

WELCOME TO

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

(THE LUTHERAN CHURCH--MISSOURI SYNOD)

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LAST SUNDAY
OF THE CHURCH YEAR
NOVEMBER 26, 2023



OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK

Today	9:00 am	Divine Worship Service
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Confirmation
		Nursing Home Devotions
	1:30 pm	Country Club
	2:15 pm	Vintage Park
Monday	1:00 pm	Quilt Tying
	6:00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	6:00 am	Coffee and Concord
	9:30-11:00 am	Looking Forward to Sunday
Thursday	5:30-6:30 pm	Bells Practice
	6:30-7:30 pm	Children’s Bell Practice
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Divine Worship Service
	10:30 am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 am	Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Confirmation



OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST

November 19, 2023

Sunday Attendance:	85
Bible Study:	N/A
Sunday School:	N/A
Wednesday Bible Study:	N/A
Offering:	\$2,689.51
Online Offering:	\$0
Totals	\$-2,223.49
<i>Weekly Budget Needs:</i>	<i>\$4,913.00</i>
YTD Budget Performance:	\$-11,901.24

Elder of the Month: *Gregg Lewis*

LSB 516 WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING (Last Sunday of the Church Year/Trinity 27) Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) wrote a series of hymns describing the heavenly wedding banquet; the first two of these hymns are in our hymnal (LSB 395, 516). Today’s hymn begins with the watchman calling out to the virgins (Matt. 25:1-13): “Wake, awake! ... Arise! ... Alleluia!” Stanzas 2 and 3 give further description of His arrival. In the final two phrases of the hymn, Nicolai’s German breaks down into stuttering, translating loosely as “Therefore we have joy, oy, oy,” before switching into Latin and referencing yet another hymn (see LSB 386, *In dulci jubilo*).

Nicolai effectively communicates that human language falters for joy at Jesus' coming. His return is rapturous. And we cannot wait to join the wedding celebration of heaven.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SUNDAY - Is it hard to focus on Sunday morning? Wouldn't you love to know what's coming next Sunday? Join us Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 as we look forward to Sunday's readings. Next week's readings: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 21:1-9; LSB 332.

COFFEE AND CONCORD - What do Lutherans believe? How have our forefathers confessed the Christian faith? How can we learn from them? Join us Wednesday mornings from 6:00-7:00 AM to study the Book of Concord - along with a big pot of coffee. No need to prepare, just come, read, and ask questions! This week, we are continuing in Apology to the Augsburg Confession.

ATTENTION ALL, bring the spirit of the holiday season into the sanctuary by purchasing a beautiful Christmas poinsettia. For only nine dollars, you can help decorate the church and spread joy to all who enter. To reserve your poinsettia, please sign up in the church narthex and make your payment either by writing a check made out to the church with the memo line filled out or by placing cash in an envelope that is noted accordingly and dropped in the offering plate or office. Let's come together and make this Christmas a special one. Thank you for your support!

LWML's Mission for the Month of November is mittens, scarves, gloves, and hats for the winter time. There is a wooden "tree" to put those items on. It is located by the steps up to the balcony. The items can be new or slightly used. We will be collecting the winter items till December 3. Then a look ahead to **Mission of the Month for December** will be diapers and wipes for My Father's House.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the odd Sundays of the month. In this meal, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true Body and Blood to forgive sins and strengthen faith (Matt. 26:26-28; Heb. 10:19-25). Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks without believing in and publicly confessing that the bread and wine are Christ's true Body and Blood receives condemnation from God rather than forgiveness, life, and salvation (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament (See Luther's Large Catechism VI). Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:16-22). Since unity at the altar demonstrates unity in teaching and practice (Acts 2:42) and out of Christian love and concern, we request that only those who are in confessional fellowship with the

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod attend. Please know that we look forward to having you at the Lord’s Table soon. We sincerely invite you to visit with Pastor Schultz to learn more about the joys of the Lord’s Supper.

BIRTHDAYS:

Larry Jacobs	November 26	Mason Thoden	November 26
Merle Kaiser	November 28	Brody Latto	November 28
Kiera McIntire	November 29	Brook Rentz	November 29
Richard Emmons	November 30		

ANNIVERSARY:

Rentz, Brook & Kevin Collins November 29

STEWARDSHIP: Nov. 26 – Proper 29 Matthew 25:44 – “Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’” With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS ...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s teachings include: The Hymn “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come,” Forgiving Those Who Sin Against Us, The Parable of the Ten Virgins, Transhumanism and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

LUTHERAN’S FOR LIFE- Last Sunday of the Church Year – Our Savior considers human bodies so precious that He has already begun making a new earth for them to enjoy eternally (Isaiah 65:17-25). He has not designed humankind’s bodily existence as disposable but as indispensable to our identity and abundant life. How shall this affect our approach to illness, disability, conception, and age? *Prayer: King of creation, increase our respect and protection for the bodies of others with the esteem You bestow upon our own. Amen.*

PACA BELLING RINGING SCHEDULE ! It is time to set up the schedule for the Salvation Army bell ringing at Wal-Mart through PACA. Our church is scheduled to ring **Friday, December 1**, from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at the east door. Then again, **Saturday, December 9**, 10:am-6:00 pm at the west door. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. There is also an information sheet to pick up and read for those who are ringing. Thank you for your help and support!!

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Tune: Lofsånger och andeliga visor, 1873, Sweden

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

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.**

Absolution

LSB 185

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

**The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.**

**They shall obtain gladness and joy,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.**

**O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!**

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing
before you.**

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

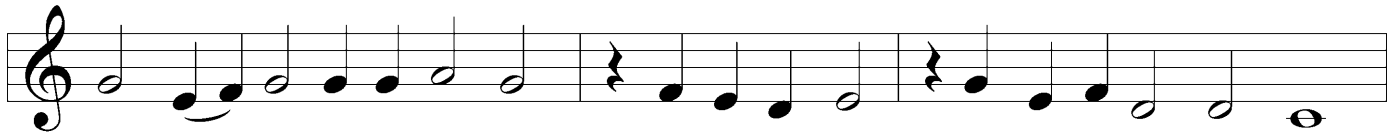
My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

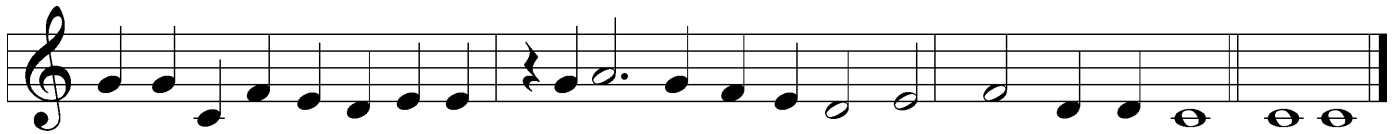
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Gloria Patri

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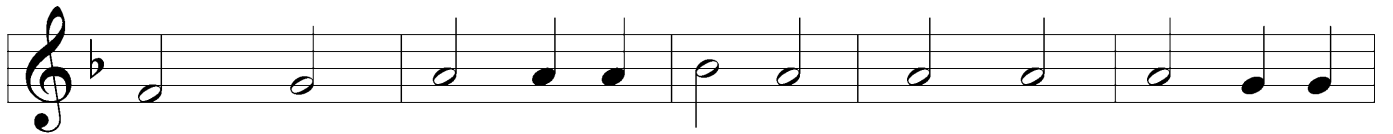
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



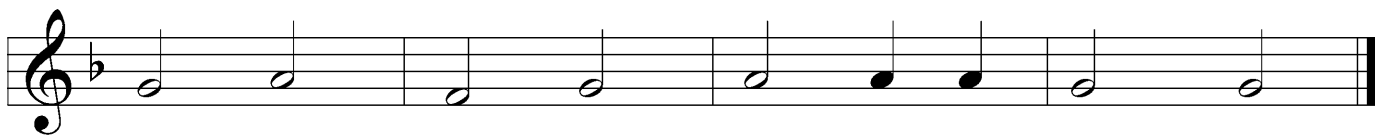
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

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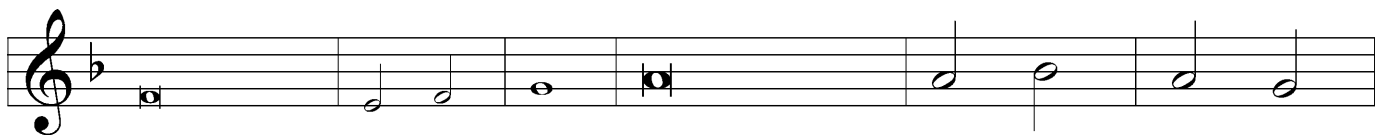
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



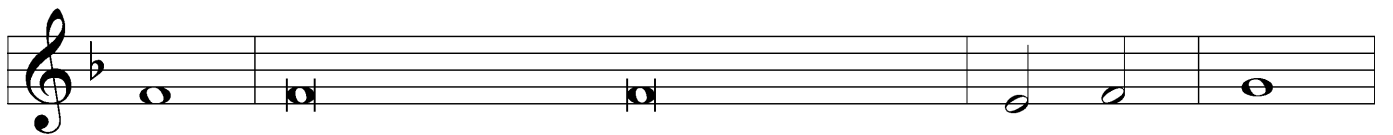
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

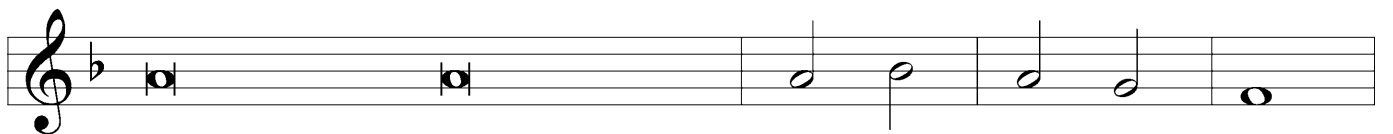
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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.

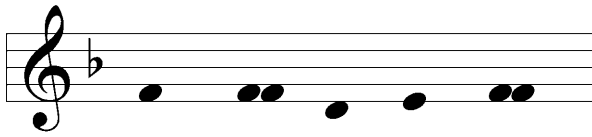
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

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

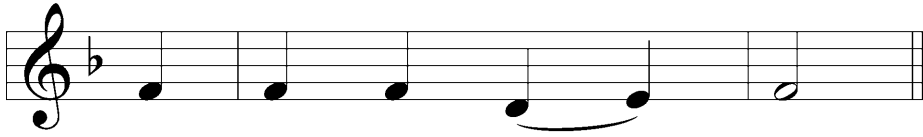
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

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

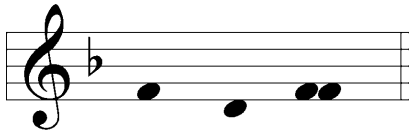
Last Sunday



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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.

Isaiah 65:17-25

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“Behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.

Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,"
says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

**In many-colored robes [the king's daughter] is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.**

**With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

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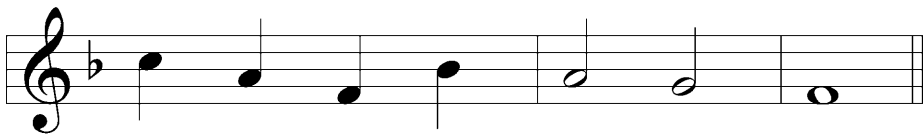


C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Matthew 25:1-13

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose

and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



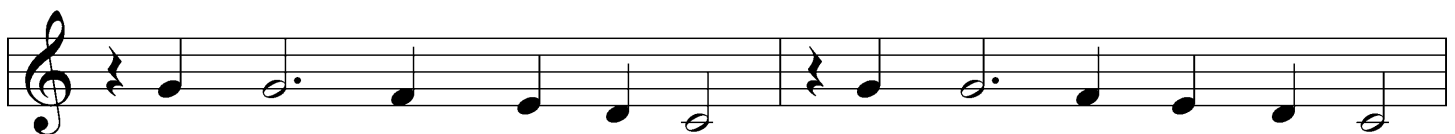
heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

Sharing the Peace

Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering - Please Sign the Pew Attendance Book

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Teach us, O Lord, to number our days and know our frailty. Let us find our hope in Christ alone until we are crowned with joy at His final coming. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** You have anointed and enlightened us in Holy Baptism, and You call us always to renew our light by the ministry of Your Church. Keep us by Your Word and Sacraments until Your Son comes. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You have called us to build and to plant and so cultivate the world by our various vocations. Endow the faithful with Your Spirit, that they may bear rich fruit in their lives and enjoy the work of their hands. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Remember the leaders of our country and all who serve in our military. Fill them with Your wisdom, and protect them in every danger. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You extend Your care and blessing to young and old. Guard both infants, who have lived but a few days, and the elderly, living out the rest of their days. Increase their faith and enrich their lives, until they live eternally in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Be near to the sick and the suffering [*especially* Our Members: Mel Brown; Martha Brunkhardt; Kathy Courtney; Jane Chronister; Jane Drugg; Millie Joeckel; Matt Klawonn; Karl Lohaus; Ralph Miller; Ted Moore; Gail Sawyer; Laverne Stringham; Marjorie Smith; Ethel Weaver; Helen Webster; Helen White Condolences: To the family of Loren England, brother to Ray England. To the family of Shirley Law-Kramer, mother to Bryan Law. Family & Friends Abigail Albright; Max Brown; Jerrie Frizzel; Mary Ginkel; Grant Haley; Bill Jarrett; Bill Koelch; Michaela Rammer; Jacqueline Robbins; James Robbins; Julie Robbins; Olivia Robinson; Jonah Ryan; Edee Sinclair; Ellie Teagarden]. Comfort them with Your divine promises, and grant Your healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You have prepared us by Baptism for entrance into the marriage feast of Your Son. As we now draw near to taste this feast, enlighten many others also to seek You and join us at Your table here and in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You are Lord of those who are awake and those who have fallen asleep. You knit us together in the salvation of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Preserve our hope and teach us to number our days, until we enter together into the kingdom of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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C **Our Father who art in heaven,**

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

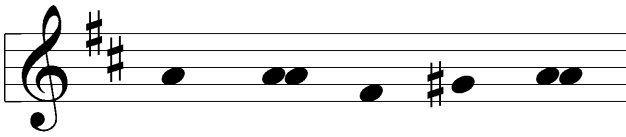
Grace to Receive the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

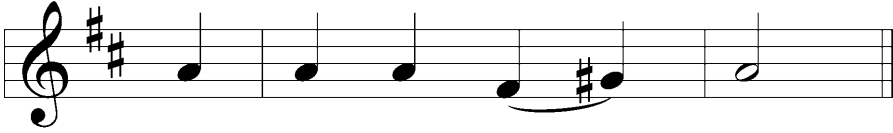
C **Amen.**

Salutation

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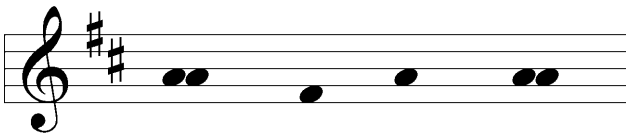
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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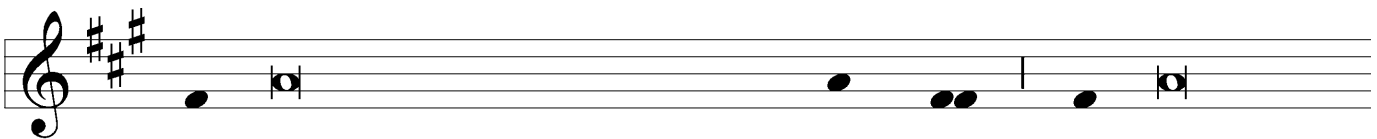
A Bless we the Lord.



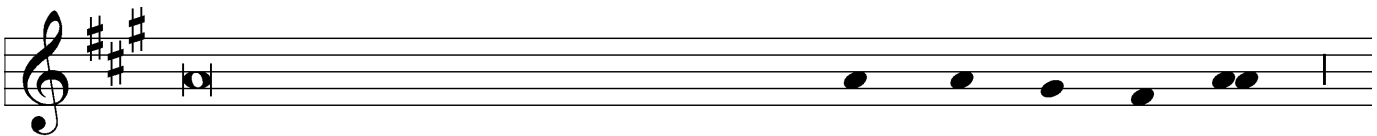
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

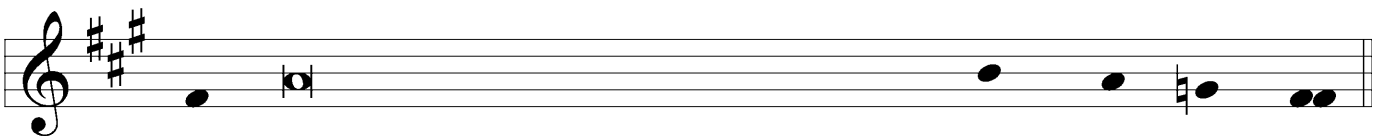
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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.

Announcements

514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us



1 The Bride - groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed - ding feast."
2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re - deem - er's face;
3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum - ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:
From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;
From sick - ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

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