

MID-WEEK 2
ADVENT SERVICE
DECEMBER 10, 2025
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Three Lambs Depict **the Coming Jesus**

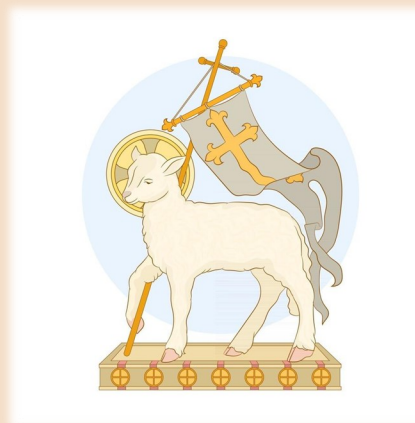
1. Foreshadowed
JESUS OUR
PASSOVER
LAMB



2. Incarnate



3. Glorified



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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 During Advent, we wait for Jesus, with Jesus. The darkest part of the year is brightened by the hope that the Savior who came for the world once is coming again. And we do not wait alone. Together, the whole Christian Church is accompanied in this waiting by the Christ who promises to be with His people always. Jesus' mother, the virgin Mary, knows a lot about waiting. With pregnant anticipation, Mary waited for Jesus, the promised Messiah who would reign from David's throne forever. But Mary was always waiting with Jesus, the Son of the Most High nestled within her womb. Throughout this Advent, we will listen with Mary, sing with Mary, and wait with Mary. Because, on darkest days, the Christ comes as near to you as He did to Mary to wait with you for the glorious sunrise that's coming.

The lighting of the second Advent candle on the Advent wreath occurs during the singing of the hymn.

OPENING HYMN

Just as I Am, without One Plea

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1	Just	as	I	am,	with -	out	one	plea	But	that	Thy
2	Just	as	I	am	and	wait -	ing	not	To	rid	my
3	Just	as	I	am,	though	tossed	a -	bout	With	man -	y a
4	Just	as	I	am,	poor,	wretch -	ed,	blind;	Sight,	rich -	es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Please Stand

+ VESPERS +

PSALM

Psalm 61; antiphon: v. 2

P From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is
overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

C Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer.

P From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is
overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

**C For You have been a shelter for me, a strong tower from the
enemy.**

P I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of
Your wings.

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C For You, O God, have heard my vows; You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.

P You will prolong the king's life, his years as many generations.

C He shall abide before God forever. Oh, prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him!

P So I will sing praise to Your name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.

C From the end of the earth I will cry to You, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O light in our darkness, by Your Word, You brighten our path. When days are dark and our direction unclear, send Your guiding Spirit that we might be assured of Your nearness and cling to Your promises; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please Sit

FIRST READING *Hosea 2:18–23*

18 In that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, with the birds of the air, and with the creeping things of the ground. Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, to make them lie down safely.

19 “I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy;

20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the Lord.

21 “It shall come to pass in that day that I will answer,” says the Lord; “I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth.

22 The earth shall answer with grain, with new wine, and with oil; they shall answer Jezreel.

23 Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, and I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; then I will say to those who were not my people, ‘You are My people!’ And they shall say, ‘You are my God!’ ”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Matthew 1:18–25

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

John 1:29-37

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ 31 I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water.”

32 And John bore witness, saying, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. 33 I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ 34 And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.”

35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. 36 And

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looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

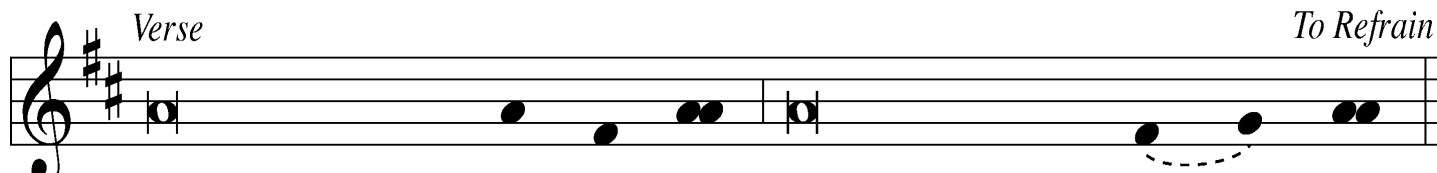
37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

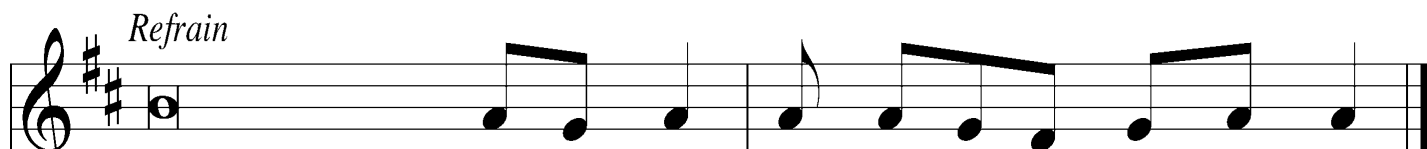
C **Thanks be to God.**

ADVENT RESPONSORY

Based on Jeremiah 23:5–6; Acts 2:36; Luke 1:32–33



- L** 1 Behold, the days
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a righteous Branch.
2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will
dwell securely.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

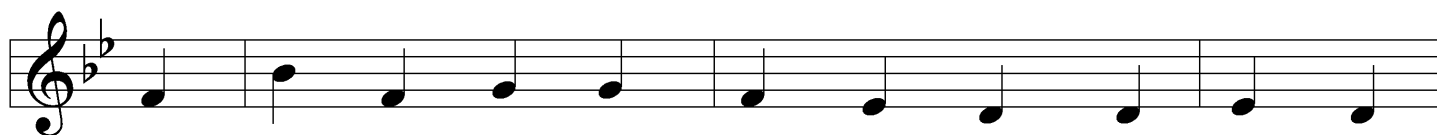


- C** This is the name
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

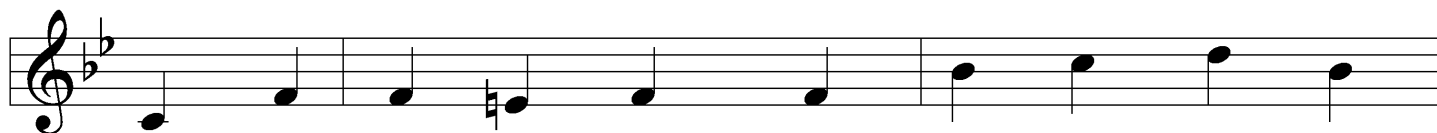
HYMN OF THE DAY

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

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- 1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



- heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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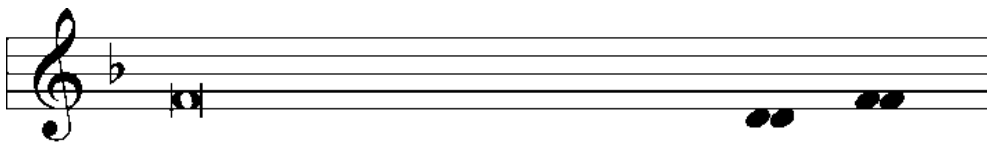
SERMON *The Baptized Lamb (incarnate)*

John 1:29-37

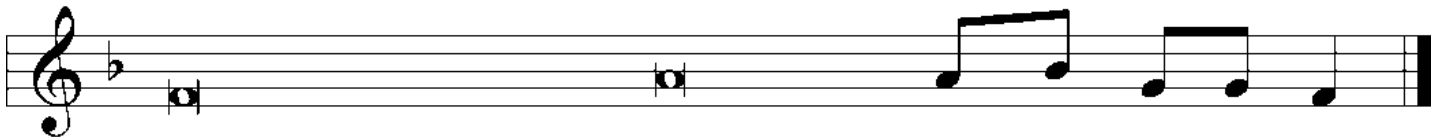
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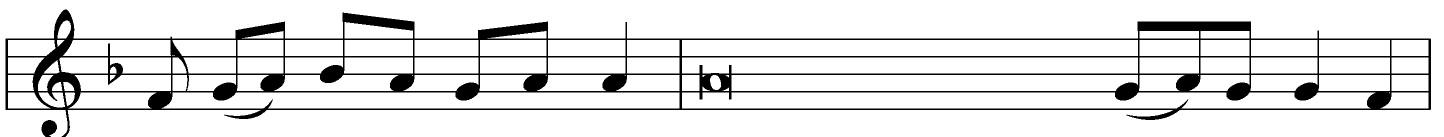


L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



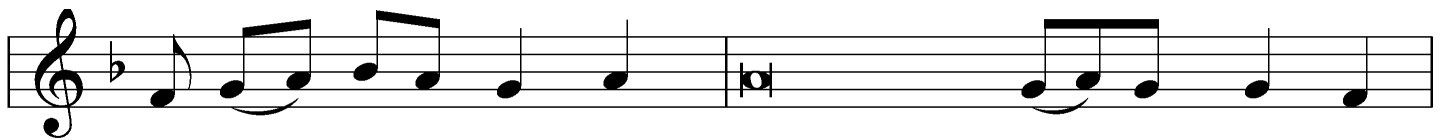
C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Magnificat

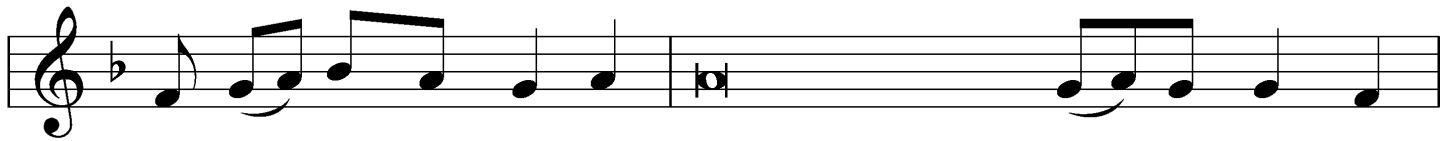


C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;

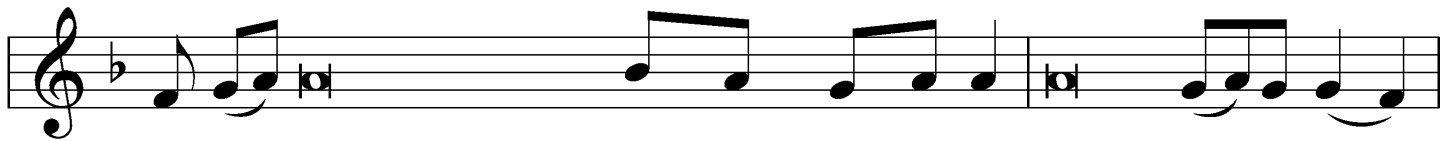
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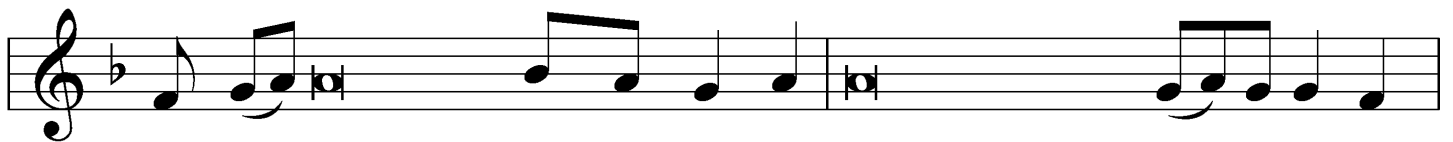
for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



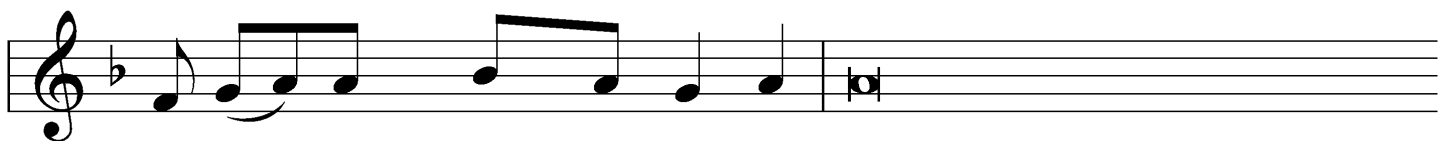
For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



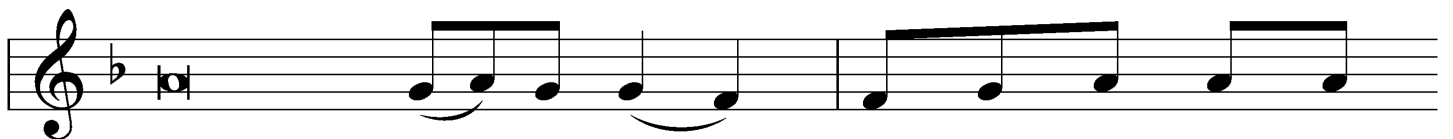
For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



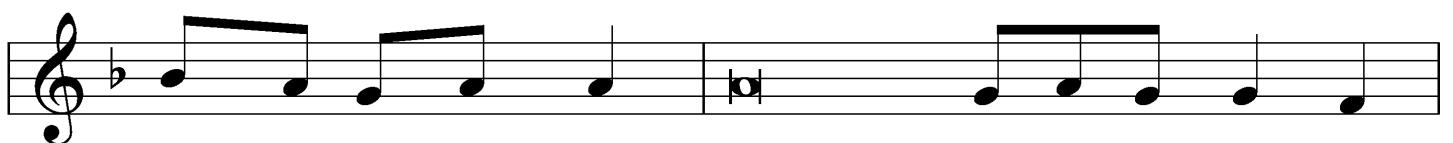
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



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



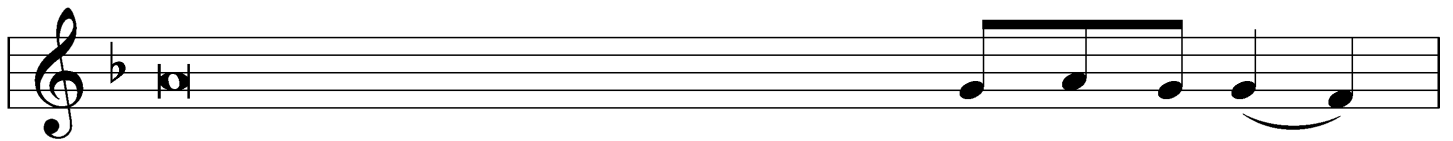
imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the



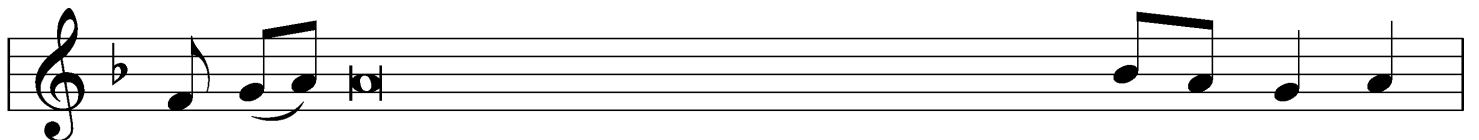
might-y from their thrones and has ex - alt - ed the low - ly.



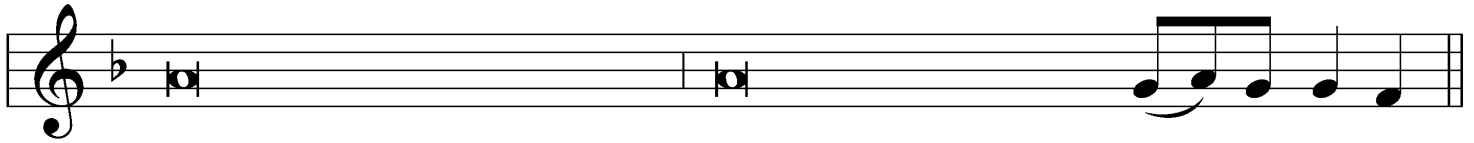
He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



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



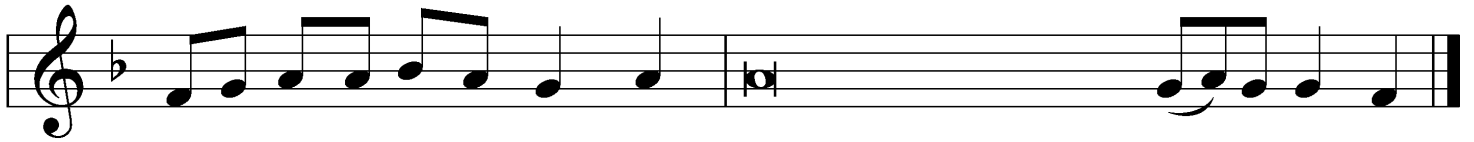
He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy ⁸



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 (Matthew 6:9-13)

All: 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

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

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COLLECT FOR TODAY

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

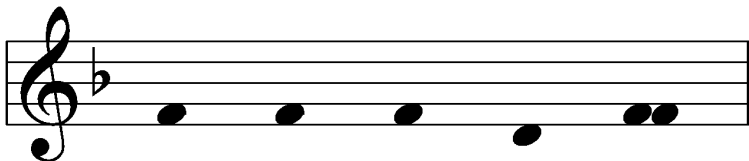
P Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;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

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.

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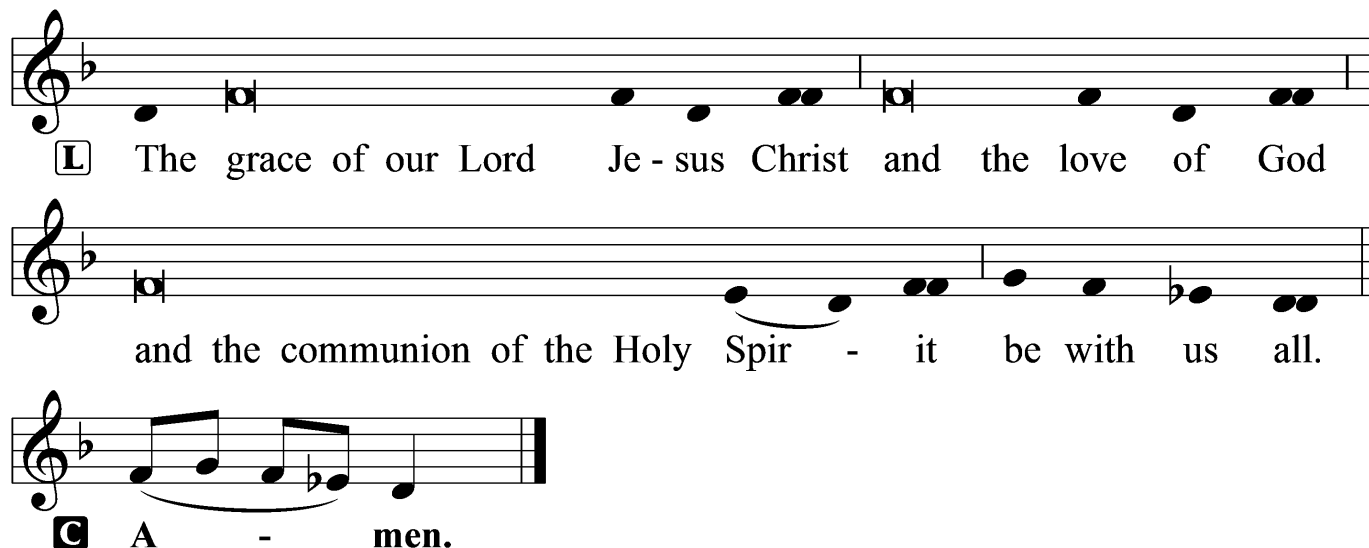


L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



L The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God

and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.

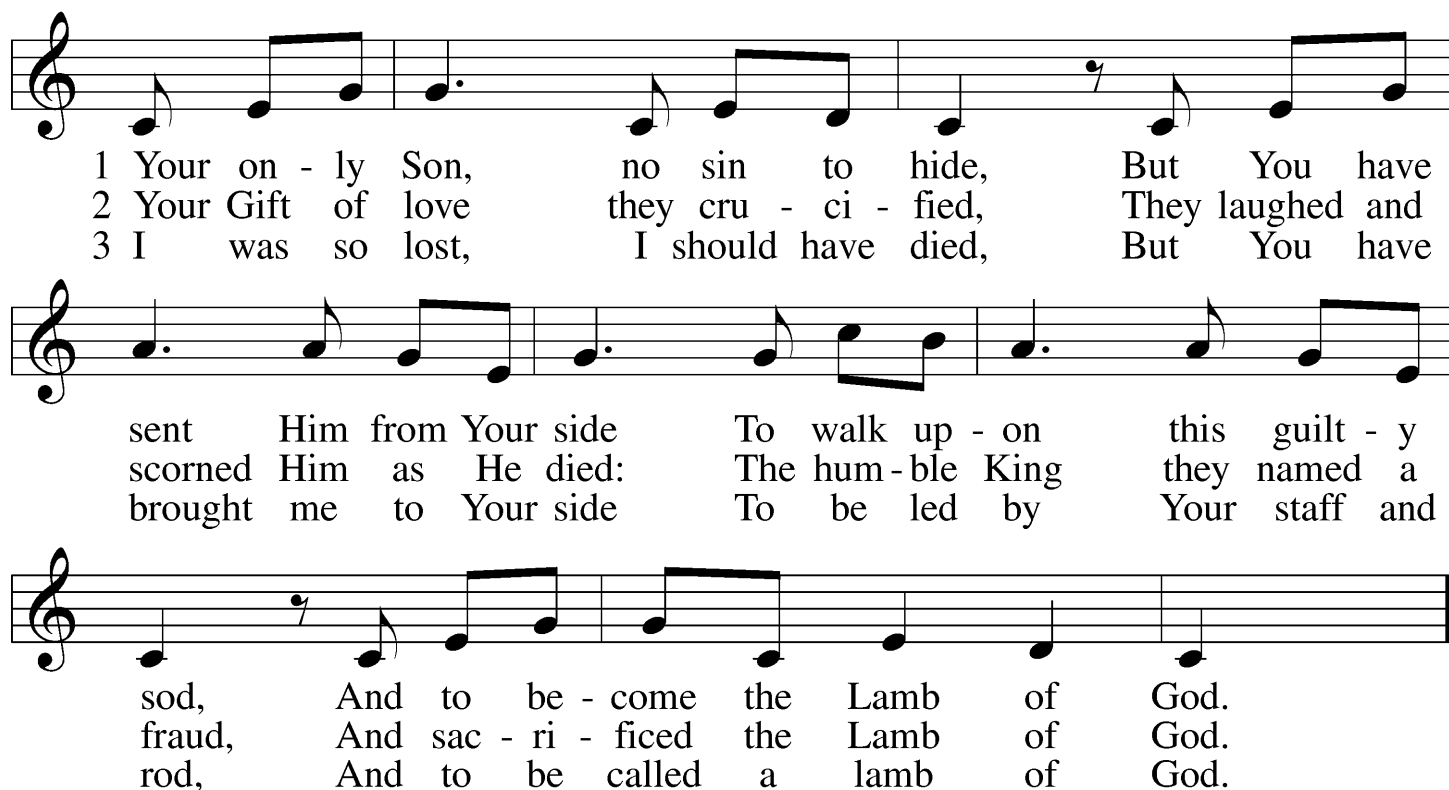
C A - men.

Please Sit

CLOSING HYMN

Lamb of God

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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
 I love the holy Lamb of God!
 O wash me in His precious blood,
 My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

