

**SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 16, 2025
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
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**10:30 A.M.
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**“And the whole
multitude sought to touch
Him, for power went out from
Him and healed them all.
Then He lifted up His eyes
toward His disciples,
and said:
“Blessed are you poor,
For yours is the
kingdom of God.”
(Luke 6:19-20)**



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16, 2025

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 - Grant me, heavenly Father, to so appreciate Your grace in giving me faith in Your Son that I live each day in thanksgiving for the precious Gospel until I fall asleep in Christ and awaken to the glory You have prepared for me for His sake; 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 - Blessing abound in today's readings! Jeremiah laments the one who "trusts in man," but sees the one who "trusts in

the Lord,” to be like a tree planted with abundant water that “does not cease to bear fruit” (Jeremiah 17:5, 7, 8). Note that we are “planted,”—a passive verb, grace! Luke records another time Jesus preached using beatitudes. He concluded that we, his hearers, should rejoice and leap for joy, for our reward is great in heaven. Such grace! No wonder that Paul, in the Epistle, warns against those who doubt Christ’s resurrection. Our Lord is only “the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Corinthians 15:20). Today our worship is full of rejoicing in the grace of God. It also gives us strength to produce fruit every day.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

“Your Word, O Lord”

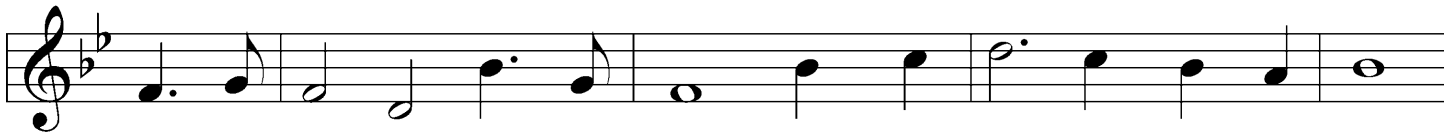
Psalm 1

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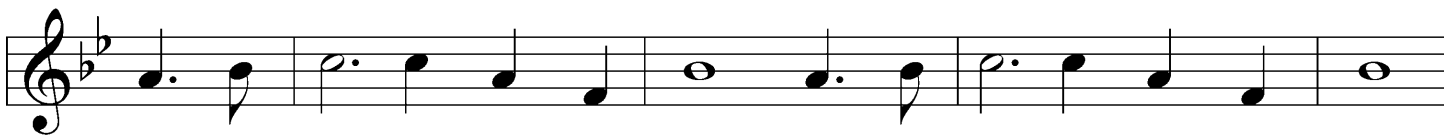
OPENING HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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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.

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 32:1-2, 5-7; antiphon, vs. 10*

P Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him.

C **Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is**

covered.

P Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

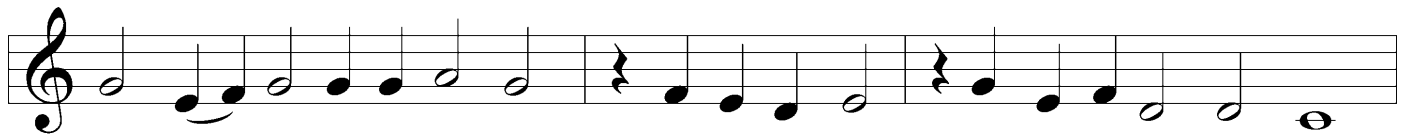
C **I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him.

C **You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.**

P Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he who trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him.

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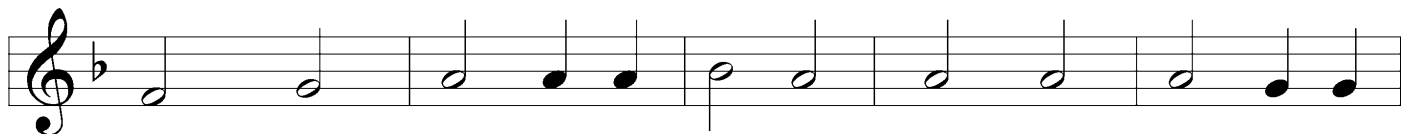


C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

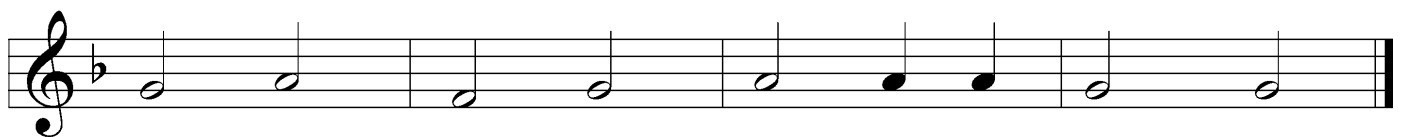


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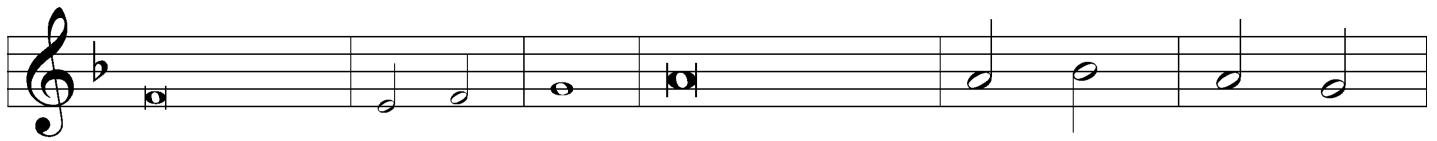


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

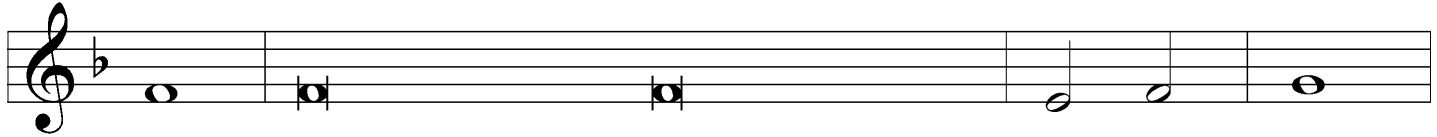


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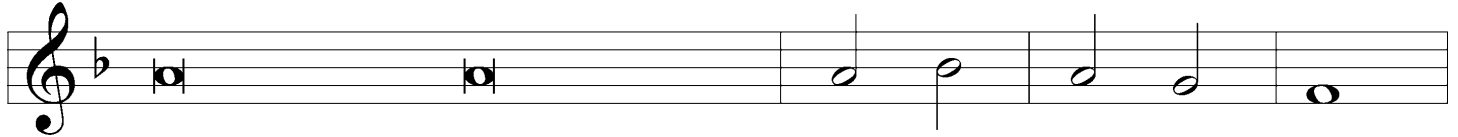
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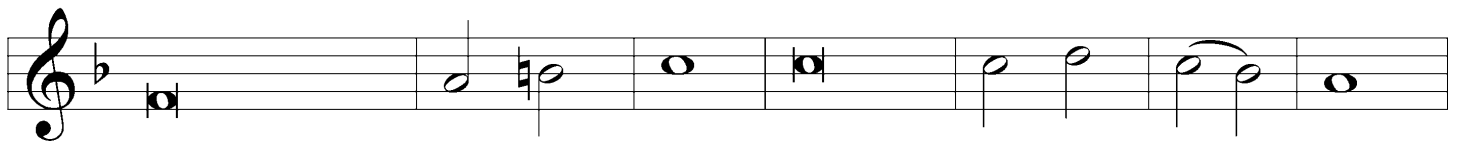
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



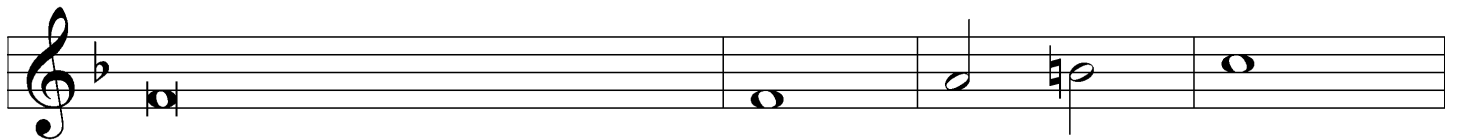
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



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



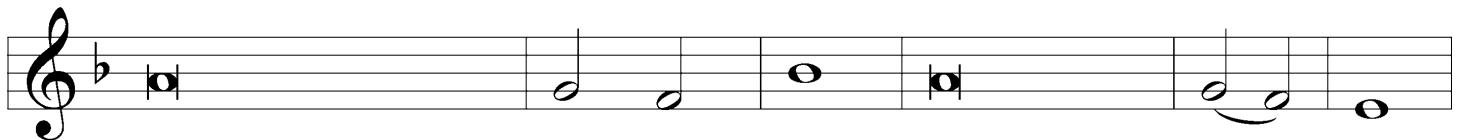
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



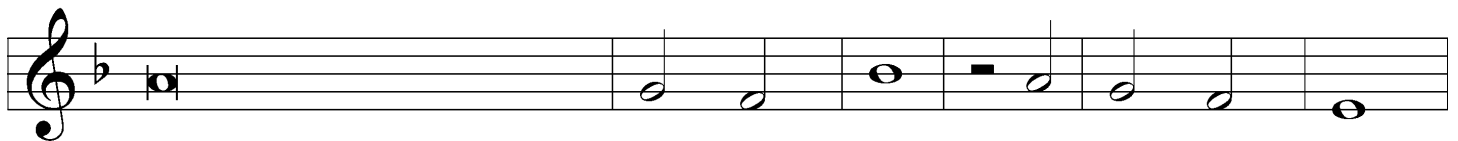
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



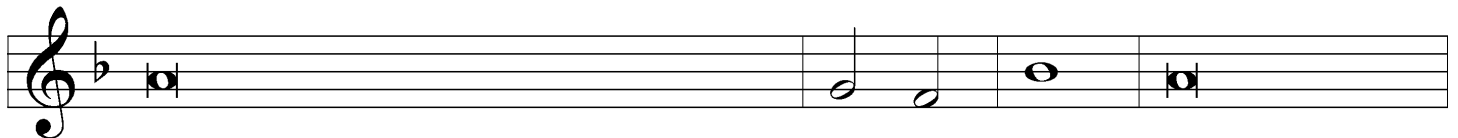
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



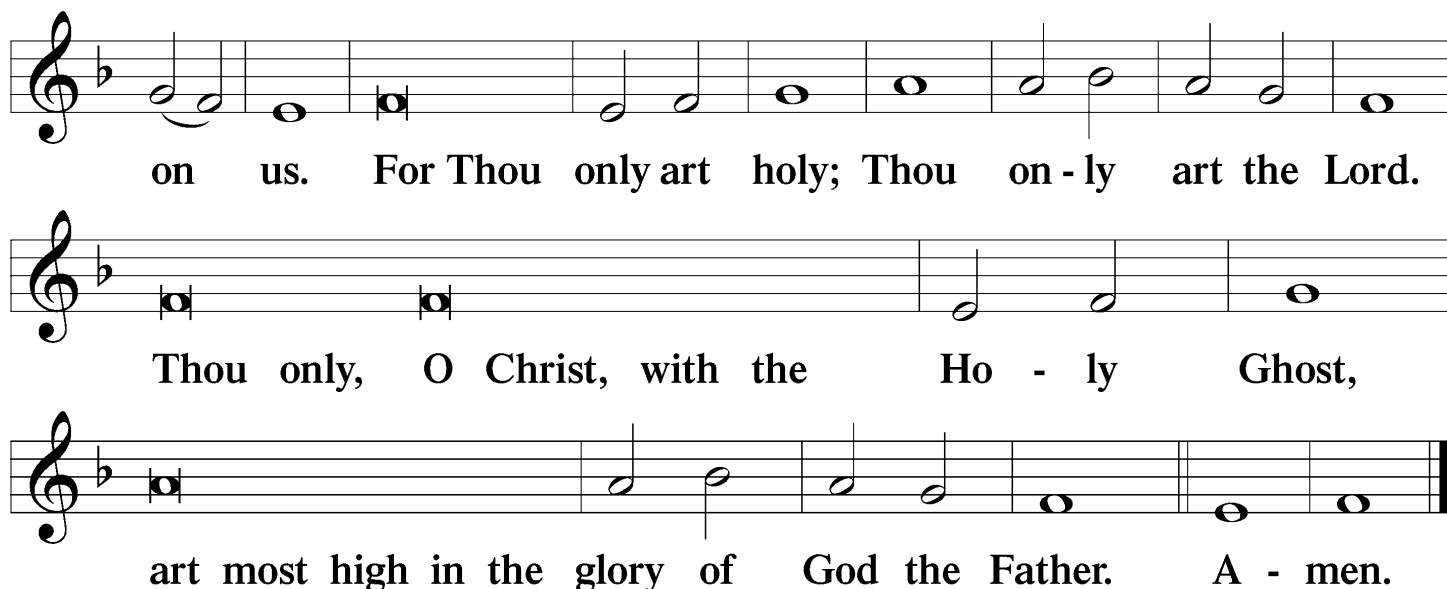
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



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 -

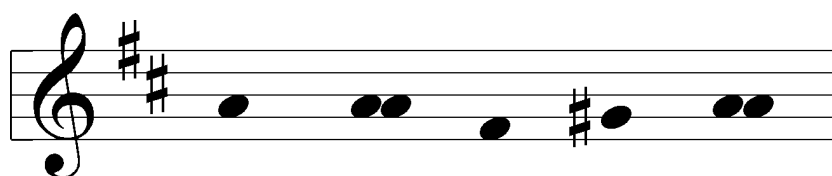


on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

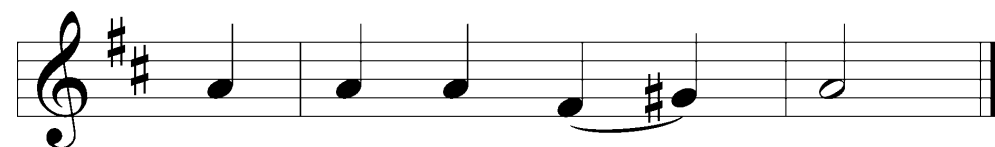
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

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

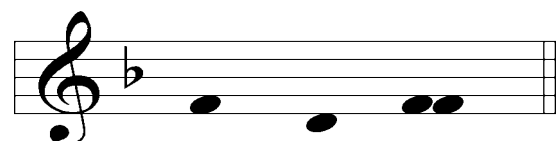
SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

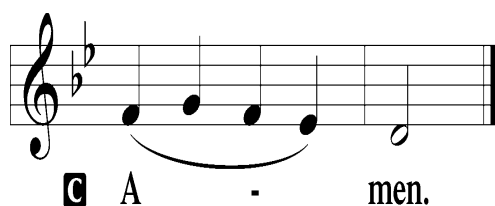


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5–8

(The one who trusts in the Lord is firmly planted.)

5 Thus says the Lord:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord.

6 For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited.

7 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord.

8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 1

P Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

C But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.

P He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

C The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away.

P Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

C For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1–20

(Stand firm in what we believe.)

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11 Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

12 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. 14 And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. 15 Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. 16 For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. 20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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

Luke 6:17-26

(Jesus preaches both blessings and curses.)

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



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, 18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

22 Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake.

23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

24 “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25 Woe to you who are full, for you shall hunger.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

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

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

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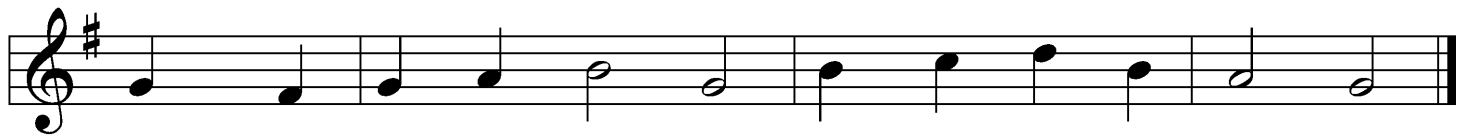
1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.



2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,
5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;
7 O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, But has - ten our sal - va - tion;



And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly
With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been
We of - ten trem - ble on our way In fear and trib - u -



wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the
writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan
la - tion. O hear and grant our fer - vent plea: Come, might - y



might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.
can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!
judge, and set us free From death and ev - 'ry e - vil.

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SERMON *"The full and blessed life through the Gospel of Jesus"*

Luke 6:20-23

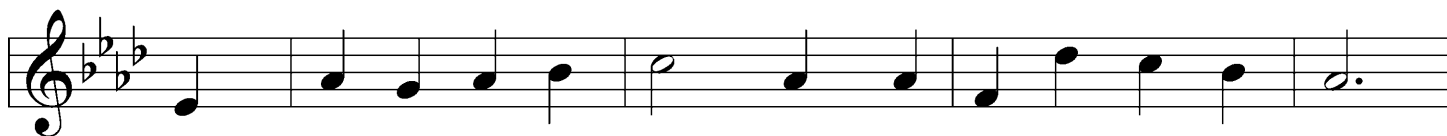
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OFFERTORY

Come unto Me, Ye Weary

LSB 684



- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
- 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
- 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
- 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
O cheer-ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Luke 6:20–22

P Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

C **Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.**

P Around the world many are poor and homeless, wandering far from

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home. Heavenly Father, meet their needs through us, Your servants, and even those people who may think they control them. Give them the clothing and shelter they need, and introduce them to the promise of Christ about His rule.

C Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

P We pray, Lord Jesus, for Your blessings on all who work in voluntary relief organizations and professional counseling agencies. Protect and guide them so that their efforts bring thanksgivings, health, and new opportunities.

C Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

P O Holy Spirit, hear the prayers of those who are sick, in mourning, or unemployed, [especially . . .]. Answer them as Your plans allow, relieve their suffering, calm their tears, and give them opportunity to use the gifts and abilities You have given them.

C Blessed are you when people hate you.

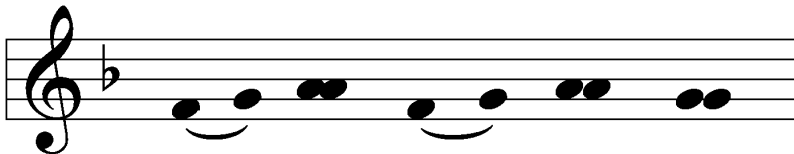
P Visit, strengthen, guide, and direct us in the church here and around the world, Lord, our God. Grant that what we say with our lips be reflected in how we live our lives and what we accomplish with our hands and feet.

These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

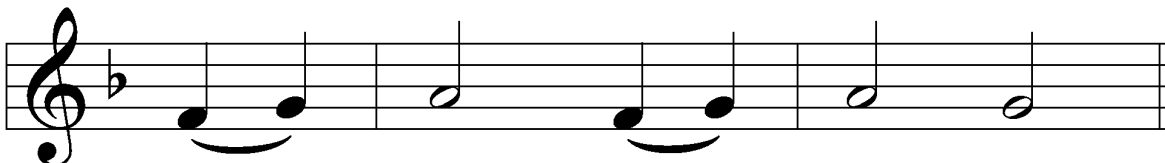
C Amen.

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PREFACE



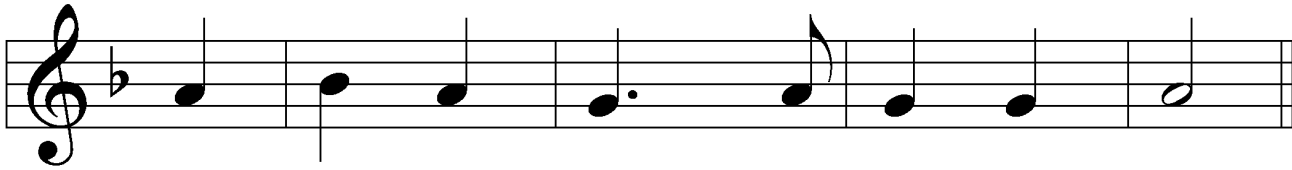
P The Lord be with you.



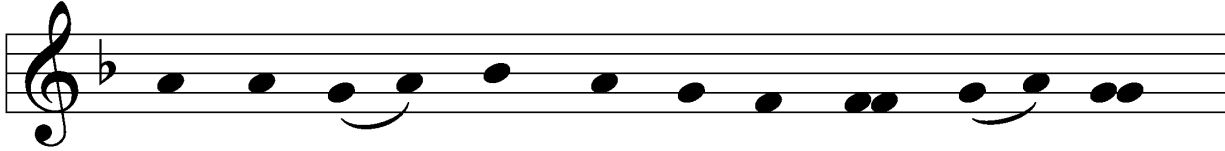
C And with thy spir - it.



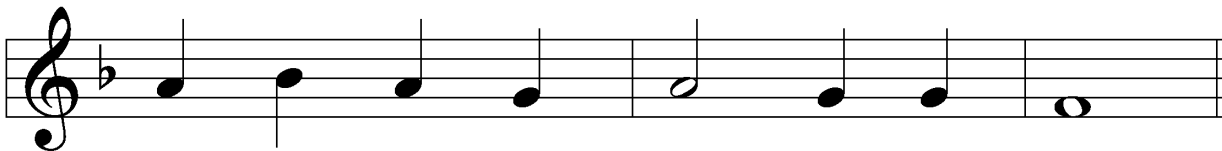
P Lift up your hearts.



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 lived among us, revealing Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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



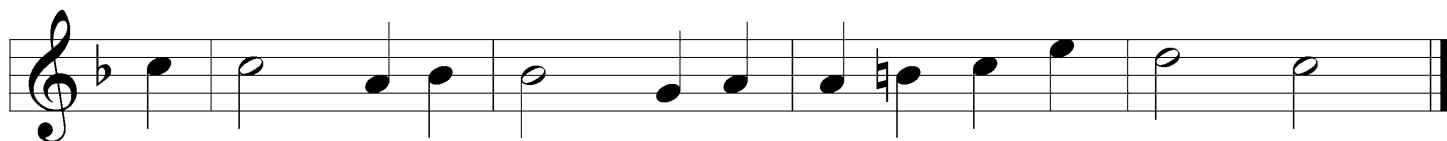
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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



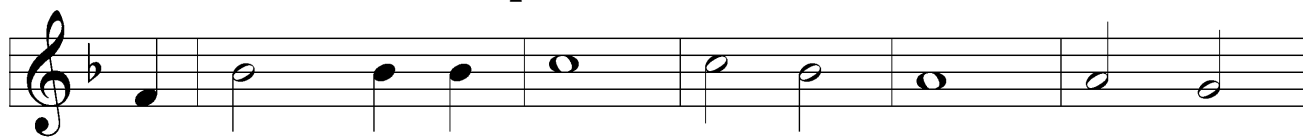
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



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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; 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.

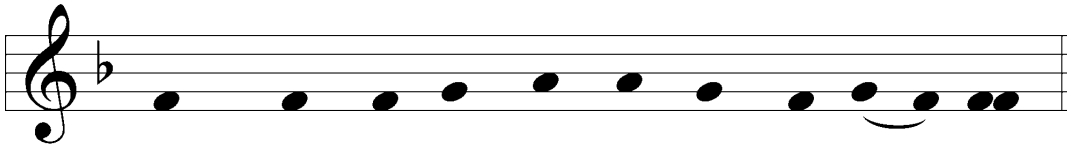
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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.

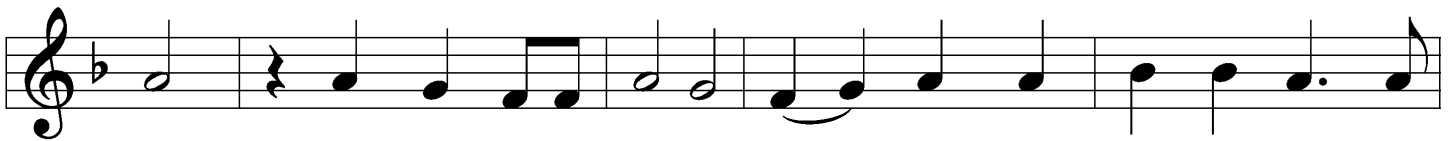


C A - men.

AGNUS DEI



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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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

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

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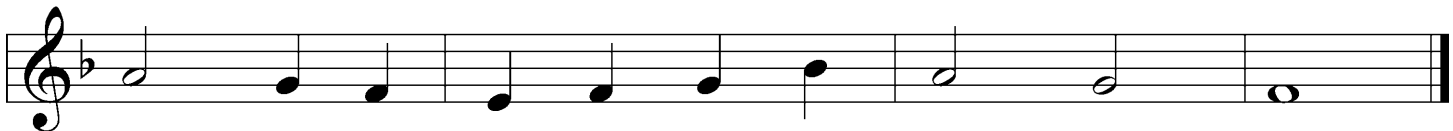
1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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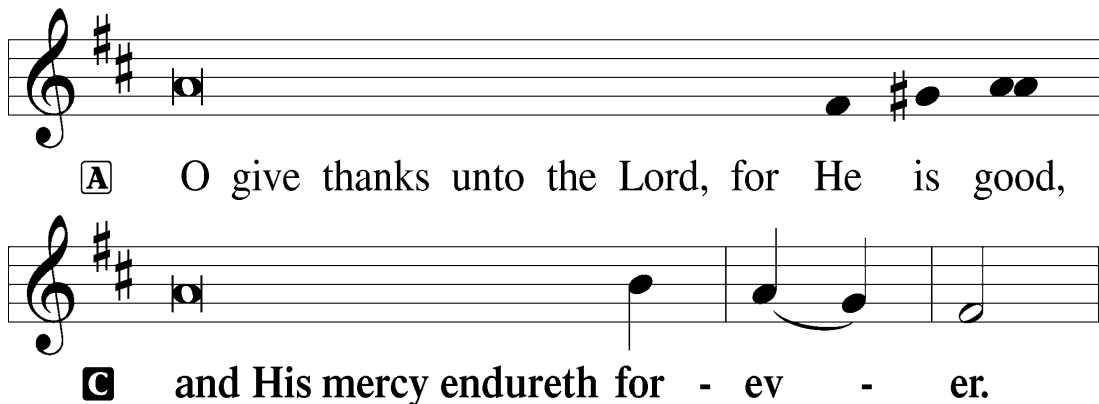
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NUNC DIMITTIS



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.

THANKSGIVING



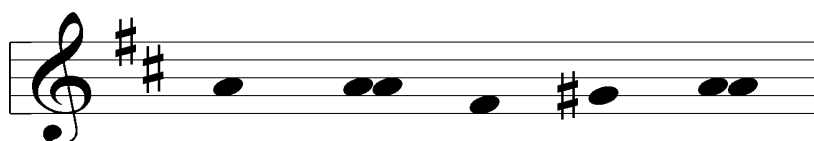
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



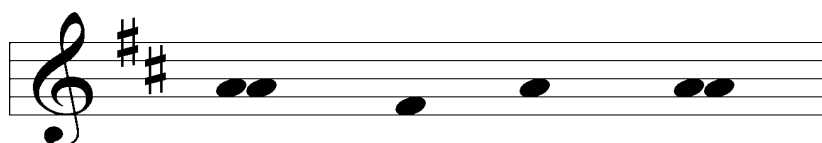
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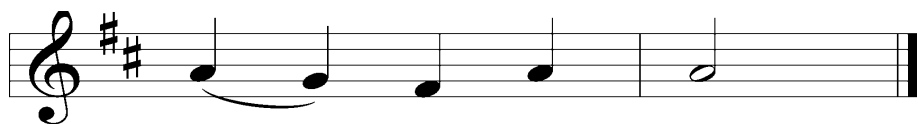
P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

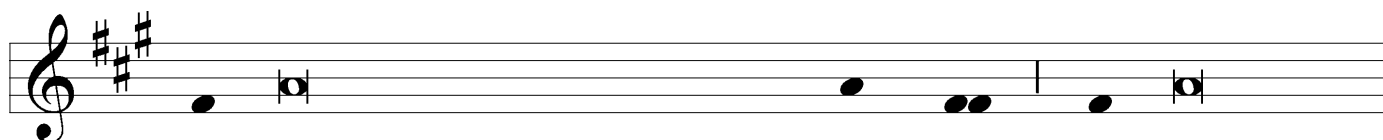


A Bless we the Lord.

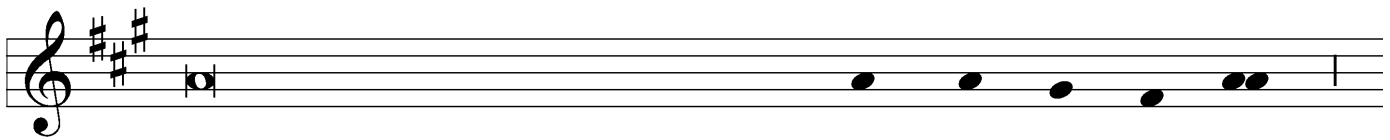


G Thanks be to God.

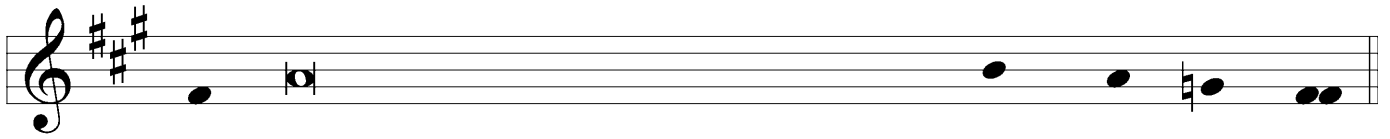
BENEDICTION



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.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN

All Depends on Our Possessing

LSB 732



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.

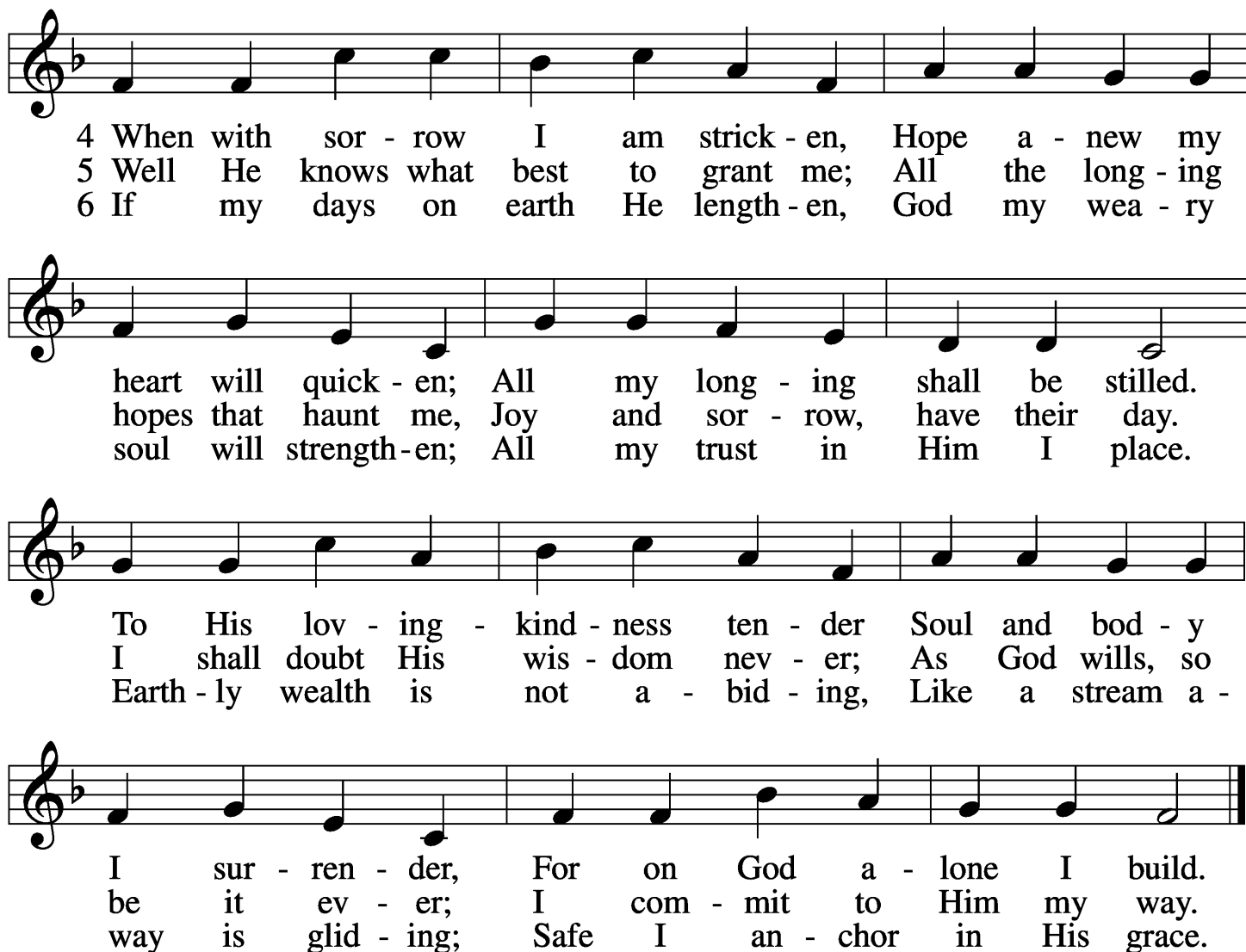


They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me



not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me Will re - main my help di - vine.
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.

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4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, Hope a - new my
 5 Well He knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing
 6 If my days on earth He length - en, God my wea - ry

heart will quick - en; All my long - ing shall be stilled.
 hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.
 soul will strength - en; All my trust in Him I place.

To His lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der Soul and bod - y
 I shall doubt His wis - dom nev - er; As God wills, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -

I sur - ren - der, For on God a - lone I build.
 be it ev - er; I com - mit to Him my way.
 way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in His grace.

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DISMISSAL

P Blessed are you! Rejoice, leap for joy, for your reward is great in heaven.

Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Whatever you do, work
 at it with all your heart,
 as working for the Lord,
 not for men.

Colossians 3:23



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for January to March 2025 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. Goetz is leading the class.

February Activities

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

Men's Steak Night/Bible Study

Tuesday, February 25th, 2025

6:00 p.m.

March Activities

Begins; Lent Season

Ash Wednesday Service

March 5th, 2025

@ 6:00 p.m.

with Soup Supper @ 5:00 p.m.

Annual LWML Retreat 2025

South Texas Retreat

Mid Coast, Coastal Bend, North Alamo, Rio Grande Valley Zones

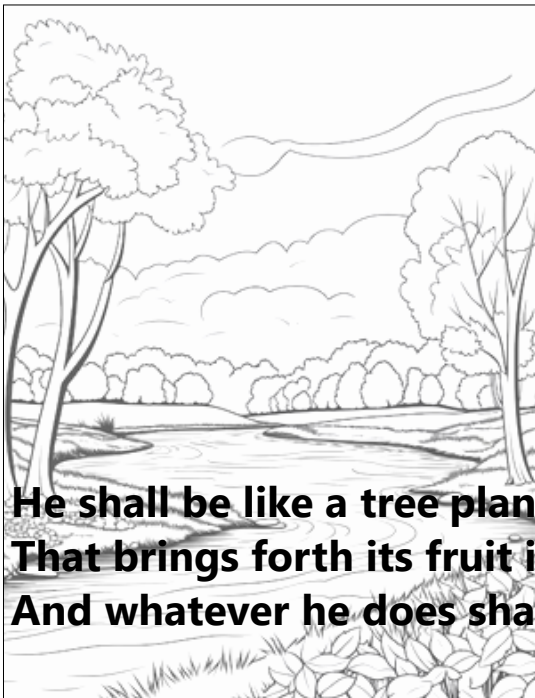
March 7 - 8, 2025 Spiritual Retreat Center, Victoria, Texas.

*** Complete Registration Form (including this info); is available in the Narthex.**



Numbers 23:19

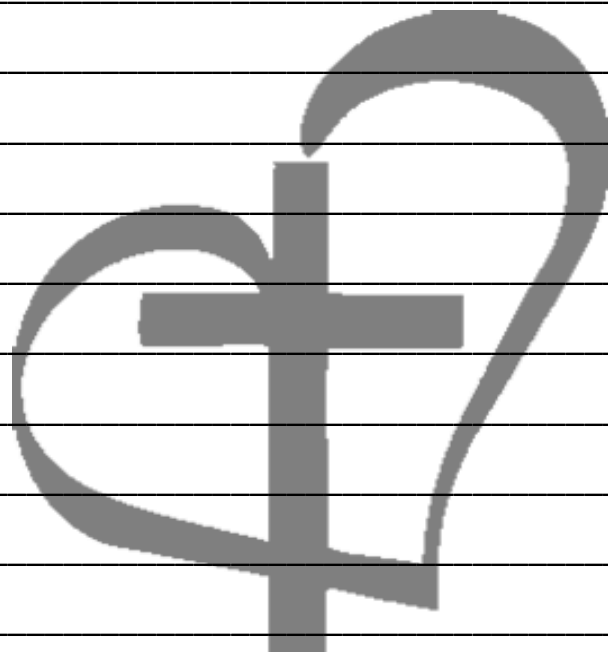
God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?



**He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.**

Psalm 1:3

Sermon Notes



2/9/2025	
Sunday Worship	77
Plate:	\$ 551.00
Envelopes:	\$ 2,876.00
Envelopes-Other:	
On Line	
Donation:	\$ 3,000.00
Baseball Field	\$ 250.00
Memorial:	
Total:	\$ 6,677.00
Bible Class: 32	\$ 35.00

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3–15

Psalms 103:1–13

1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42

Luke 6:27–38

Christians Live by Faith in Christ and Rejoice in the Promise of His Resurrection

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man,” for all the strength of his flesh is like the grass that fades away (Jer. 17:5). The one who turns away from the Lord may have food and money and laugh for now, but he “shall mourn and weep” in the judgment (Luke 6:24–25). But “the man who trusts in the Lord” is blessed with all that he needs, “like a tree planted by water.” When heat comes, he survives (Jer. 17:7–8). For the Lord has come in the flesh to heal the people of all their diseases, to cleanse their spirits with forgiveness, and to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God to the poor (Luke 6:18–20). As all of this is by way of His cross, it is solely by faith in the promise of His resurrection that Christians “rejoice” and “leap for joy” (Luke 6:21–23). “If Christ has not been raised,” our faith is in vain and we are most to be pitied (1 Cor. 15:14–19). But, in fact, just as “Christ died for our sins,” so has He also “been raised from the dead” (1 Cor. 15:3, 20).

	Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule	
	February Sunday Servants:	
Elder:	Earl Neuhaus	
Altar Guild:	Suzanne Wehling/Rose Ann Cisneros/Maribel Perez	
Music:	Doris Pickering/Pam Terral/Bob Kaemmerer	
This Week	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	
Usher:	Dan Wehling	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am