

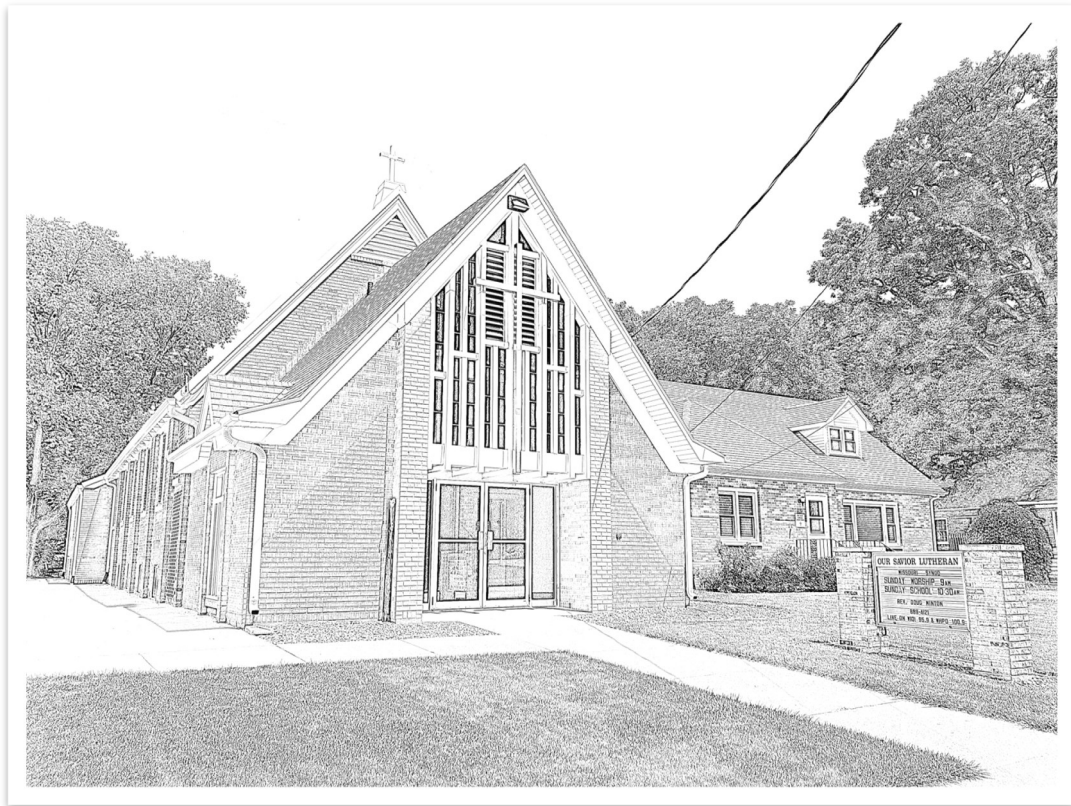
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## Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2025

# Matins

## Prayer Before Worship

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

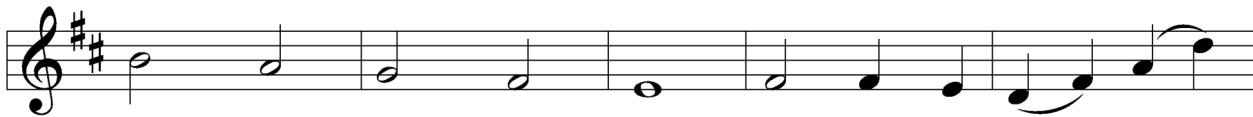
## Opening Hymn

## “Jesus Shall Reign”

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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

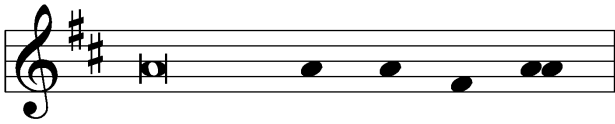


shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

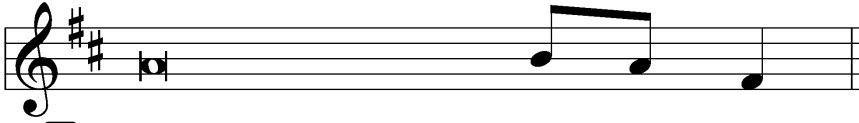
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Opening Versicles

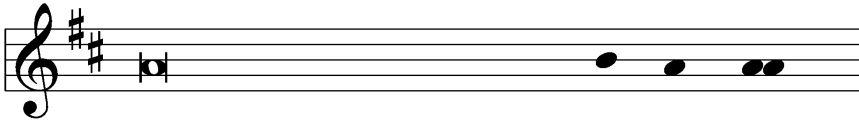
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**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



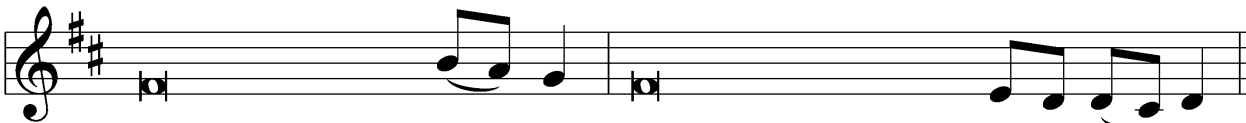
**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



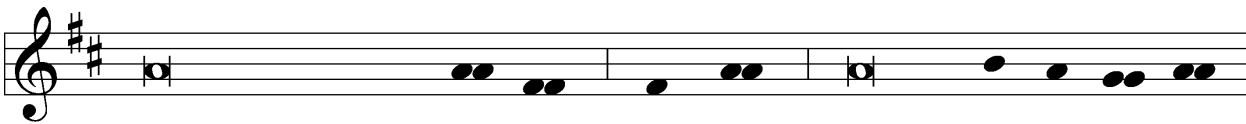
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

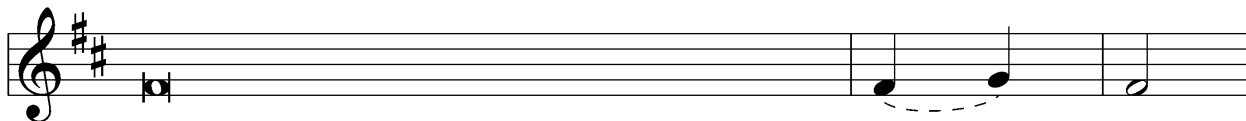
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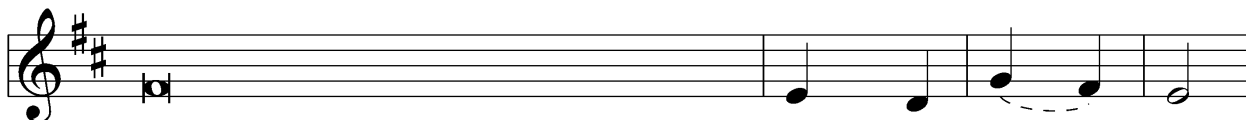
**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



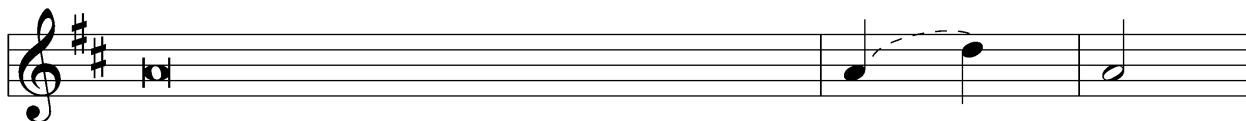
**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.



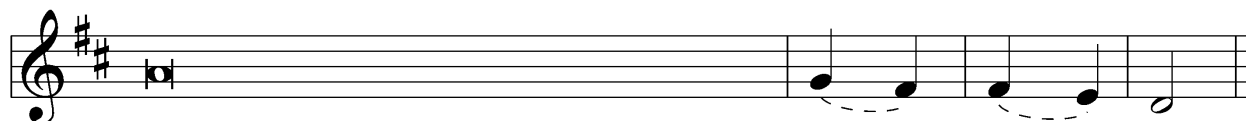
**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



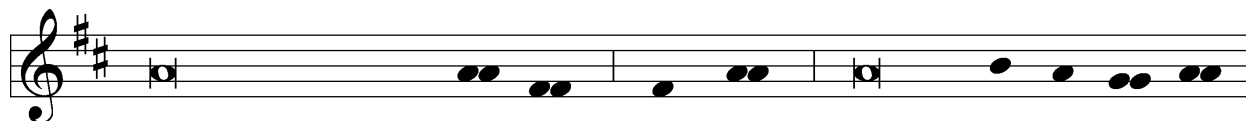
1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## Psalm 19:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The law of the LORD is perfect,  
reviv- | ing the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure,  
making wise the | simple;  
<sup>8</sup>**the precepts of the LORD are right,**  
**rejoicing | the heart; \***  
**the commandment of the LORD is pure,**  
**enlightening | the eyes;**  
<sup>9</sup>the fear of the LORD is clean,  
enduring for- | ever; \*  
the just decrees of the LORD are true,  
and righteous alto- | gether.  
<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold,**  
**even | much fine gold; \***  
**sweeter also than honey**  
**and drippings of the | honeycomb.**  
<sup>11</sup>Moreover, by them is your | servant warned; \*  
in keeping them there is | great reward.  
<sup>12</sup>**Who can dis- | cern his errors? \***  
**Declare me innocent from | hidden faults.**  
<sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;  
let them not have dominion | over me! \*  
Then I shall be blameless,  
and innocent of great trans- | gression.  
<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**  
**be acceptable | in your sight, \***  
**O LORD, my rock and my re- | deemer.**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## Office Hymn

## "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

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1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
 wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - jice.  
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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## Old Testament Reading

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

**L** A reading from Nehemiah, chapter 8.

<sup>1</sup> All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

<sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. . . .

<sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

**L** A reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 12.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** A reading from Luke, chapter 4.

<sup>16</sup>[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

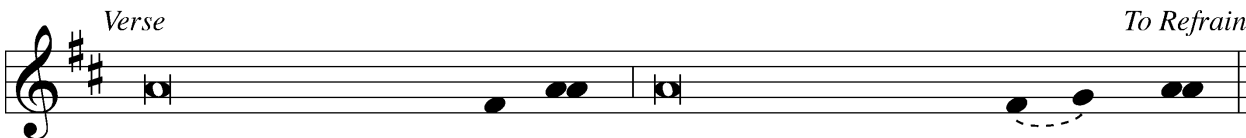
<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

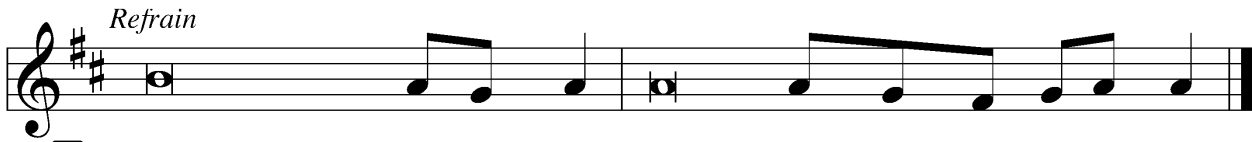
Common Responsory

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**L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.  
2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.  
3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.





*Refrain*

**C** Lord, I love  
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

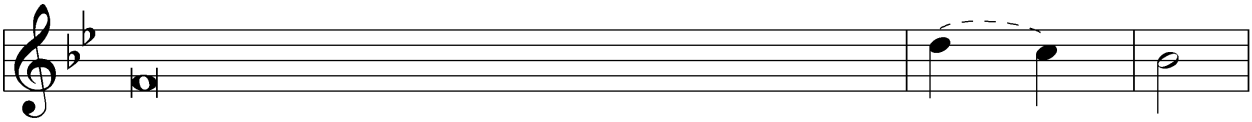
Sermon

“Scripture Fulfilled Today ”

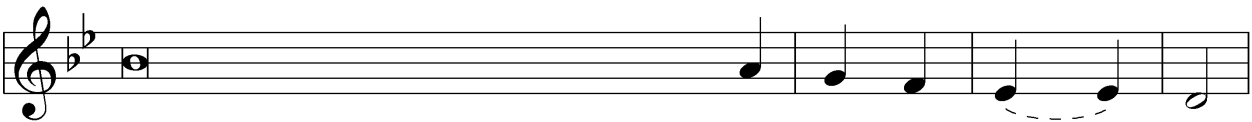
*Luke 4:16-30*

Te Deum

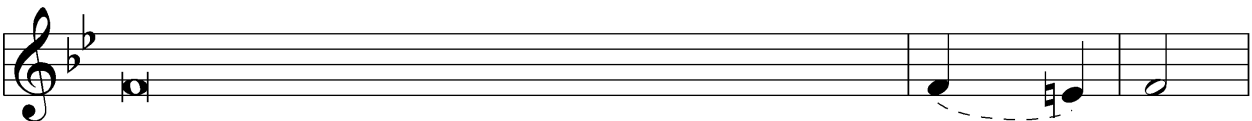
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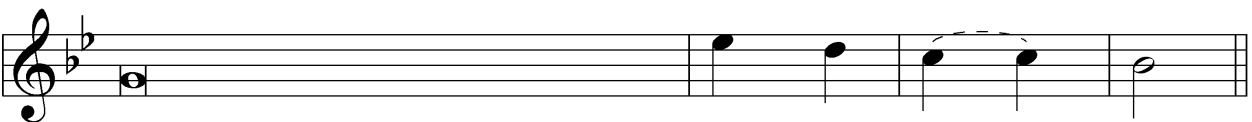
**C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise— You.



1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

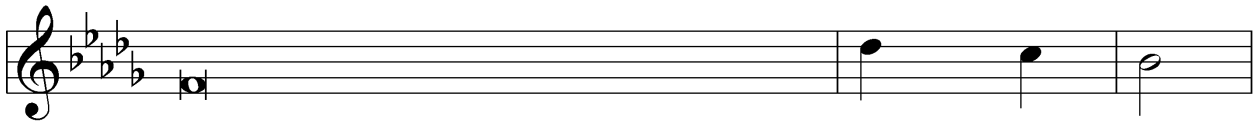


1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise— You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O— Christ;

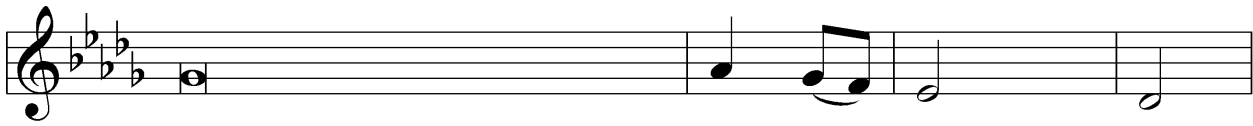


1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise— You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.

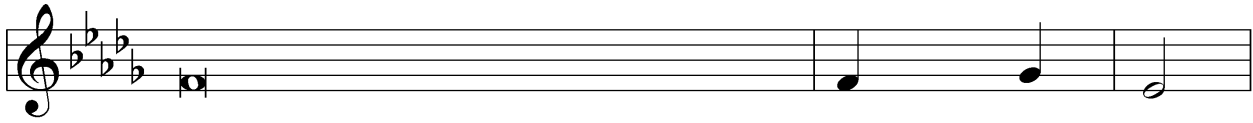
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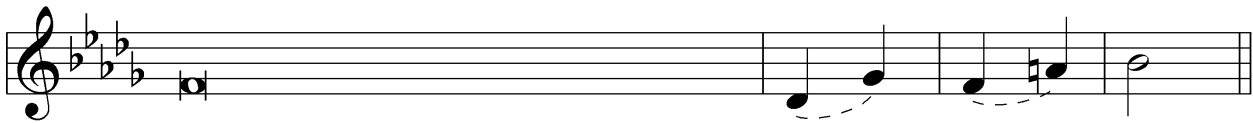
5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



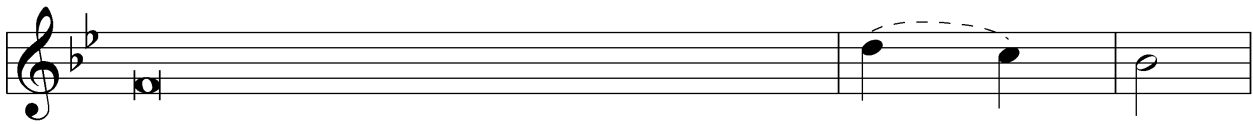
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



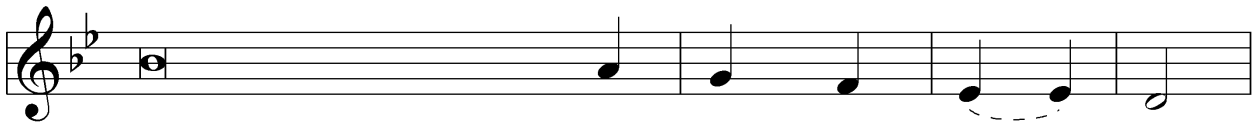
5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



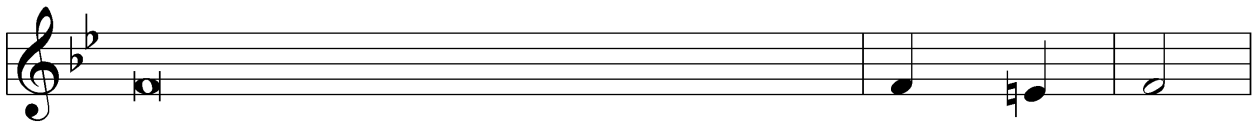
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be our judge.



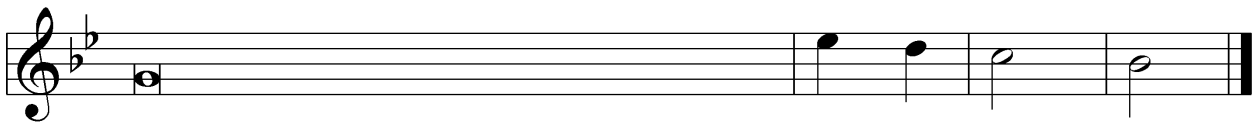
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

## Offering and Prayer

### Kyrie

LSB 227



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### Lord's Prayer

**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.

### Collects



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

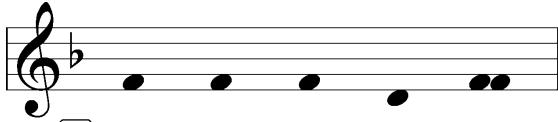
**C** Lord, have mercy. . . .

## Collect of the Day

## Collect for Grace

## Benedicamus

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**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

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**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



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



**G** A - men.

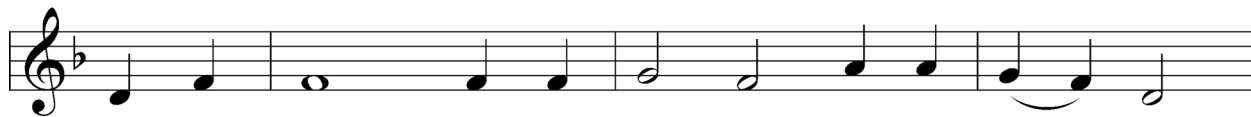
## Closing Hymn

## “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

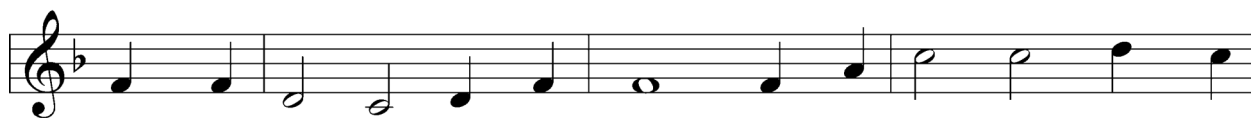
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1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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## Events This Week

**Today:** Worship at OSLC, 9am  
**Today:** Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am  
**Monday:** Comforters, 1pm  
**Tuesday:** *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*  
**Wednesday:** Bible Study, 10am  
**Wednesday:** Confirmation, 4:30  
**Saturday:** Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

## Those Serving at OSLC

	<b>1/26/25</b>	<b>2/2/25</b>
<b>Elder</b>	Rich Rieches	Jim Winder
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<b>Radio Monitors</b>	Chris Schroeder Marilyn Reeves	Neil and Courtney Rieches
<b>Sound Board</b>	Kendra Morts	Dean Lingley
<b>Greeters</b>	Jon and Diane Goldenstein	Jake and Olivia Harms
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ellie Schwartz	Ruth Harms
<b>Head Usher</b>	Landon Reutter	Elders
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sheila Selk Patty Bruens Renee Minton	Diane Goldenstein Brenna Schroeder

## Announcements

**WEDNESDAY MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP** will resume on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. We will have a Chili Cook Off. Dust off the chili recipes and let Renee know if you are willing to make a pot of your favorite chili. Or, you can supply shredded cheese and crackers. For dessert we will have King Cake, or at least the IL version of this New Orleans sweet treat.

**JANUARY IS LIFE MONTH:** Women's Care Clinic in Danville continues to care for those faced with an unexpected pregnancy. They provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counsel, and prayer to many in our community. There is still time to pick up a Baby Bottle from the narthex to fill with money during the month of January. You can also donate baby items – diapers, wipes, lotions, sleepers, etc. Please return filled bottles and baby items by Sunday, February 2, 2025.

**HOUSE BLESSING:** It is traditional to invite the Pastor to your home to bless your house in the Epiphany season. This is part of our spiritual warfare as Christians, and house blessings can be done at any time of year. Pastor will gladly visit you and bless your home. Call, email, or text him to set up a time.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY – LAST CALL:** It's time to update and distribute a new copy of the church directory! **Please look over your information and any other members of your family listed.** Send me any changes or corrections to your address, phone number, or email address by **January 28**. Updated directories will be available on February 2, 2025. If you have tried to call someone using the information in the directory and it no longer works, please let me know that as well. Thanks for helping keep information up to date.

**ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE:** If anyone was not able to attend the meeting last Sunday, but would like the information, please reach out to Dave L. for a recording.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** As Pastor mentioned at the meeting last week, he will be leading in person bible class starting today. We will start by 10:15 as he needs to leave by 11:10 for service in Hoopeston.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE** “Babies are born into the world wrapped in surprising packaging like disabilities or poverty, but even so, God has a perfect plan for each one of them. Abortion is a tragic end to the countless blessings in store for those who would have surrounded these children.” *Brad Mattes, Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

## **Prayer List**

### **Those celebrating a birthday:**

Anna Minton            Today  
Waylon Reutter        Monday  
Doug Morgeson        Wednesday  
Nathaniel Bushong    Thursday

### **Those celebrating an anniversary:**

### **Those suffering from cancer:**

Linda Buhrmester  
Nancy Tobeck  
Connie Bruns, organist at Calvary  
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens  
Kim Cann, friend of Becky Bridge  
Dale Colvin, cousin of Jim Winder  
Tim Evans, brother in law of Bob Storm  
Lisa High, friend of Becky Hiles  
Kendra Howard, niece of Doug Benner  
Pamela Howard, sister of Doug Benner  
Christopher Kruse, community member  
Becky Lehmann, cousin of Bob Storm  
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

### **Those requesting your prayers:**

Joyce Williams, broken wrist  
Those recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton  
Those recovering from the wildfires in California

### **Homebound Members**

Dianne Estes  
Delmer Henrichs  
Arlene Hines  
Dorothy Knake  
Joann Sloan  
Brenda St. Peter



**Those serving in our Armed Forces and our local Law Enforcement, especially those connected to the OSLC family:**

***Armed Forces***

Karl Gibbs - serving as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy

Justin McGahan - Milford community member, serving in the U.S. Army

Corey Moore - OSLC Member and son of Kevin and Kasey Moore, serving in the U.S. Marine Reserves

Timothy Raddatz - nephew of Phil and Cindy Raddatz, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard

Kaleb Waldbeser - friend of Bob and Donna Flesher, serving in the U.S. Marine Corp.

***Law Enforcement***

Wyatt Alt - Iroquois County Sheriff Department

**Central Illinois District Congregations:** Trinity in Bluffs and Christ in Winchester as they continue in the call process.

**Iroquois Circuit Congregations:** Immanuel in Loda and St. Peter in Thawville and Earl Kinnee has he continues to serve them in their vacancy.

**Those studying at the Seminary:**

Vicar Simon Niemtschk, St. Paul in Carroll, IA

Seminarian Jacob Bergstedt, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne, IN.

**Those serving in the Mission Field:**

Rev. Samuel Bobby, his wife Erica, and sons Judah, August, Benjamin, Simon, and Pax, our adopted international missionary, currently serving in Latvia. Rev. Bobby teaches at The Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia.



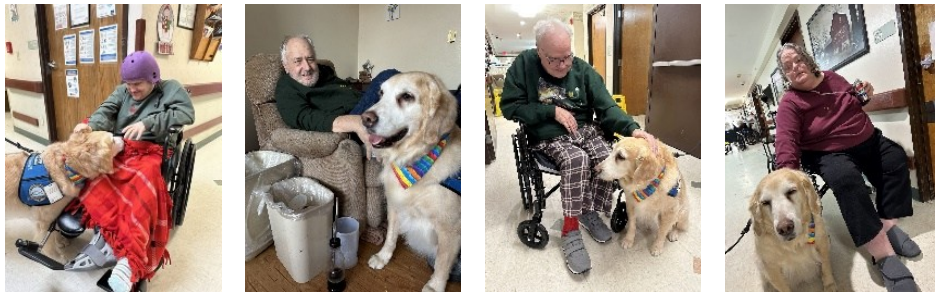
# Moments with Mahlah

*For the Week of January 19, 2025*

Mahlah began her week by attending church and Sunday School at St. Paul's in Woodworth. Dean and Jayne Henrichs were her handlers.



On Tuesday Mahlah made her regular visit to the Gilman Nursing Home, with Pastor Doug Minton as handler and Renee as ministry partner. It was very cold outdoors, but the welcome inside was warm.



At this writing Mahlah was planning to travel to Champaign on Wednesday, for an appearance on WBGL. Jayne and Dean were to be her handlers. On Friday she was scheduled to visit Prairieview, with Susan Yergler as handler, and Rod Yergler as ministry partner.

On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> Mahlah visited new friends at Friendship House in West Lafayette, with Diane Costello as her handler. This was her first visit to the facility, but more are scheduled. Residents are nearly all dealing with sight loss issues, and Mahlah also met Hemi, a leader dog who is training with one of the residents.



Remember to email Mahlah at [Mahlah@K9Comfort.org](mailto:Mahlah@K9Comfort.org) if you know of an individual or organization that would benefit from a visit. Thanks for your continued support as we seek to bring the compassion, mercy, presence, and proclamation of Jesus to all.