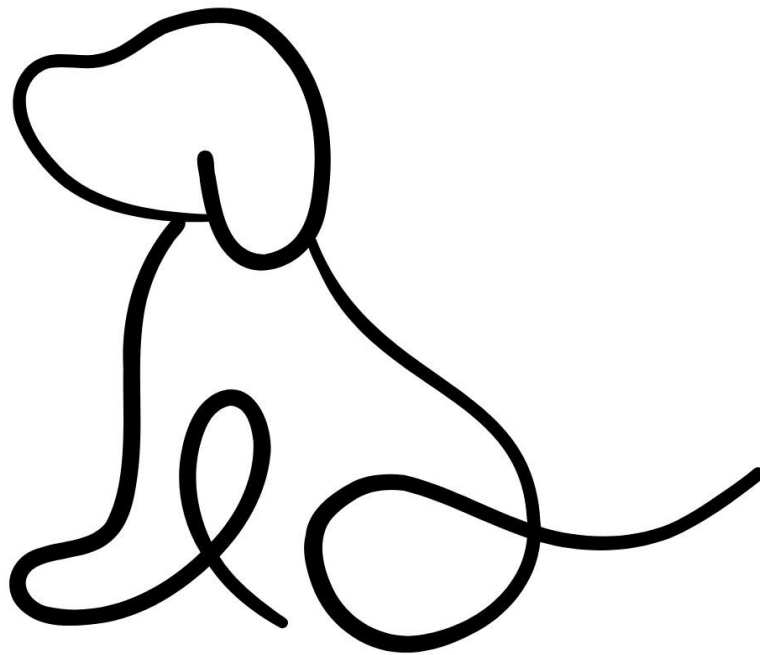


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Matthew 15:21-28



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CALL TO WORSHIP "You Shall Go Out in Joy" by Michael Barrett

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**OPENING HYMN** **LSB 901** "OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY"


1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
 3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be

en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
 du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
 gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;
 done in - deed. May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee

Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
 There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
 Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
 May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing
 While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
 en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
 hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
 foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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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.

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.

KYRIE

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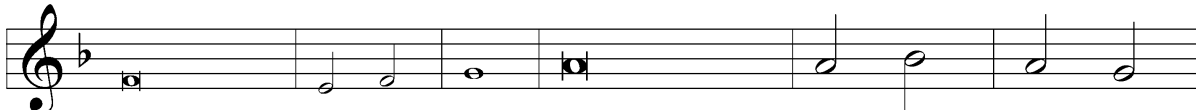
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



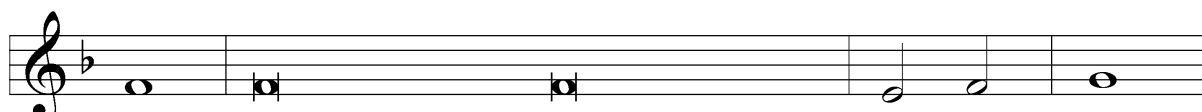
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

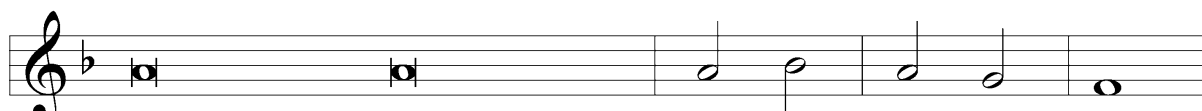
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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



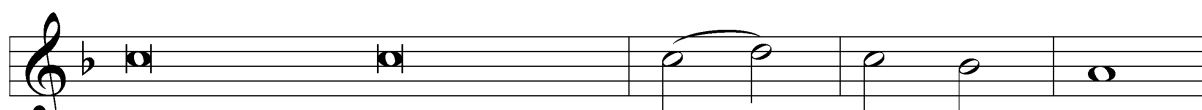
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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



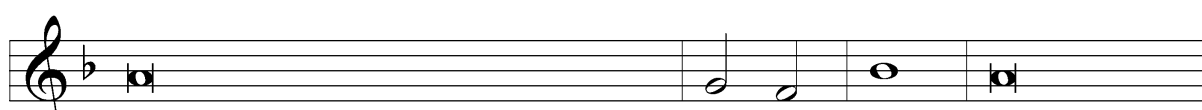
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



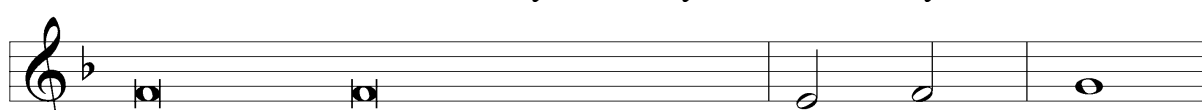
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Salvation for Foreigners

¹Thus says the LORD: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .” ⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” ⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

The Remnant of Israel

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

A This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

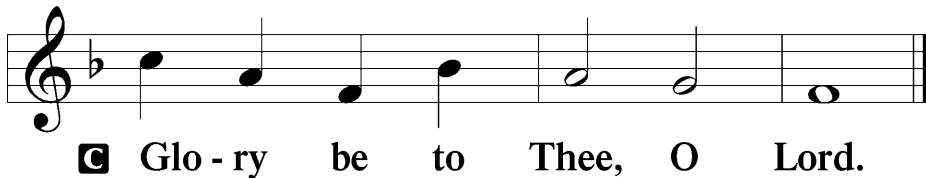
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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21–28

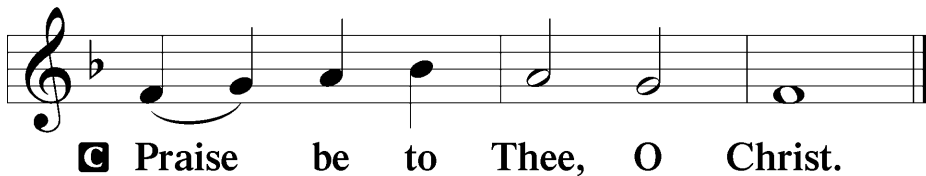
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.



The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

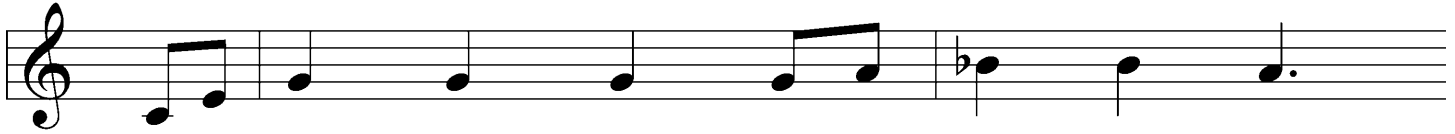
²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE MIKE RUSH

SERMON HYMN LSB 653 "IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST"



1 In Christ there is no east or west,
2 With God there is no tribe or race;
3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise His name
4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,
5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,
What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.
one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

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SERMON

THE BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL STAFF

APOSTLES' CREED



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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

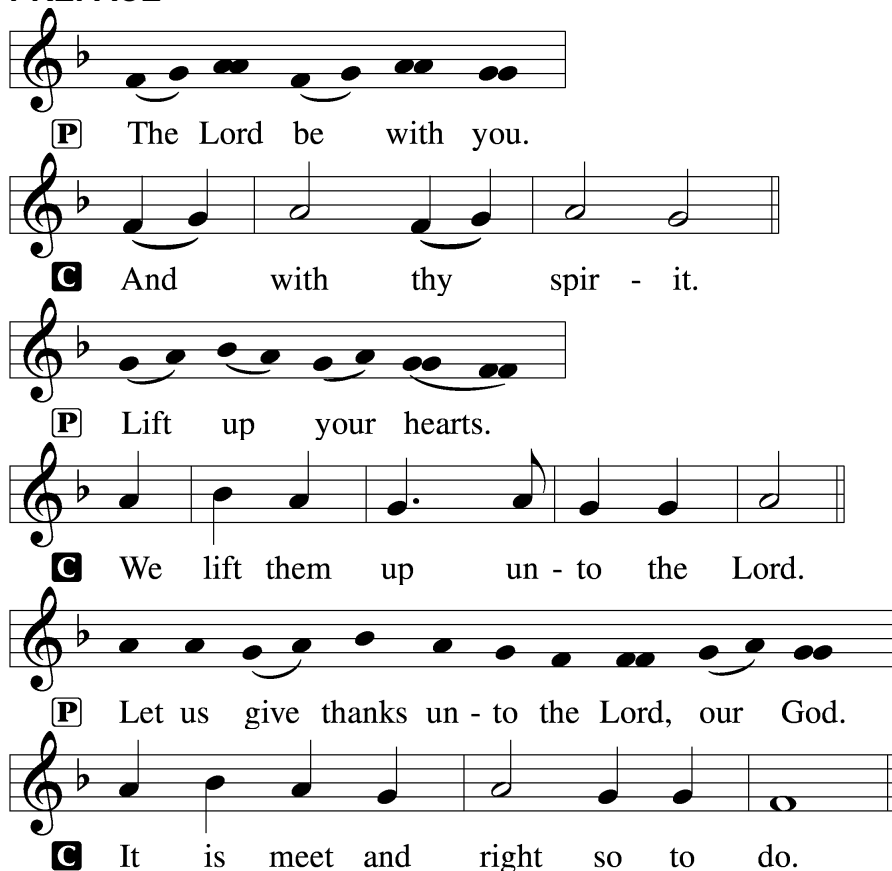


C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

PREFACE

LSB 194



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.

PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

P It is truly meet, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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

LSB 195



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



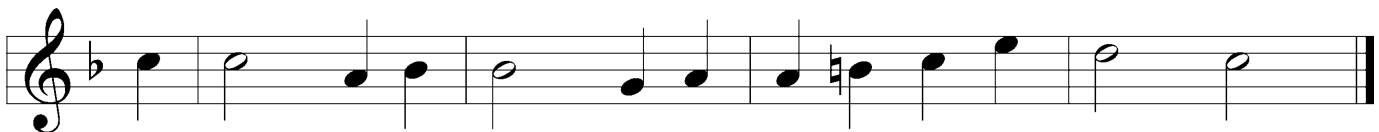
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



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

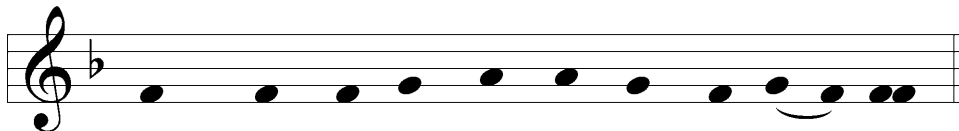
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C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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." 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

LSB 197



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



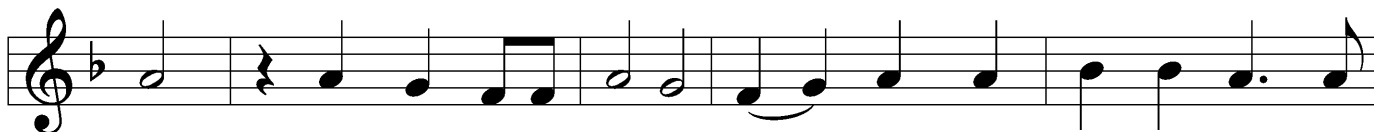
C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198



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.

DISTRIBUTION

LEFT COLUMN

LSB 199

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

LSB 199

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN LSB 571 "GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE"



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

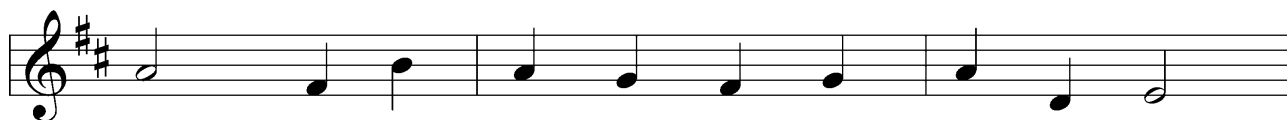
DISTRIBUTION HYMN LSB 769 "ETERNAL SPIRIT OF THE LIVING CHRIST"



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;
 Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—
 Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
 Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
 Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,

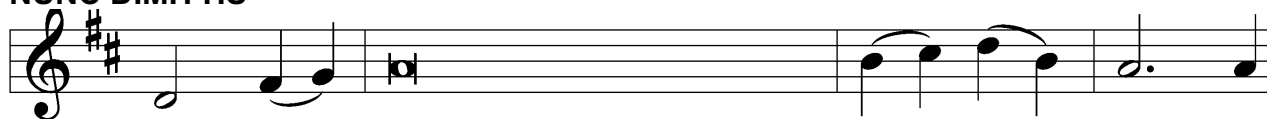


And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.
 Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
 My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

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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

LSB 200

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A 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.

G A - men.

SALUTATION

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.
G And with thy spir - it.

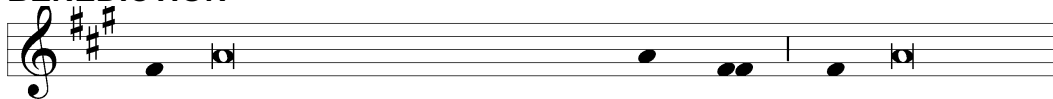
BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.
G Thanks be to God.

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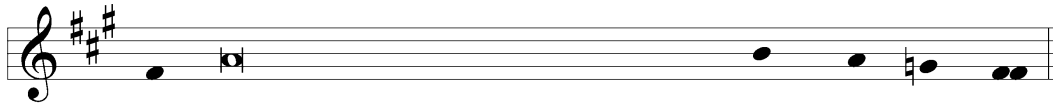
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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

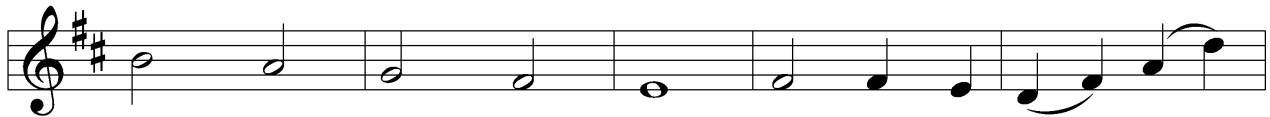


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN LSB 832 "JESUS SHALL REIGN"



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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August 30th

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School Returns August 19th

Sacred Communion Values

As baptized Christians, having received instruction in the Holy Sacrament; our precious Savior and Lord Jesus Christ invites us to His Holy Meal in which we receive the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith.

Before we receive the Holy Sacrament, we should:

- Examine our relationship with God & others according to the Ten Commandments;
- Truly repent of our sins and seek forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord;
- Faithfully believe God's Word which teaches us that in, with, and under the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ;
- By the working of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, commit our life as a redeemed disciple of Jesus Christ through thought, word, and deed.



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Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 17:

Tuesday, August 18:

5:30pm Ladies' Evening Bible Study (Narthex)

Wednesday, August 19:

12:00pm Midweek Worship Service (Narthex)

6:15pm Choir Practice

Thursday, August 20:

6:30pm Elder Ministry Team Meeting (Narthex)

Friday, August 21:

6:00pm Pickleball in the gym

Saturday, August 22:

Sunday, August 23:

8:30am Traditional Worship Service

10:00am Kid's Sunday School (rm off cafeteria)

11:00am Blended Worship Service in gym

1:00-3:00pm The Food Pantry is OPEN

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Upcoming Member Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

8/18 Daniel Leyva

8/19 Stephanie Hanson

8/19 Elaine Wooten

8/21 Eugene Edwards, Jr.

8/22 Elizabeth Bailey

ANNIVERSARIES

8/17 Lary and Jan Schulhof

8/22 Dan & Anitta Charlson

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Fourth Grade: Chelsey Towery

Fifth Grade: Emily Lundquist

MS Science/Social Studies: Leigh Ann Conner

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Art: Tammy Reilly

Music & Spanish: A.L. Brown

Last Sunday's Attendance & Stats

In-person Services:

8:30am: 62 11:00am: 64

Website: 30 FB: 21

Wednesday:

Noon: 7

ELC Grab-N-Go Food Pantry

August 9, 2026: 143 Households served

441 Individuals served

God Provides!

Previous Week's Offerings

General Offering Received: \$ 40167.59

Building Funds Received: \$

*Weekly Offering Budget: \$ (14615.00)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:

Director: Nicole Loria

Younger Infants: Paula Jones and Kailin McDowell

Older Infants: Becky Swatzell & Hydeia Beck

Toddlers 1: Lindsey Smathers & Stephanie Payne

Toddler2: Neesie Castillo & Heather Hensley

PS2: Julie Chambers & Melissa Cucin

PS-2/3: Amy Bair & Kayla Greene

PS3: Maranda Rice & Lea Par Wise

PS3/4: Robin Rutherford & Jasmine Riddle

PreK-1: Madison Peach & Cleopatrck Green

PreK-2: Faith Noell & Crystal McCormick

Floating Aid: Felisia Norton

Administrative Assistant Welcome Desk: Kristen Warren

Sermon Notes
August 16, 2026
"I Am a Dog"
Matthew 15:21-28

"I am a Dog" is a crucial _____ for Christians today

I. The _____ ... and _____

A. Jesus and His Disciples are in the region of _____ and _____

1. This is _____ of Israel

a. A getaway from the _____ from Jewish leaders

b. The non-Jewish inhabitants had learned the _____ worker was in their midst

c. Matthew _____

2. All we know is that the woman is a _____

a. The _____ inhabitants of the Promised Land

b. Canaanites were _____

3. The woman "sounds" Jewish: She refers to Jesus as

"_____, Son of _____"

a. From the text we see that she _____ these words

b. How she came to this _____ we do not know

B. Jesus doesn't seem _____

1. Even the heart-wrenching plea on behalf of her

_____ didn't elicit a response from Jesus (v.23a)

2. What would _____ have done?

a. Would you _____? _____ that Jesus doesn't care?

b. The Woman? She pours out her heart to Jesus and in front of at least _____ other men

3. When the _____ couldn't take it anymore they press Jesus to send her away

II. The Blow _____

A. Was Jesus not sensitive to the rules of _____ Justice?

1. Matthew _____

2. Isaiah _____

3. The Canaanite woman is not put off by Jesus' _____

B. Jesus was proof that God is gracious and _____

1. Jesus' Words actually drew her closer to him (Matthew _____)

2. Very similar words to Peter in last week's Gospel (Matthew _____)

C. And yet, it's at this moment Jesus calls her a _____

1. Matthew _____

2. There it is - the startling _____ - I am a Dog!

a. This is an _____ of one self before Jesus

b. That's what made Jesus _____ at her faith

III. The Startling _____

A. As long as I hold my _____ or think God _____ me

something I will never treasure the gift of _____

1. I really am a _____ in need of forgiveness

2. What is scary is how infrequently we _____ this truth

B. In this simple confession Jesus _____ her (Matthew _____)



Sure...we are all dogs! BUT we are _____ dogs feasting on _____ crumbs... and that is enough



Prayer List

August 16, 2026

These are people in need of prayers this week. “Lord Jesus we commend into Your hands the needs of people that go through challenges of many kinds. You know their joys, troubles, illnesses, and fears. We now commend them to You.”

PRAYERS FOR THE BEREAVED:

- * Mindy, Becca and Rachel Stackhouse and family - Ed passed away Aug. 5th

PRAYERS FOR GOOD HEALTH, SWIFT HEALING, & FAVOR:

- * **Mary Hufnagle - Hospitalized. Healing prayers**
- * **Sue Harris - testing for elevated heartrate**
- **Alex Lamberson (A.Bair niece) recovery after surgery/breaking her knee**
- * Dalton Charlson - Prayers for sasfe travels and a fruitful mission trip in Malaysia through Aug. 23rd with Children’s Bible Ministries
- Kristin – (daughter of a good friend of D.Meyer) She is battling cancer
- Jennie Bruckner - (C.Cline Friend) Kidney failure
- Siriwan- (Gary’s wife)She is a non-believer but God is moving her towards Him!
- Robert (S&T Taylor’s neighbor) prayers for health issues
- Debby Lujan (FSamuel’s sister) in hospital with respiratory distress and edema
- Katrina (Friend of S.Ude) recovery from accident
- Natalie and Shea (S.Hanson’s granddaughters) Prayers for fainting and other symptoms related to POTS
- Heidi Lenski (friend of C.Bruckner) Ovarian cancer
- Dan McCauley (L. Meulenberg’s BIL) In ICU with renal failure
- Ed Bagwell - (friend of CJ Reece - quick recovery
- * CJ Reece - healing
- John Wiechmann - (G.Spude uncle) struggling with Alzheimer’s
- Alex - (R&A Bair’s neice) young mom recently diagnosed with Lupus
- * Elliot Lipe (S&B Parker’s son) health and well-being
- Ralph Ector Jr.(S.Edwards’ brother) stomach issues
- Aleksander (Anastaiia Talbot’s father) cancer challenges
- Todd Robel (K.Nobles’ SIL) Cancer, heart, pain, mobility
- Amy Lewis (Daxton Edward’s mom) having thyroid issues
- Leslie (friend R.Baldwin) healing from Leukemia
- Martha Papp (Rush’s close friend) Recovering from fall and hospitalization
- Joanne Fritch (close friend of SPruett) liver mass
- Ruthie O’Brien (Friend of B.Allen)Please pray for Ruthie’s full recovery
- Ann Bolinsky (Bair’s BIL’s mom) 85yo in rehab
- Gary Pursley (N.Pursley’s brother)God, soften his heart for Jesus & for salvation
- Linda & Ken Tilley - (DGordon’s parents) mom cancer and dad is losing sight
- Camille Sawyer (friend of S.Edwards) autoimmune deficiency issues
- * McKenzie (S&B Parker’s daughter) for health & well-being

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH LONGTERM ILLNESSES & CONDITIONS:

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| * Harold Neuenkirchen | Linda Poppenhagen |
| * Lorenzo Lopez | Rev. Mark Spelzhausen (J. Gibney, friend) |
| * Peg Hardesty | Donna Logeman (E.Lundquist, mother) |
| * Jim Clark | Ann Melious (McCarthy family) |
| * Steve Taylor | Carol Harris (S.Ude’s friend) |
| * Mary Hufnagle | Robin Worley (J.Kearley’s friend) |
| * Sharon Pruett | Chris Alstrin (L.Schulhof, friend) |
| * Emily Nieting | Ron Riddle (B. King, friend) |
| * Cynthia Cline | Erin Y. (J. Thomas, friend) |
| * Helen Cline | Ralph Ector, Jr & Sr (S.Edwards, family) |
| * Marjorie Locke | Tyrone Ayres (S. Edwards, friend) |
| * Julia Kearley | Lynn White (S. Edwards, cousin) |
| * C.J. Reece | Randy Rooker (J. Kearley, brother-in-law) |
| * Mike Fastenau | Brandon Talofuse, Newton Crave (E.Bailey) |
| * Ray Bailey | Cynthia Bright - (C.Brucker’s friend) |
| * Eugene Edwards | Barbara Haseley - (Lopez mom/grandmom) Cancer |
| | Alice & Dawn -(J.Kearley friends) both w/cancer |
| | Ron Gill - (D.Meyer friend) Cancer |
| | Nicole - (S. Rauschenplat fam) cancer |
| | Mac O’Shields - Cancer |
| | Patty & Newt Etheridge (D.Meyer friends) cancer |
| | Zeb Dowdle (N. Black (friend) Needs kidney transplant |
| | Craig Dayton (Parker’s fam)stroke & 2y battle w/cancer |

PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBER BROTHERS & SISTERS

K. Ray Bailey	Marjorie Locke	Isabelle Hempel
Teenie Smathers	Helen Cline	Andre & Lori Benson
Carol Treadway	Cleta McCall	Gerry & Peg Hardesty
Jim & Judy Clark		Carol Lichtenberger

HEALING SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK:

“Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:1618)

Dear Jesus, You are the great physician of body and soul. Come to those who are experiencing cancer and bring healing to their bodies. Use the gifts of medicine and doctors to work Your healing power. Lift their spirits and enable them to trust in You during this difficult time. Let them cast all their cares upon You for You care for them. For their families and caregivers, be their Encourager and Helper. Thank you, Jesus, Amen.