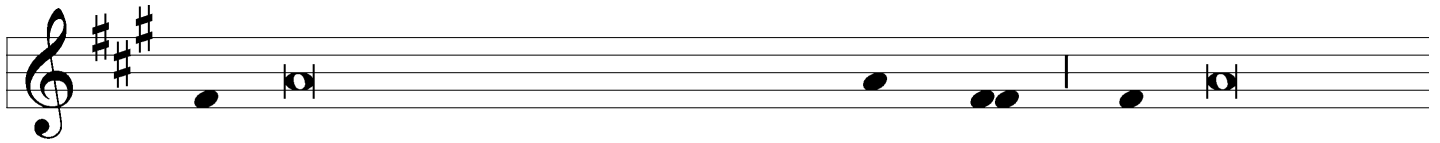


A Bless we the Lord.

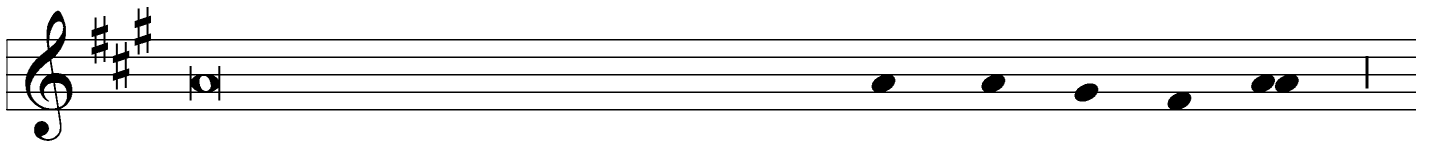


C Thanks be to God.

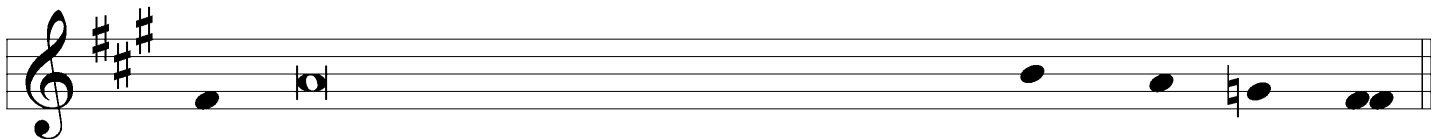
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN

Jerusalem the Golden

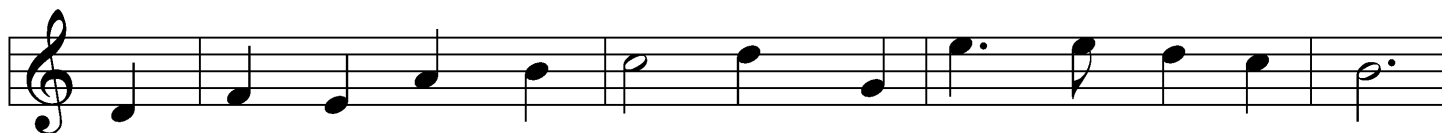
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1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
△ 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for October to December 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for Sunday School and Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rev. Weber is leading the class.

November Activities

Family Confirmation Class on Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Pot Luck Luncheon (after Bible Study) today. There will be plenty to share.
We will be watching the movie *God's not Dead*.

Youth Night - Fellowship Hall @ 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 25th

Turkey Distribution Tuesday, Nov. 26th @ 3:00 p.m. @ Mision Emanuel.

Thanksgiving Service at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26th, followed by pie social.

Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th and Friday, Nov. 29th; Office will be closed.

Men's Steak Night Bible Study Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6 to 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up sheet is posted on church door.

(free will offering for dinner)

January 2025 Women's Retreat

Chosen : A Study of Esther

Friday, January 24th - 6-9 p.m. and

Saturday, January 25th - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

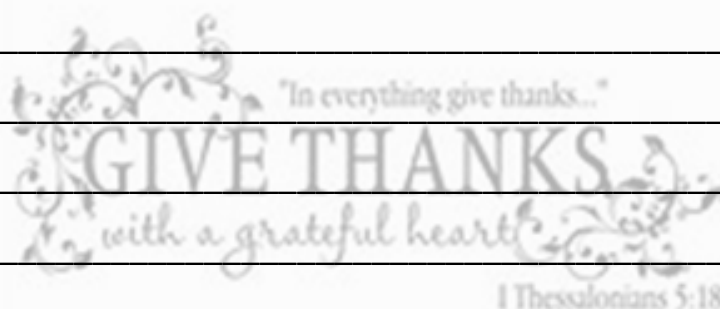
@ St. Paul Lutheran Church; 602 Morgan Blvd.; Harlingen, TX

Registration is \$50.00 Includes : Retreat materials, snacks, coffee and tea, & Friday night - catered dinner; Saturday - breakfast crumpets and catered lunch. For more info go to: splch.breezechms.com/form/2025retreat



Welcome back! You have been missed!

Sermon Notes



Memory Verse Challenge:

This week's memory verse: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

2 Corinthians 5:17

| 11/17/2024 | |
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| Sunday Worship | 62 |
| Plate: | \$ 234.00 |
| Envelopes: | \$ 1,012.00 |
| Envelopes-Other: Sch | \$ 500.00 |
| On Line | |
| Donation: | |
| Turkey Fund | \$ 500.00 |
| Memorial: | |
| Total: | \$ 2,246.00 |
| Bible Class: 27 | \$ 22.00 |

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 19:28-40 or

Luke 21:25-36

In Repentance We Are Alert to the Coming of Christ

The signs of the end are all around us, constant reminders that “heaven and earth will pass away.” But all of these signs are centered in the cross of Christ, whereby He has conquered sin and death, that we might be raised with Him in righteousness through His Word of the Gospel, which “will not pass away” (Mark 13:31). He is “the firstborn of the dead,” who in His great love “has freed us from our sins by his blood” (Rev. 1:5). His salvation is certain because “his dominion is an everlasting dominion” and His Kingdom “shall not be destroyed” (Dan. 7:14). For this purpose He came into the world, to reign in love through His voice of the Gospel, which is the truth (John 18:37). So is the righteousness of Christ “a light to the peoples,” which “will never be dismayed” because it is the justice of His cross and resurrection (Is. 51:4–6). As He “is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory,” so wait upon “the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life” (Jude 20–24).

| | Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule | |
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| | November Sunday Servants: | December Sunday Servants |
| Elder: | Earl Neuhaus | Ken Eilers |
| Altar Guild: | L Estevanes/M Weber | L Marchant/I Aguilera/ D Jackson |
| Music: | Doris Pickering | |
| This Week | Last Sunday of the Church Year | |
| Usher: | Dan Wehling | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Service | 9:00 am |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am |
| Next Week | First Sunday in Advent | |
| Usher: | Earl Neuhaus | |
| Sunday: | Holy Communion Worship Service | 9:00 am |
| | Sunday School & Adult Bible Study | 10:30 am |