



Munster, Indiana 2024

Welcome

evening prayer



WORSHIP FOLDER

LCMS

March 13, 3:30 and 6:30pm

Members and Guests:

Please silence cell phones

Before the service begins, some people choose to pray and meditate in the sanctuary, while others choose to catch up with their church family and friends in the narthex. Please respect both options by keeping food, drink, and conversation in the narthex, so the joyful noise of Christian conversation can coexist with the contemplative silence and sacred music prior to the service.

Our sanctuary is equipped with receivers for **hearing assistance**. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use one. We also have **large print hymnals** available in the narthex.

We appreciate **infants and young children in worship** and encourage parents to keep their children in the pew despite occasional distracting behavior as they learn and grow. Feel free to borrow a book or Quiet Bag from the racks by the sanctuary doors. If however, you decide you need a quiet place, you may use our Quiet Room located in the rear left of the sanctuary.

Holy Communion:

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices closed communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to one of the pastors about exceptions to this general practice. This practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply believe our communing together is also a public profession of what we as a congregation teach and confess.

Prelude Choral Trio "At the Cross (Love Ran Red)" (Foote)

Those who wish may bookmark hymns prior to the service. The hymns for this service are: 431, 606 and 890).

Welcome and Announcements

+ SERVICE OF LIGHT +

L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.
L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,
C and the day is almost o - ver.
L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness
C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron



L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:

C of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,
bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the
set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.
We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:
You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -
ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:
the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

Thanksgiving for Light

P Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



C A - men.

Psalm 141

C Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice
when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

II Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

I Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;
let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in
the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

P Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord,
and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds,
we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole
heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

Office Hymn—431 Not All the Blood of Beasts



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



Could give the guilt - y con-science peace Or wash a - way the stain.
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

Reading: 2 Samuel 12: 1 - 13

And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' . . ."

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Some may prefer to bring their own Bible or use the pew Bible to follow the Scripture readings. Whether you use the insert or a Bible, please also "hold it sacred, and gladly hear and learn it."

Choral Trio "Lead Me to the Cross" (Fraser)

Reading: Matthew 18: 15 – 20

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Hymn—606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;
He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.
I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;
Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra - grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.


Those wishing to make an offering can find the collection plate on the table in the narthex before and after the service. Donations can also be made securely online at our website.

Sermon: Pastor Adrian Krebs

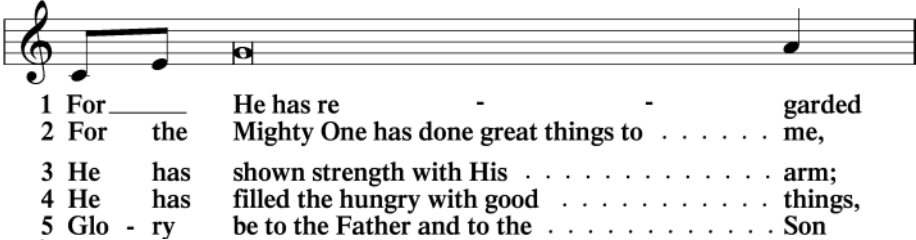
Offertory: Choral Trio "By His Wounds" (Powell)

Magnificat

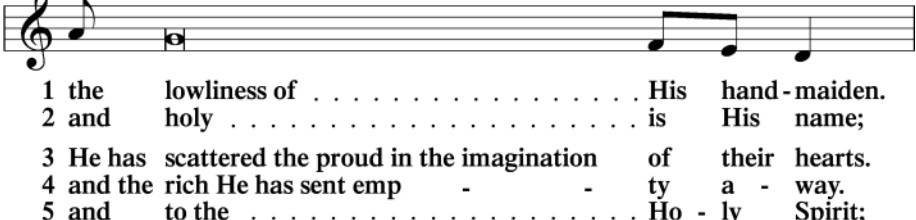
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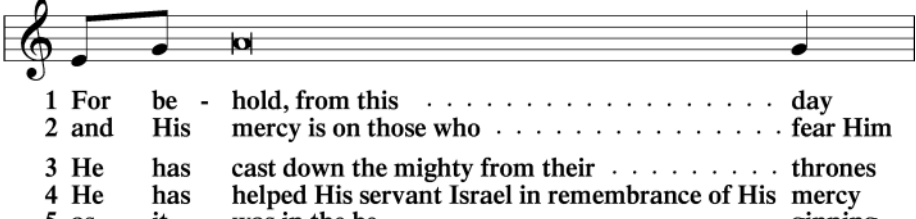
My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.



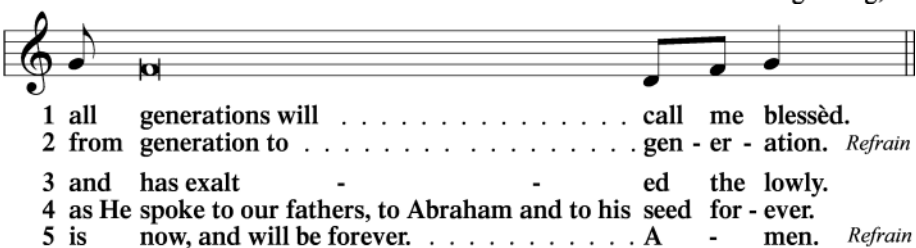
1 For He has re-garded me,
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
3 He has shown strength with His arm;
4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
5 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
2 and holy is His name;
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
4 and the rich He has sent empty away.
5 and to the Ho-ly Spirit;



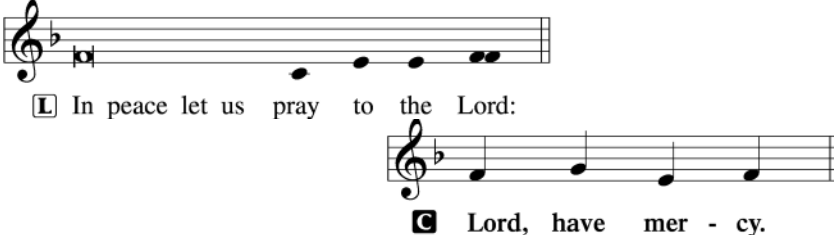
1 For be-hold, from this day
2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
5 as it was in the be-ginning,



1 all generations will call me blessed.
2 from generation to gen-er-ation. *Refrain*
3 and has exalt-ed the lowly.
4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ever.
5 is now, and will be forever. A-men. *Refrain*

Prayer

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both pastor and congregation.



In peace let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mer-cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

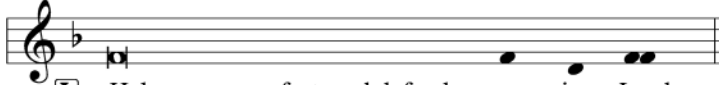
The prayers then continue:



- L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

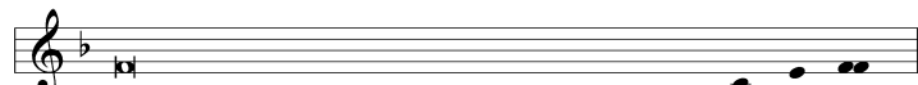


- C** Thanks be to God.

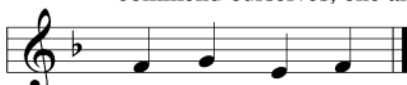


- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.



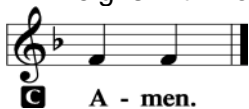
- L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



- C** To You, O Lord.

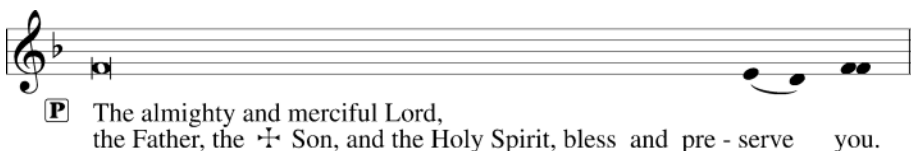
Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

Benedicamus and Benediction



Hymn—890 O Blessed Light, O Trinity



Postlude

Choral Trio – Lisa Smith, Lois Zimmer & Bailey Bosman

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