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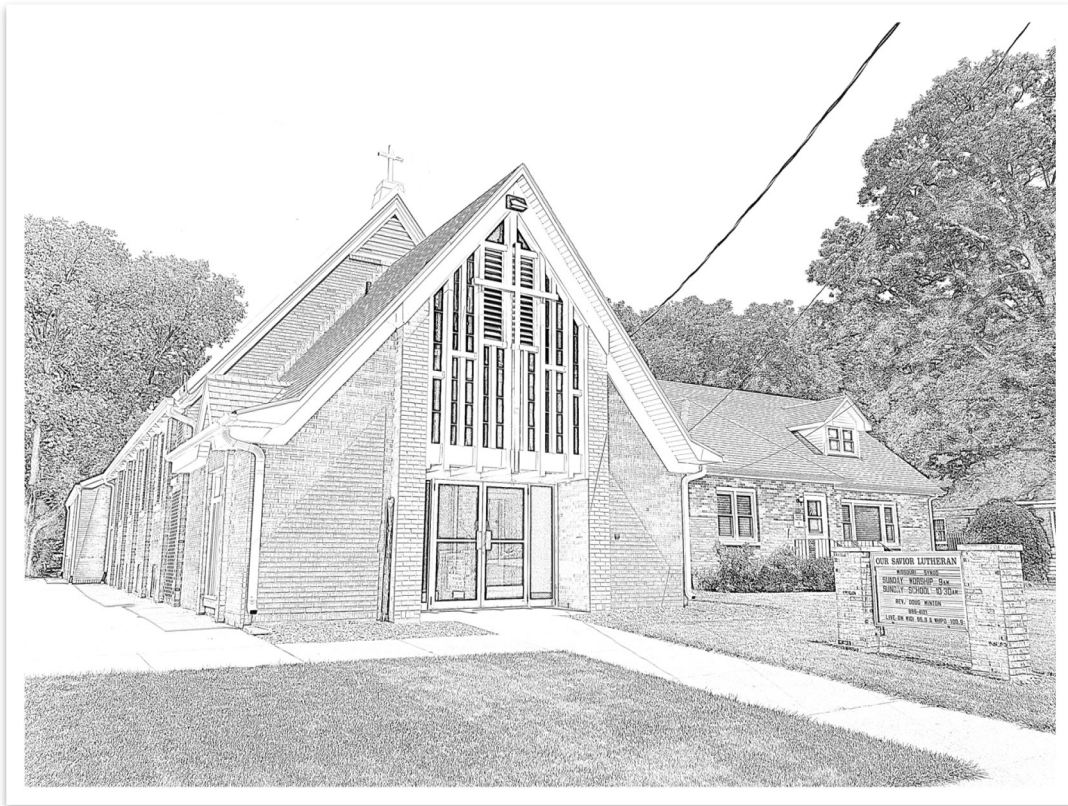
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Palm Sunday Confirmation

April 13, 2025

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Procession of Palms

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.

In the Narthex

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P ¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

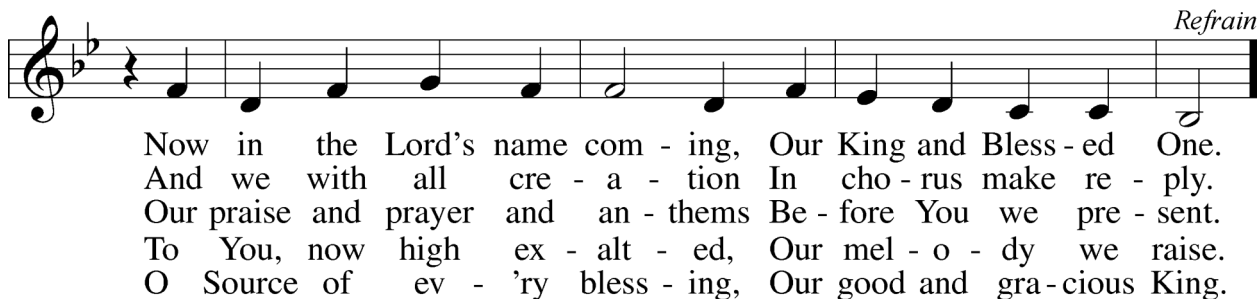
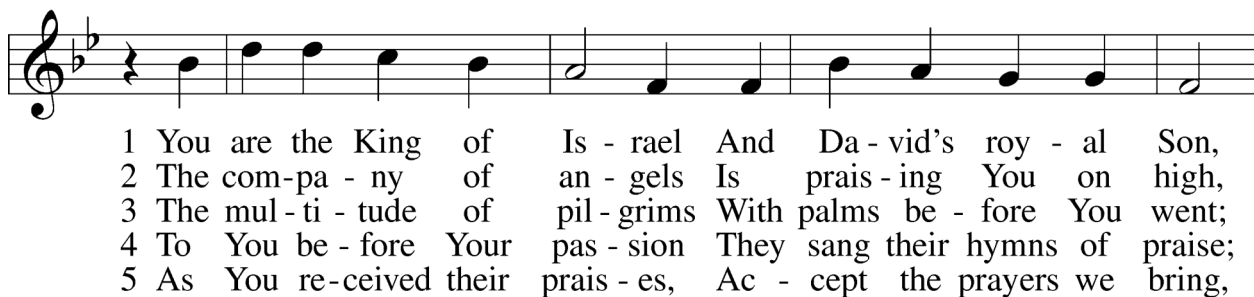
P Let us go forth in peace,

C in the name of the Lord.

Processional Hymn

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 442



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P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna in the highest.

Collect of the Day

L . . . one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sunday School Children Singing

Opening Versicles

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

L Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

L Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C He was bruised for our iniquities.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

Refrain

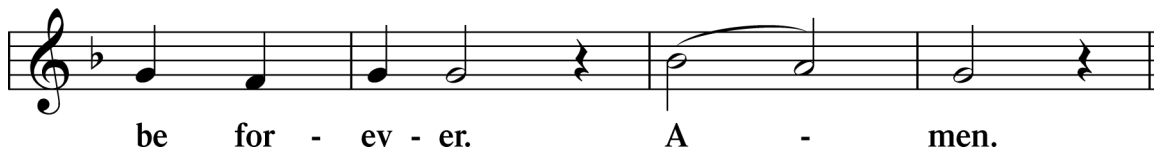
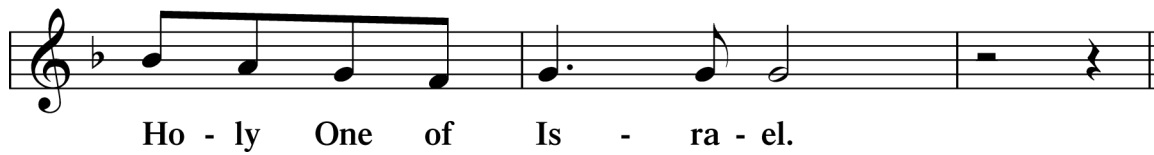
C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Psalm 118:19-29

¹⁹Open to me the gates of | righteousness,*
that I may enter through them
and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰**This is the gate | of the LORD;***
the righteous shall enter | through it.

²¹I thank you that you have | answered me*
and have become my sal- | vation.

²²**The stone that the builders re- | jected***
has become the | cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the | LORD has made;***
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, | O LORD! *
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD! *
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us. *
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you; *
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good; *
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

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.

Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

LSB 770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

L A reading from Deuteronomy, the thirty-second chapter.

³⁶ The LORD will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants,
when he sees that their power is gone
and there is none remaining, bond or free.

³⁷ Then he will say, “Where are their gods,
the rock in which they took refuge,
³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices
and drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you;
let them be your protection!

³⁹ “See now that I, even I, am he,
and there is no god beside me;
I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal;
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

L A reading from Philippians, the second chapter.

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- L** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
L Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
L We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Hymn of the Day

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

LSB 343



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo-ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom-ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Ten Commandments

LSB 264

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 264

- 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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 264

- 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.**

Catechism Reading: The Third Commandment

LSB 321

What is the Third Commandment?

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Sermon

“Life From Death”
Deuteronomy 32:36-39

Rite of Confirmation

LSB 272

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, I believe 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.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, 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.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

P *[Name]*, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

R Amen.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C Amen.

Sermon Hymn

“When Peace, Like a River”

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

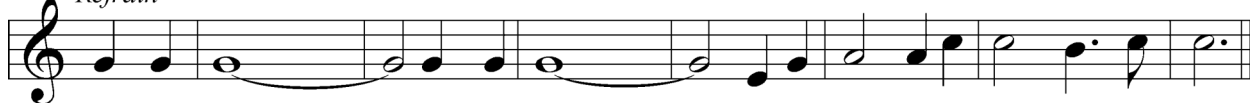


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Offering and Prayer

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord . . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

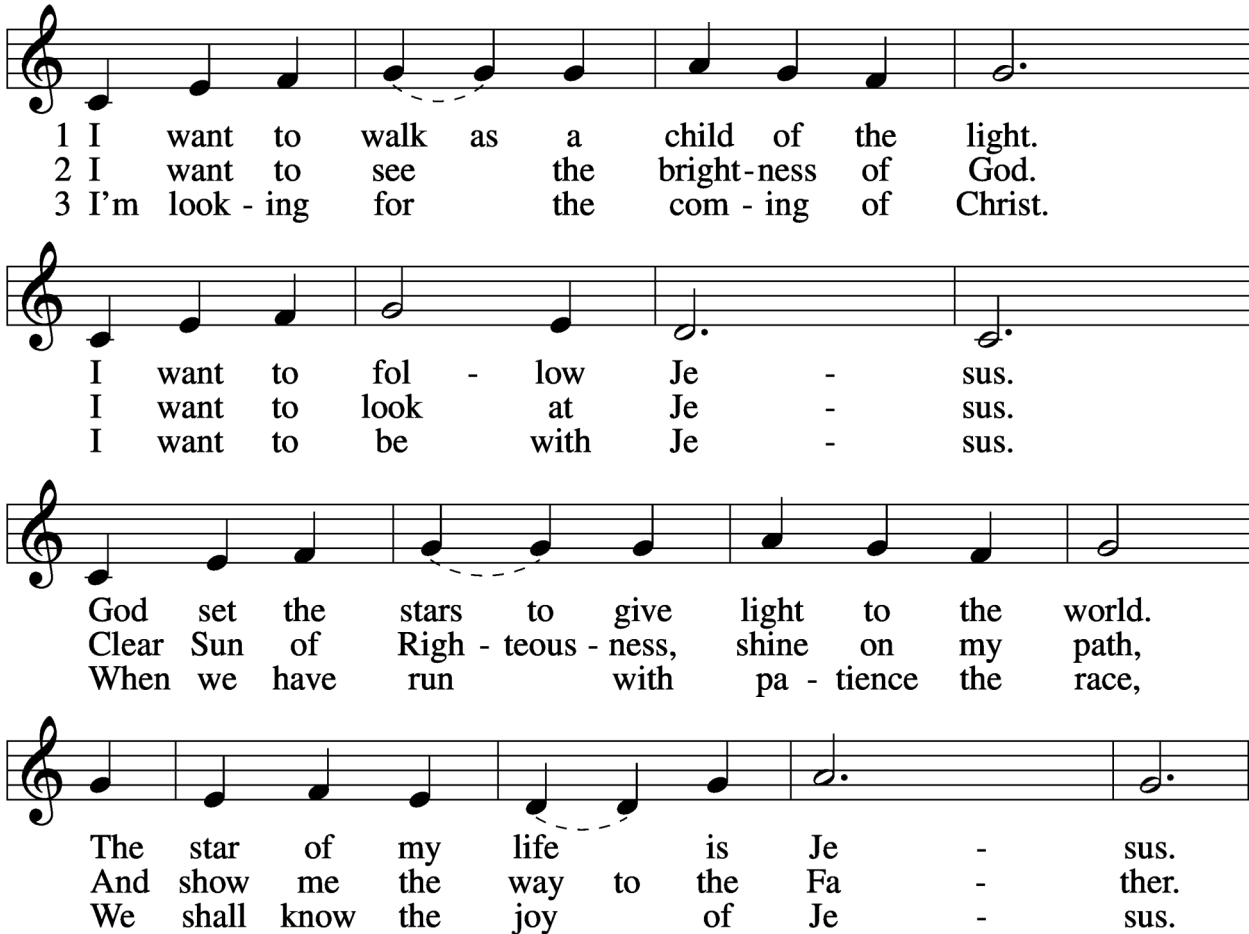
C Amen.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 411

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

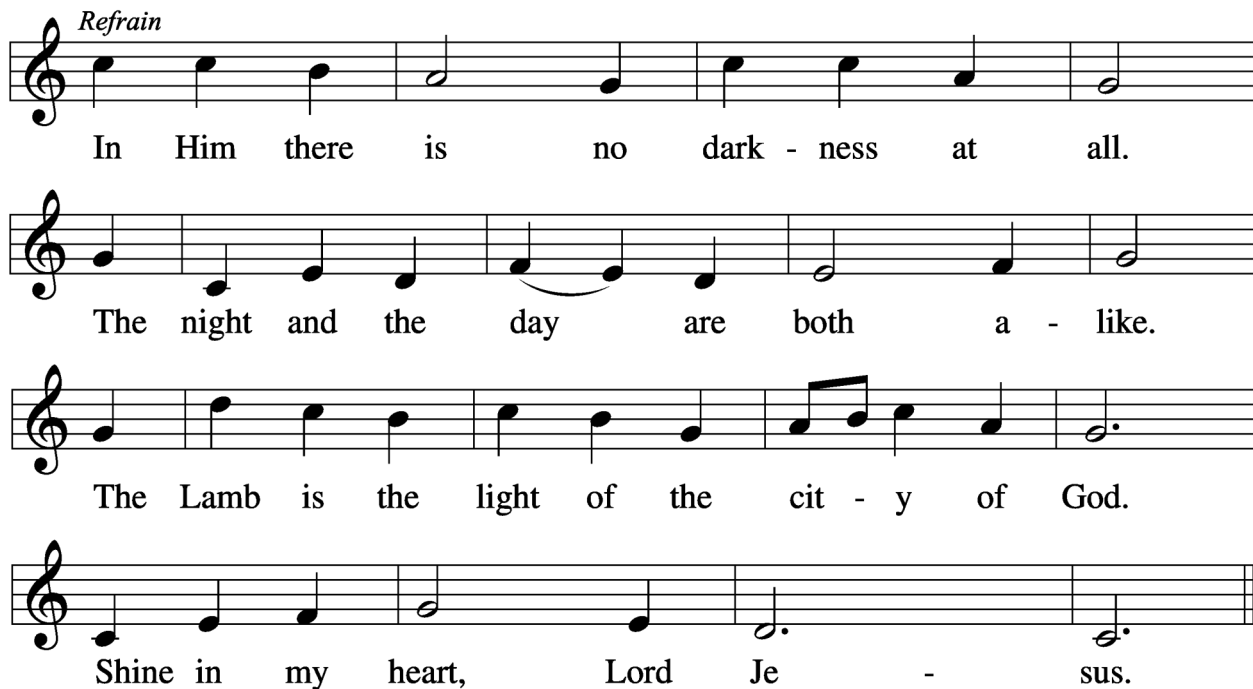
I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

(Refrain continued on next page)

Refrain



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Blessing

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

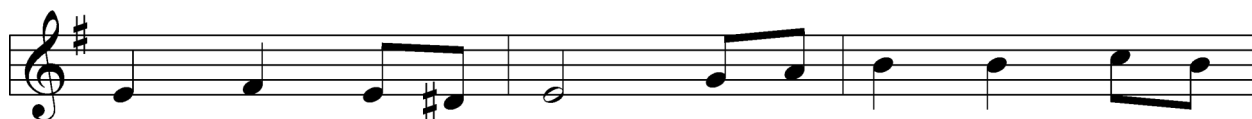
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1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today: Worship at OSLC, 9am
Today: Worship at Good Shepherd, 11:30am
Monday: Comforters, 1pm
Wednesday: *Bulletin Deadline, 10am*
Thursday: Maundy Thursday Service with First Communion, 7pm
Friday: Good Friday Service, 7pm
Saturday: Decorate Sanctuary for Easter, 9:30am
Saturday: Worship at Immanuel, 6pm

Those Serving at OSLC

	4/13/25	4/17/25	4/18/25	4/20/25
Elder	Justin Schroeder	Justin Schroeder	Justin Schroeder	Neil Rieches
Organist	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhals	Theta Lee	Linda Kellerhals
Radio Monitors	Patrick and Dawn Teig			Chris Schroeder Marilyn Reeves
Sound Board	Neil Rieches	Neil Rieches	Neil Rieches	Patrick Teig
Greeters	Jean Lauterbach			Gene and Marilyn Reeves
Acolyte	Avery Schroeder	Avery Schroeder		Jackson L (6:30) Evelyn M (9:00)
Head Usher	Jon Goldenstein	Jon Goldenstein	Jon Goldenstein	Jon Goldenstein
Altar Guild	Kendra Morts Renee Minton	Kendra Morts Renee Minton	Kendra Morts Renee Minton	Kendra Morts Renee Minton

CONFIRMANDS

RUTH ELIZABETH HARMS, born February 23, 2012, daughter of Jacob and Olivia Harms, baptized March 25, 2012 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford, IL. Her baptismal sponsors are Jennifer Taylor, Josh Harms, and Jon Harms.

Ruth's Confirmation verse is Philippians 4:6-7, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Ruth's Confirmation hymn is #763, "When Peace, Like a River."

JACKSON DANIEL LAVICKA, born June 2, 2010, son of Justin and Jan Lavicka, baptized July 4, 2010 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Woodworth, IL. His baptismal sponsors are David Cluver, Jon and Holly Borgers, and Tami Gossett Martin.

Jackson's Confirmation verse is Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Jackson's Confirmation hymn is #770, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

EVELYN ROSE MORTS, born August 12, 2011, daughter of Scott Morts and Kendra Morts, baptized October 23, 2011 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Milford, IL. Her baptismal sponsors are Shelby Everidge and Ethan Morts.

Evelyn's Confirmation verse is Matthew 6:34, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

Evelyn's Confirmation hymn is #411, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light."

ELLIE JO SCHWARTZ, born July 1, 2011, daughter of Clint and Jessie Schwartz, baptized August 14, 2011 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sadorus, IL. Her baptismal sponsors are Danielle Berger and Travis Black.

Ellie's Confirmation verse is Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

Ellie's Confirmation hymn is #343, "Prepare the Royal Highway."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN for singing this morning! We enjoy hearing our young members as part of our worship service.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION is today during our service. Our confirmands this year are Ruth Harms, Jackson Lavicka, Evelyn Morts, and Ellie Schwartz. Each confirmand has picked a confirmation hymn and we will be singing their hymns throughout our service. Following the service, we will have a Cake and Card Reception for our confirmands in the Fellowship Hall. Take the time to come down and welcome these young people as communicant members of OSLC.

EASTER BREAKFAST will be served between our services - about 7:45am. We will serve Breakfast Casseroles, waffles, fruit, and pastries. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for donations of fruit, pastries, milk, and juice as well as volunteers to help in the kitchen. Any questions, ask Renee or Patty.

WE WILL DECORATE the Sanctuary for Easter on Saturday, April 19 at 9:30am. Come help beautify the sanctuary for our celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

THANK YOU to Jean Lauterbach and family for sponsoring the Radio Broadcast this morning in memory of Roger Reed. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Service with First Communion is Thursday, April 17 at 7pm.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service is Friday, April 18 at 7pm.

Easter Sunrise Divine Service is Sunday, April 20 at 6:30am.

Easter Divine Service is Sunday, April 20 at 9am.

EASTER FLOWER REMINDER: Please plan to pick up your flowers after the 9am Easter service or on Monday. Some of the beautiful flowers do not hold up with no sunlight in the church during the week. Talk to Renee if you have any questions.

THANK YOU to all that attended our meals and fellowship before our Lenten services. Thank you for graciously donating to the various outreach projects. Thank you to those that helped set up, serve, and provided tasty food. It is always a blessing to come together as brothers and sisters in Christ to share in a time of conversation. Our next Wednesday Meal and Fellowship will be Wednesday, May 7. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to know the "goings on" with others in our congregation.

VOTER'S MEETING AND CHURCH COUNCIL meetings have been moved back a week due to Easter. Please note this change and plan now to attend.

Thursday, April 24 - Church Council meeting at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 27 - Voters Meeting following service.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE QUOTE “Friend, you have a good word to speak to your neighbor. You have God’s Word of life to share—with your spouse, your children or grandchildren, your co-worker or friend. You can tell them that their life is sacred, a gift of God, and that their life matters to you.” *Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church–Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

PRAYER LIST

Those celebrating a birthday:

Leevi Bruens	Wednesday
Henry Lange	Friday
David Kellerhals	Saturday

Those celebrating an anniversary:

Those suffering from cancer:

Linda Buhrmester
John Lee
Nancy Tobeck
Joey, radio listener
Janet Doyle, friend of Patty Bruens
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
Becky Lehmann, cousin of Bob Storm
Fred Wright, brother of Marvin Wright

Those requesting your prayers:

Melvin Rieches, health issues
Bailey York, friend of Joyce Williams, health issues
Those recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton
Those recovering from the wildfires in California

Those who mourn:

Family and friends of Arlene Hines, given Christian burial this week.

Homebound Members

Dianne Estes
Delmer Henrichs
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: Mt Calvary in Galesburg and Steven Sommerer her pastor.

Iroquois Circuit Congregations: St John in Buckley and Kevin Wyckoff her pastor.

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

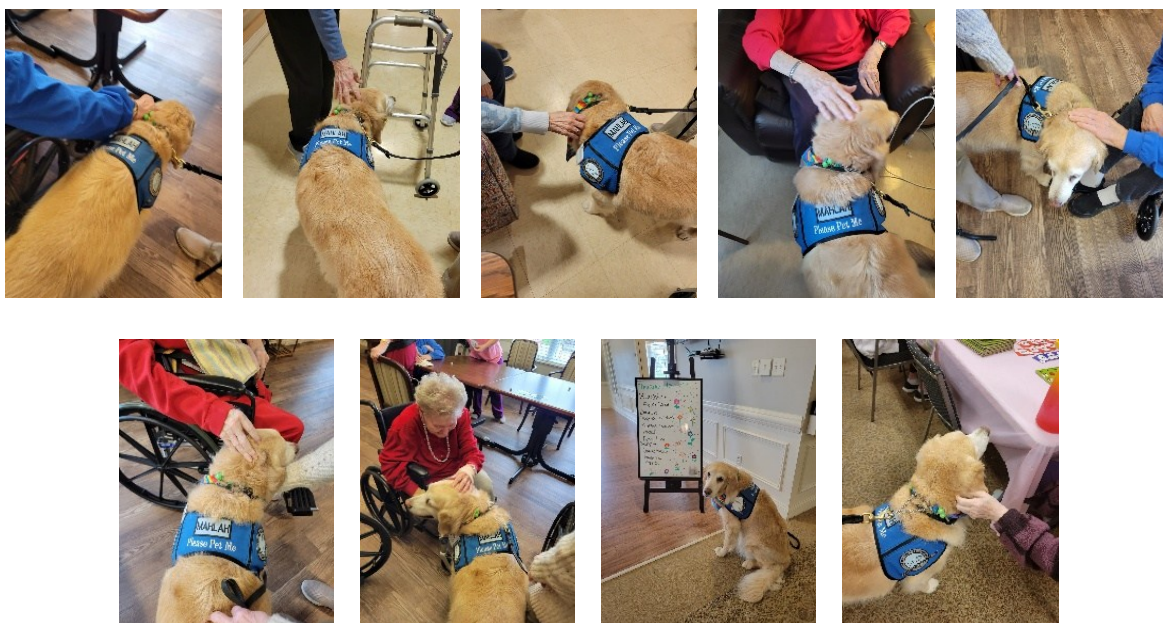
For the Week of April 6, 2025

Mahlah began her week at home at OSLC in Milford, as she and handler Sheila Selk greeted church family members young and older on their way into the sanctuary. She particularly enjoyed being with the Sunday School children as they practiced their music.



At this writing Mahlah was scheduled to travel to Gibson City on Wednesday, visiting at Goldwater Care, Holly Brook and the Gibson City Hospital Annex. Handlers for the day were to be Dean and Jayne Henrichs. On Thursday she was to visit Good Shepherd Manor in Momence and the Manteno Veterans Home.

We have the opportunity to look back to last Friday when Mahlah enjoyed an excellent visit at Autumn Fields and at Heritage Health, both in Hoopeston. Sheila Selk was handler and Renee Minton was ministry partner.



Remember to email Mahlah at 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.