

## **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

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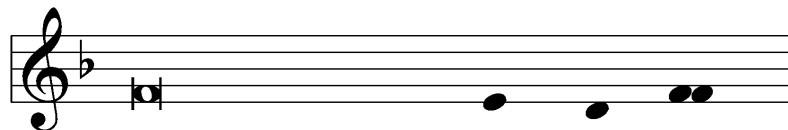
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*Advent Midweek I*  
*December 3, 2025*  
*Evening Prayer – LSB 243*

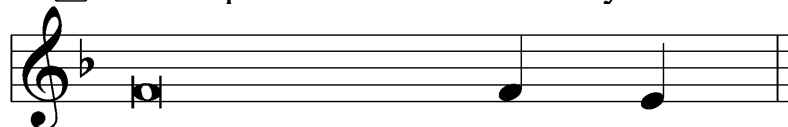
## SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Stand*

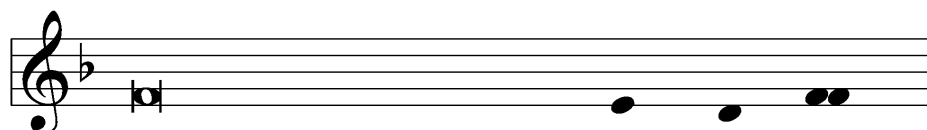
### Versicles (Advent)



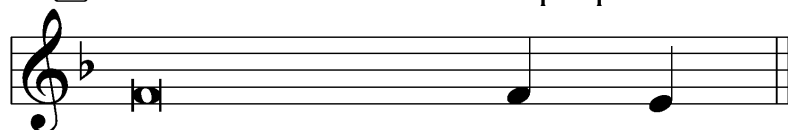
**L** The Spirit and the Church cry out:



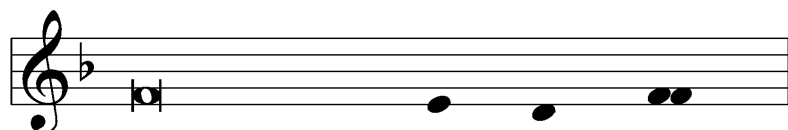
**C** Come, Lord Je - sus.



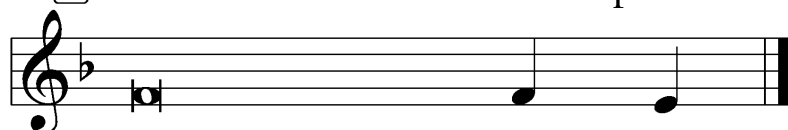
**L** All those who await His ap - pear - ance pray:



**C** Come, Lord Je - sus.



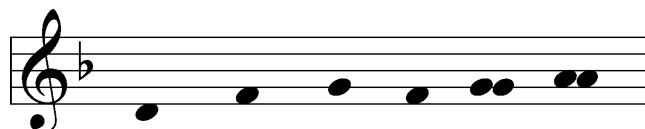
**L** The whole cre - a - tion pleads:



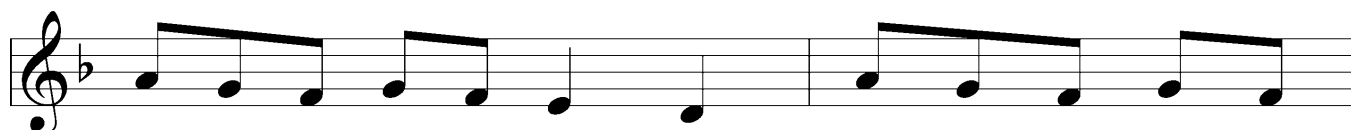
**C** Come, Lord Je - sus.

### Phos Hilaron

*LSB 244*



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



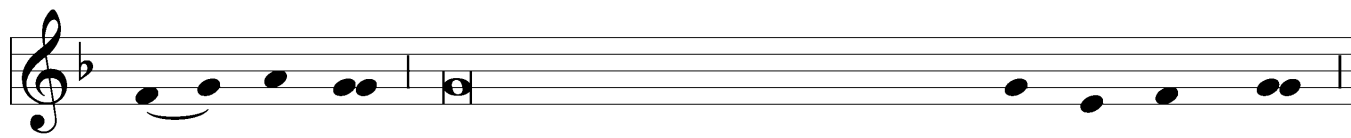
**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,

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.

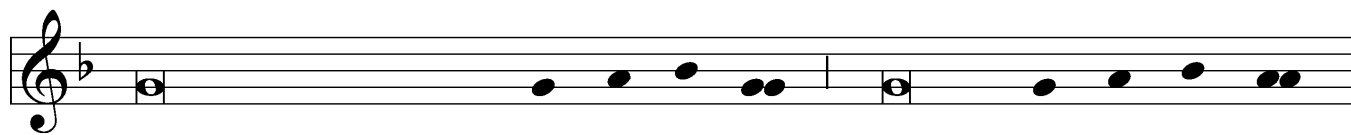
## Thanksgiving for Light

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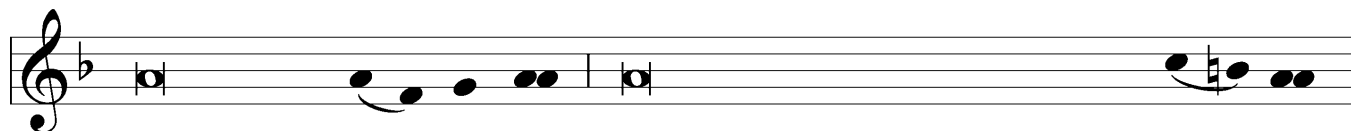
[L] Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,  
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of



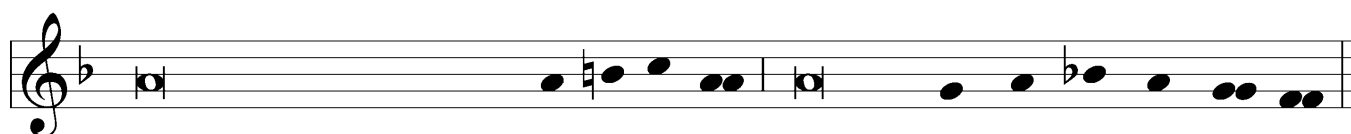
fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;



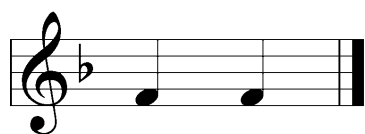
may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;



for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion



and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

Psalmody

## Psalm 141

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**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



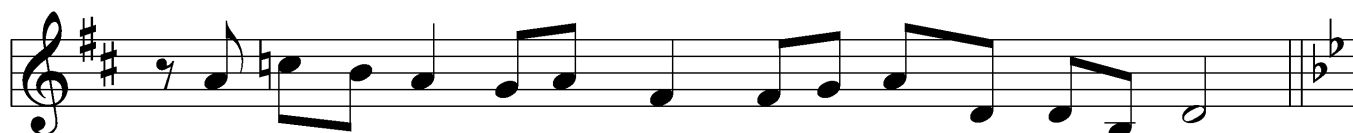
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



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



## Psalm Prayer

**L** 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.

## Psalm (Sung responsively with the *Gloria Patri*.)

*Psalm 92*



- <sup>1</sup>It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,\*  
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;
- <sup>2</sup>**to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\***  
**and your faithful- | ness by night,**
- <sup>3</sup>to the music of the lute | and the harp,\*  
to the melody | of the lyre.
- <sup>4</sup>**For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;\***  
**at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.**
- <sup>5</sup>How great are your works, | O LORD!\*
- Your thoughts are | very deep!

<sup>6</sup>The stupid man cannot know;  
the fool cannot under- | stand this:\*

<sup>7</sup>that though the wicked sprout like grass  
and all evildoers flourish,  
they are doomed to destruction for- | ever;

<sup>8</sup>but you, | O LORD,\*  
are on high for- | ever.

<sup>9</sup>For behold, your enemies, O LORD,  
for behold, your enemies shall | perish;\*  
all evildoers shall be | scattered.

<sup>10</sup>But you have exalted my horn like that of the | wild ox;\*  
you have poured over me | fresh oil.

<sup>11</sup>My eyes have seen the downfall of my | enemies;\*  
my ears have heard the doom of my evil as- | sailants.

<sup>12</sup>The righteous flourish like the | palm tree\*  
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>They are planted in the house | of the LORD;\*  
they flourish in the courts | of our God.

<sup>14</sup>They still bear fruit in | old age;\*  
they are ever full of | sap and green,

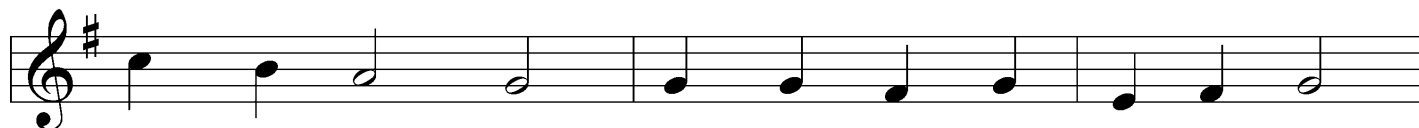
<sup>15</sup>to declare that the LORD is | upright;\*  
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.

# Office Hymn: 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 350



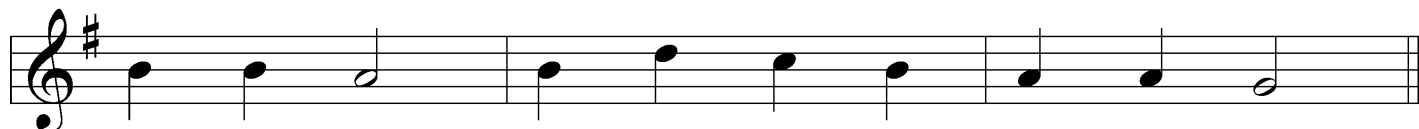
1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
 4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699, Darmstadt  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## Reading

Hosea 14:4–8

**L** A reading from Hosea, chapter 14.

- <sup>4</sup>I will heal their apostasy;  
 I will love them freely,  
 for my anger has turned from them.
- <sup>5</sup>I will be like the dew to Israel;  
 he shall blossom like the lily;  
 he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon;



<sup>6</sup>his shoots shall spread out;  
his beauty shall be like the olive,  
and his fragrance like Lebanon.  
<sup>7</sup>They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow;  
they shall flourish like the grain;  
they shall blossom like the vine;  
their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.  
<sup>8</sup>O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols?  
It is I who answer and look after you.  
I am like an evergreen cypress;  
from me comes your fruit.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Revelation 22:1–5*

**L** A reading from Revelation, chapter 22.

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

John 11:17–27

**L** A reading from John, chapter 11.

<sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup>She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Final Reading Response

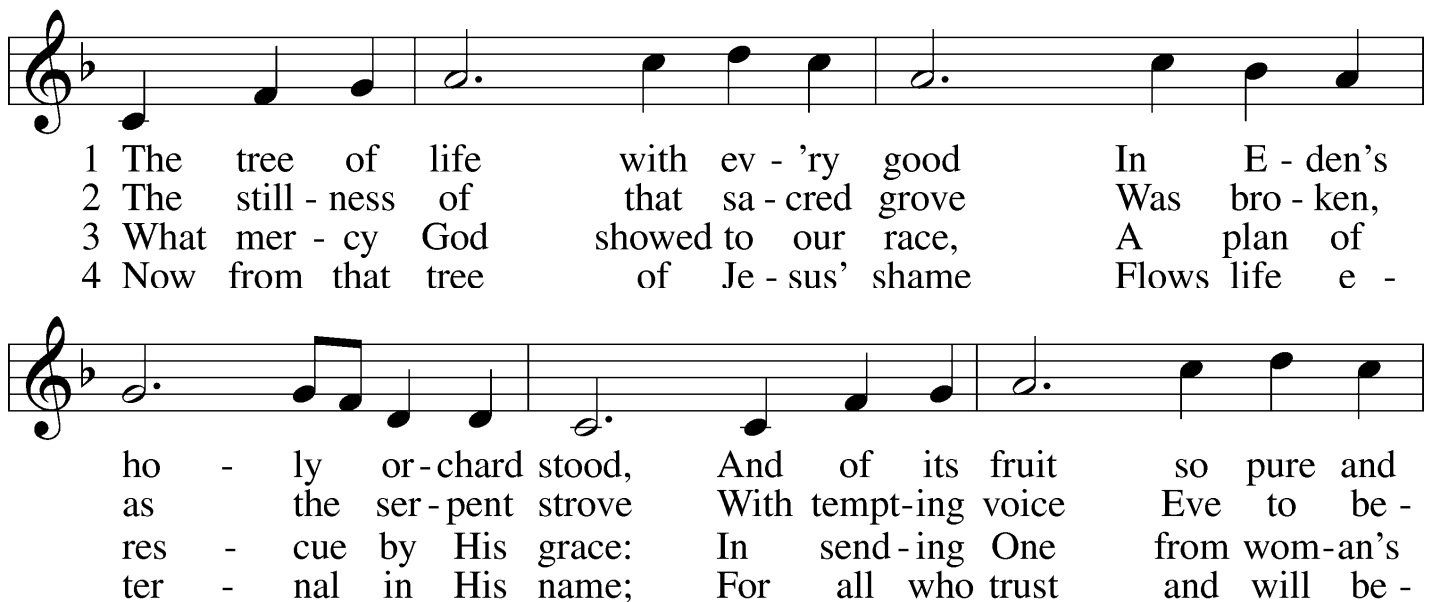
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**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

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

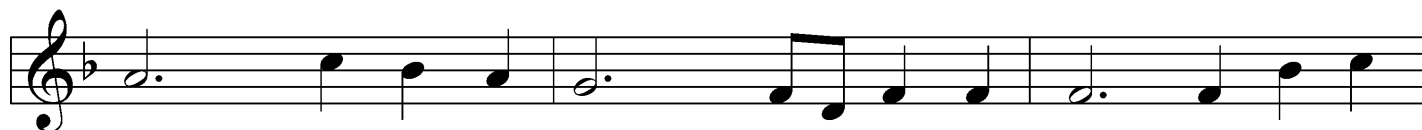
## Hymn: 561 The Tree of Life

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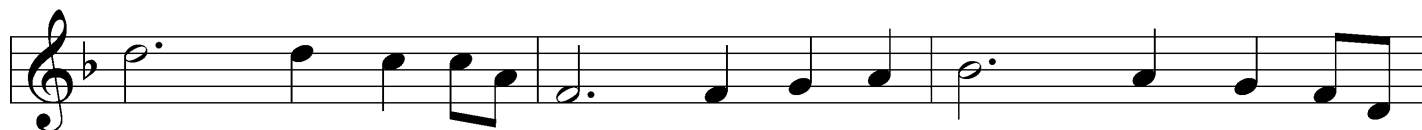


1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's  
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,  
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of  
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -

ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and  
as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's  
ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



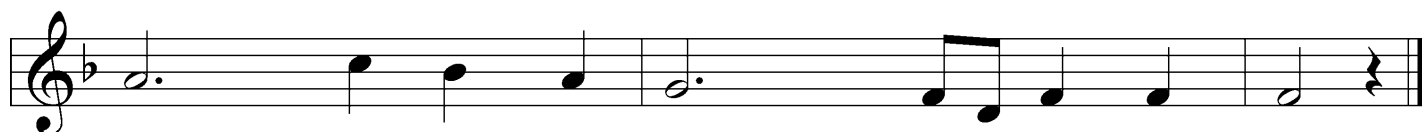
sweet      God let the man      and wom-an eat.      Yet in this  
guile      And Ad-am too      by sin de-file.      O day of  
seed,      The One to fill      our great-est need—      For on a  
lieve,      Sal-va-tion's liv-      ing fruit re-ceive.      And of this



gar-den al-so grew      An-oth-er tree,      of which they  
sad-ness when the breath      Of fear and dark-ness, doubt and  
tree up-lift-ed high      His on-ly Son      for sin would  
fruit so pure and sweet      The Lord in-vites      the world to



knew;      Its love-ly limbs      with fruit a-  
death,      Its aw-ful poi-son first dis-  
die,      Would drink the cup      of scorn and  
eat,      To find with-in      this cross of



dorned      A-gainst whose eat-      ing God had warned.  
played      With-in the world      so new-ly made.  
dread      To crush the an-cient ser-pent's head!  
wood      The tree of life      with ev-'ry good.

Text: Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Tune: Bruce W. Becker, 1952

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## Sermon

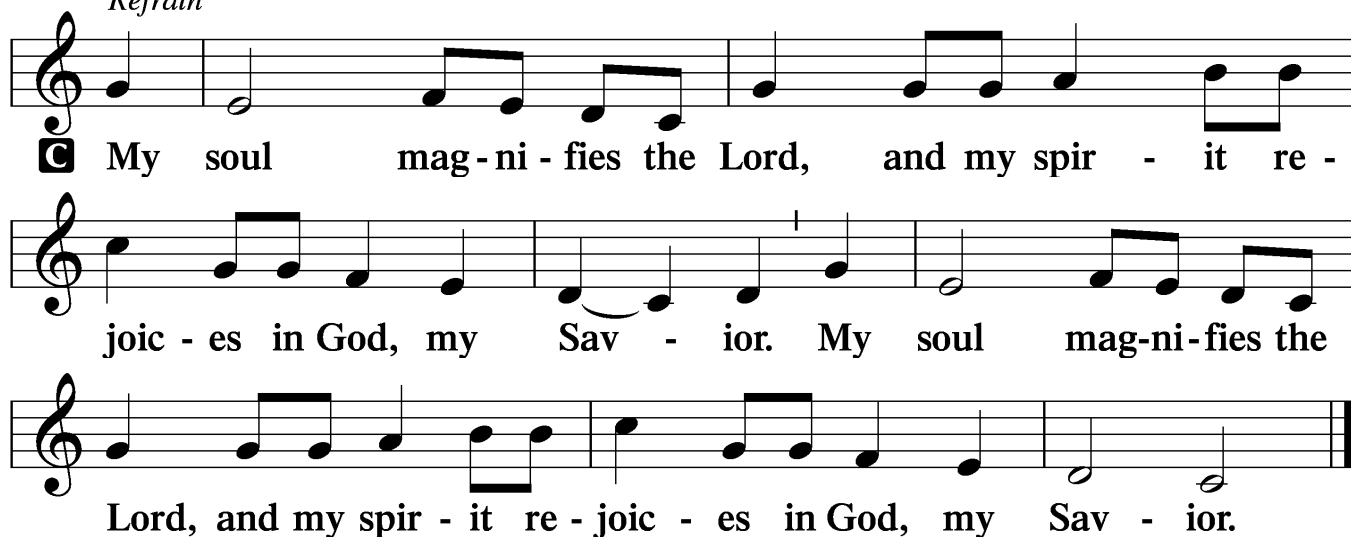
## Canticle

## Stand

# Magnificat

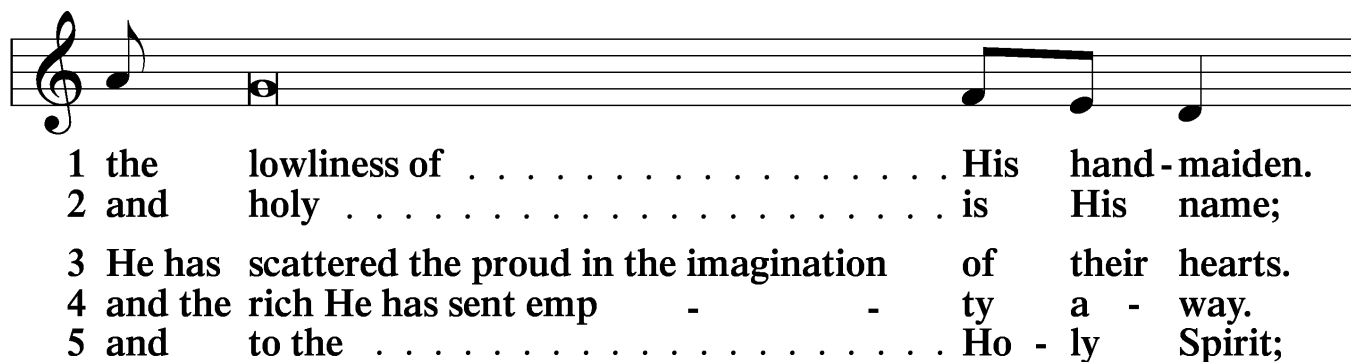
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*Refrain*

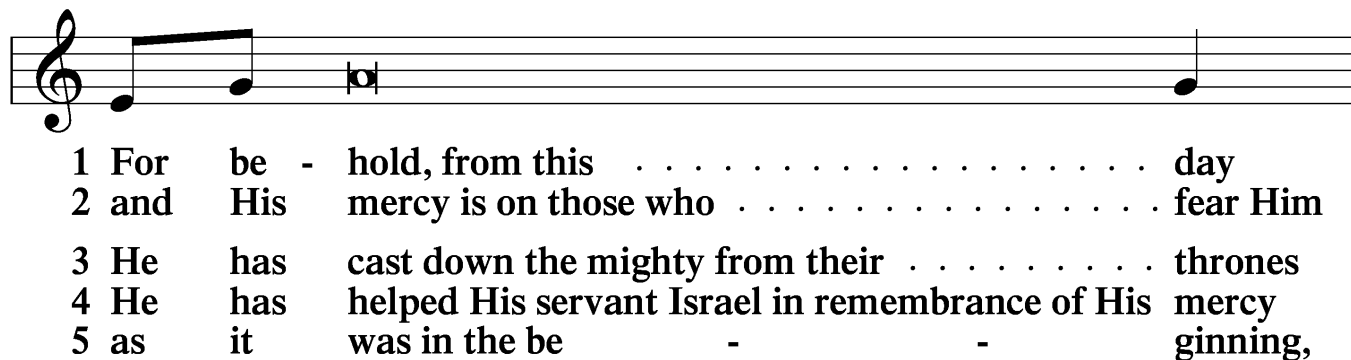


My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.

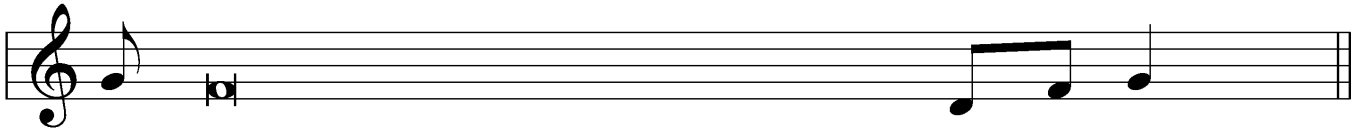
- 1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - - - - - garded
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,
- 3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,
- 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son



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 emp - - - - - ty a - way.  
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*

*Sit*

## Offering

*The offering plate will be passed around at the pews. Please sign an Attendance Card, listing all members of the family who are present. Place them in the offering plate when it is passed around.*

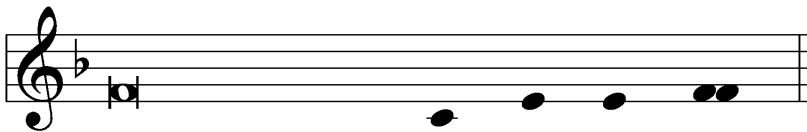
Prayer

*Stand*

## Litany

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



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

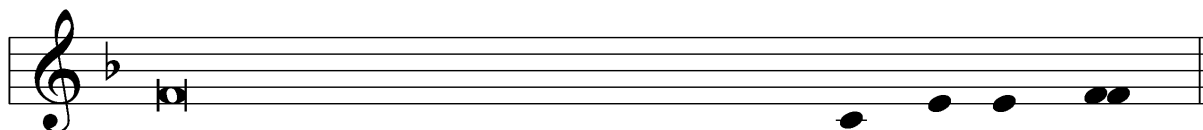


**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

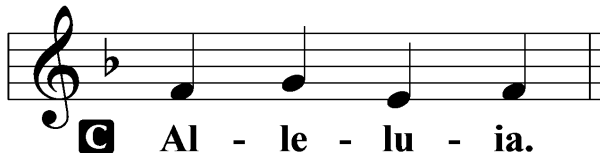
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], 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.**
- L** For [*name of president or monarch*], 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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

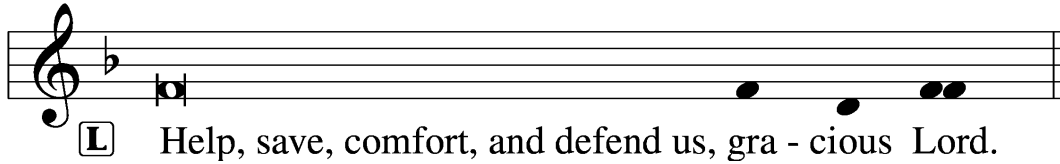
*The prayers then continue:*



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

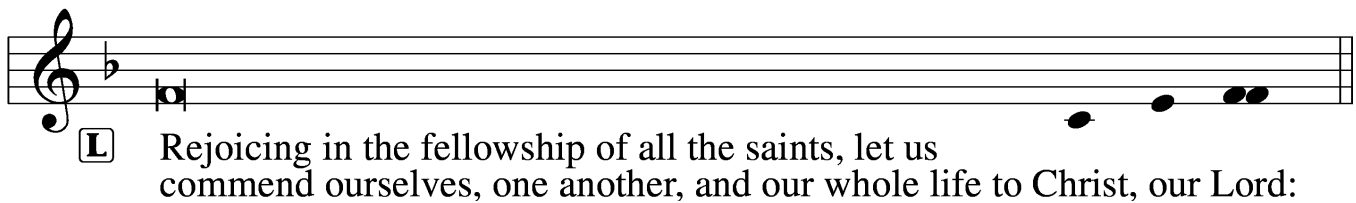


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**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

- L** 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.



**C** A - men.

## Lord's Prayer

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**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

*Stand*

## Benedicamus

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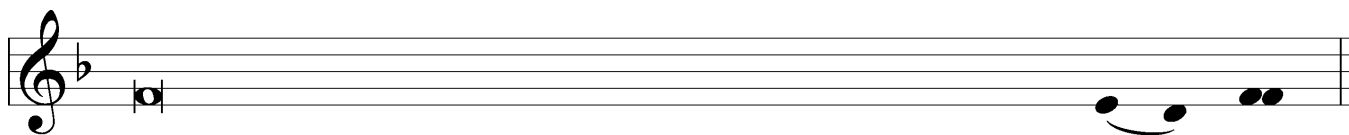
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

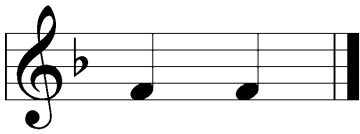
## Benediction

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**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.





 A - men.

## Hymn to Depart: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

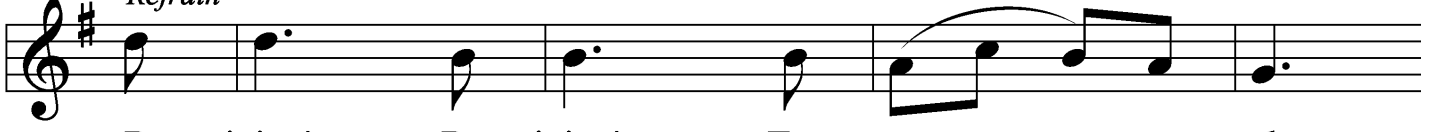


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

### *Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
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<b><i>Holiday Service Schedule 2025</i></b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event/Service</b>
December 7	Sunday	9:00 AM	Second Sunday in Advent
December 10	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 PM	Supper/Advent Midweek II
December 14	Sunday	9:00 AM	Third Sunday in Advent
December 17	Wednesday	5:30/6:30 PM	Supper/Advent Midweek III – Children’s Program
December 21	Sunday	9:00 AM	Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 24	Wednesday	2:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service w/HC
		6:30 PM	Christmas Eve Candlelight w/HC
December 25	Thursday	9:00 AM	Christmas Day – The Feast of the Nativity
December 28	Sunday	9:00 AM	The First Sunday After Christmas
December 31	Wednesday	6:30 pm	New Year’s Eve Service



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