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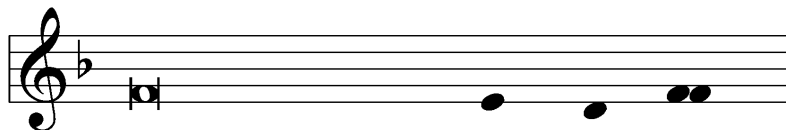
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*Advent Midweek II*  
*December 10, 2025*  
*Evening Prayer – LSB 243*

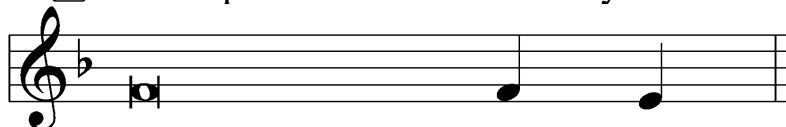
## SERVICE OF LIGHT

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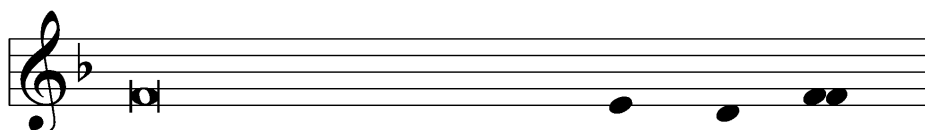
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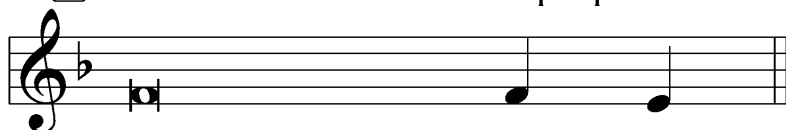
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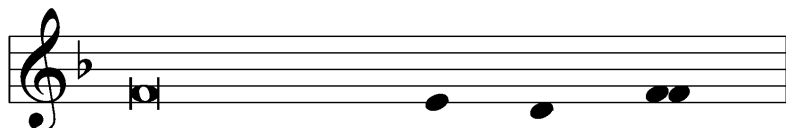
**C** Come, Lord Je - sus.



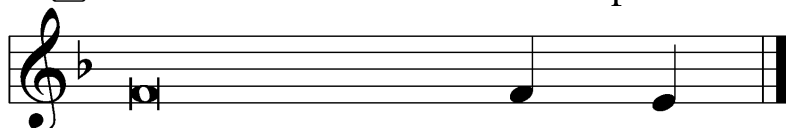
**L** All those who await His ap - pear - ance pray:



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



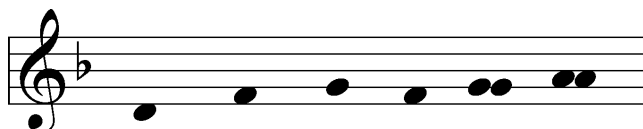
**L** The whole cre - a - tion pleads:



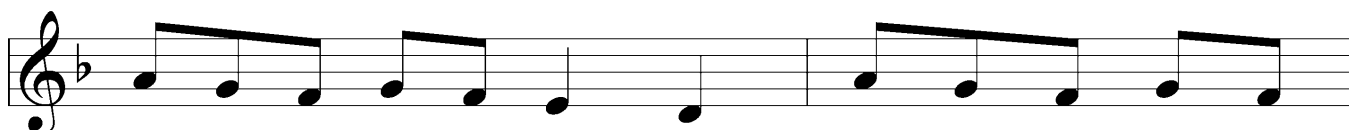
**C** Come, Lord Je - sus.

### Phos Hilaron

*LSB 244*



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



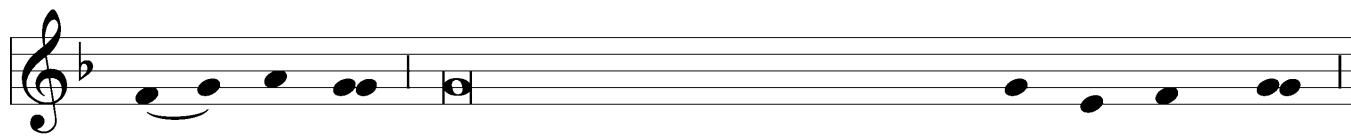
**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,

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.

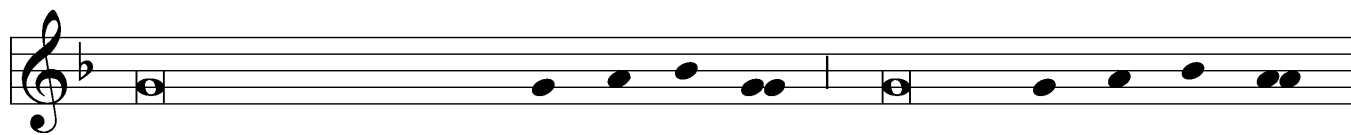
## Thanksgiving for Light

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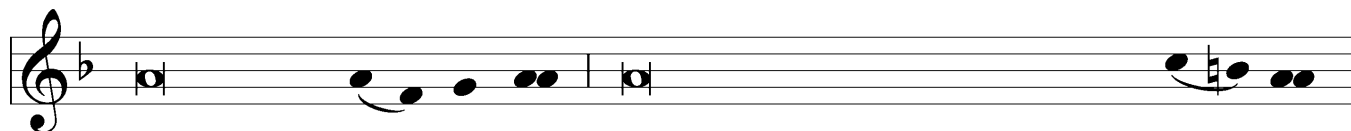
[L] Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,  
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of



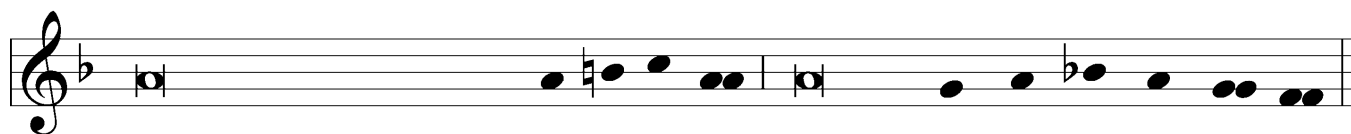
fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;



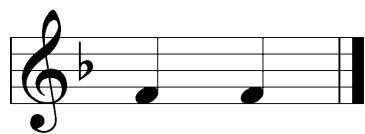
may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;



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**

*LSB 245*



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



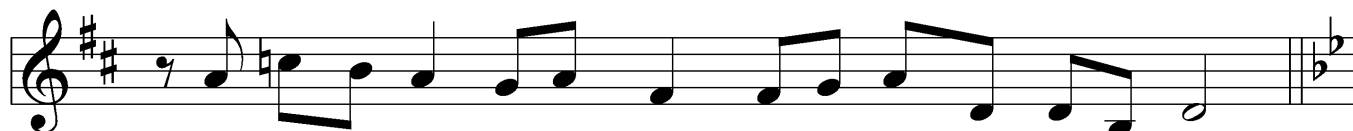
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



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 118:15–29*



<sup>15</sup>Glad songs of salvation

are in the tents of the | righteous:\*

“The right hand of the LORD does | valiantly,

<sup>16</sup>**the right hand of the | LORD exalts,\***

**the right hand of the LORD does | valiantly!”**

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but | I shall live,\*

and recount the deeds | of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD has disciplined me se- | verely,\***

**but he has not given me o- | ver to death.**

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

<sup>20</sup>**This is the gate | of the LORD;\***  
**the righteous shall enter | through it.**

<sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have | answered me\*  
and have become my sal- | vation.

<sup>22</sup>**The stone that the builders re- | jected\***  
**has become the | cornerstone.**

<sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's | doing;\*  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

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

<sup>25</sup>Save us, we pray, | O LORD!\*  
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

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

<sup>27</sup>The 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!

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

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

# Office Hymn: 349 Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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 Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820  
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## Reading

Isaiah 9:1–2, 6–7

**L** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9.

<sup>1</sup> But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
 have seen a great light;  
 those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
 on them has light shined.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
 to us a son is given;  
 and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:3–6*

**L** A reading from 2 Corinthians, chapter 4.

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

John 1:1–9

**L** A reading from John, chapter 1.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was 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.

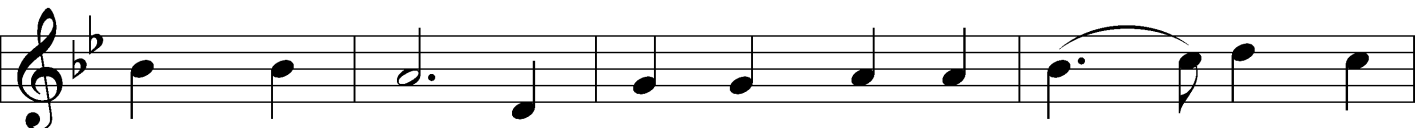
**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

## Hymn: 337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending

LSB 337



1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -  
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a  
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring  
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our  
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the



not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now  
child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears  
morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows  
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -  
night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness  
all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not  
in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -  
round us may in - crease. But now one Star is  
turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - diant  
cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -  
ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a  
beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for  
sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.  
demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.  
new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.  
our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.  
still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

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## Sermon

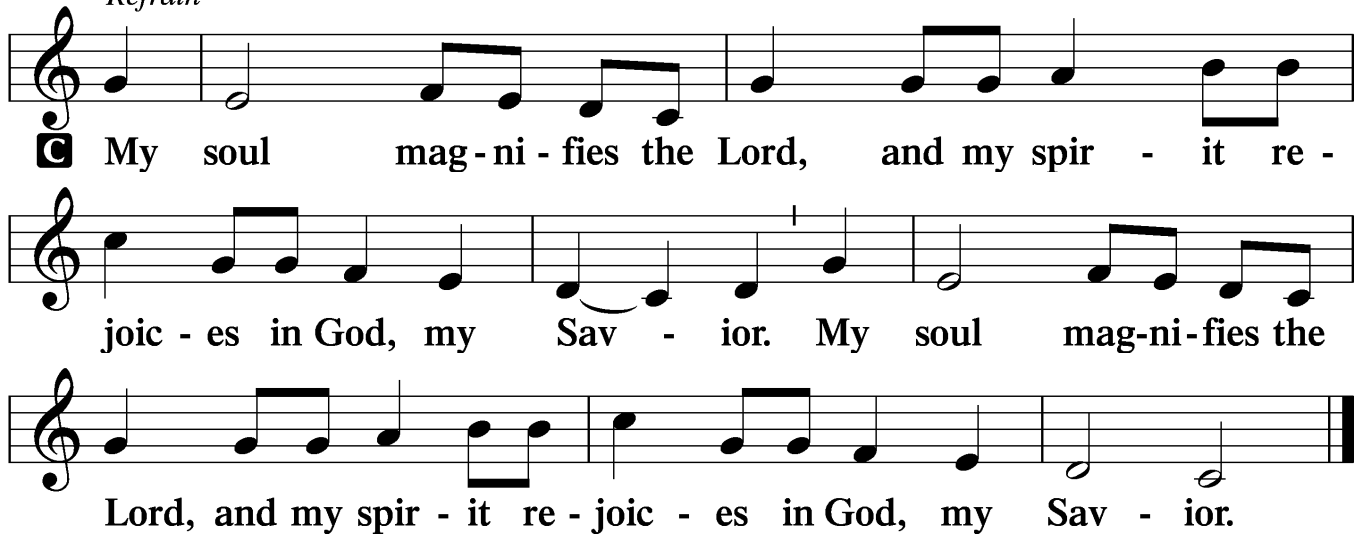
## Canticle

## Stand

# Magnificat

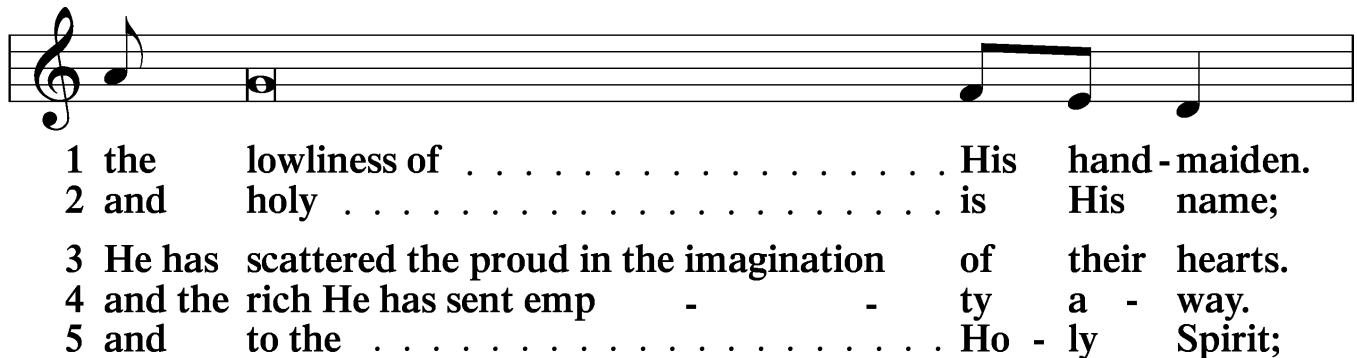
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*Refrain*

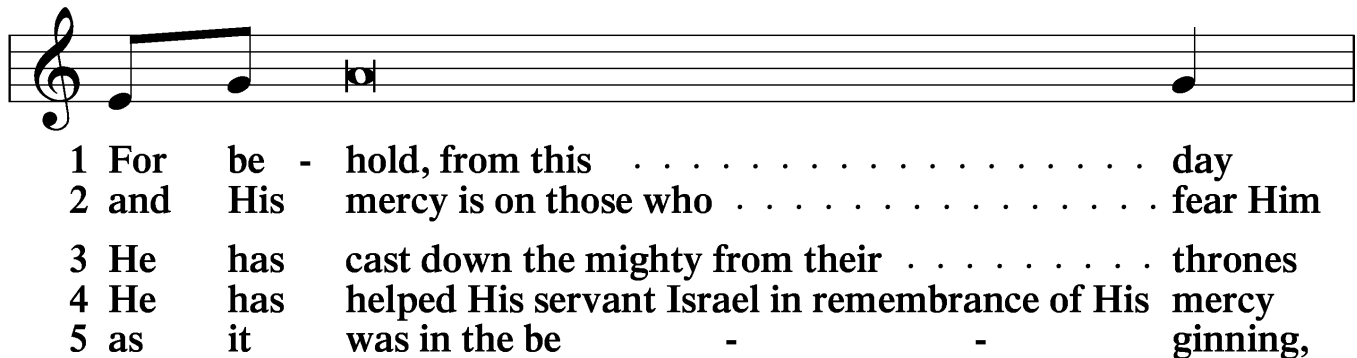


My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

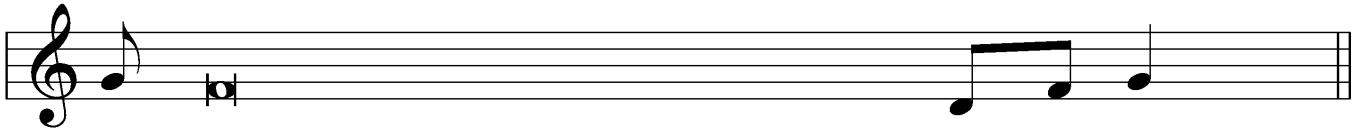
- 1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - - - - - garded
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,
- 3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,
- 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son



- 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.*

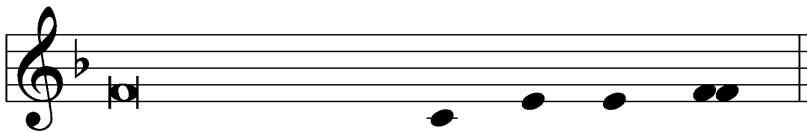
Prayer

*Stand*

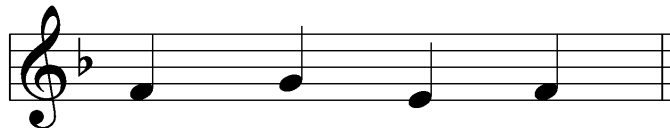
## Litany

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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:

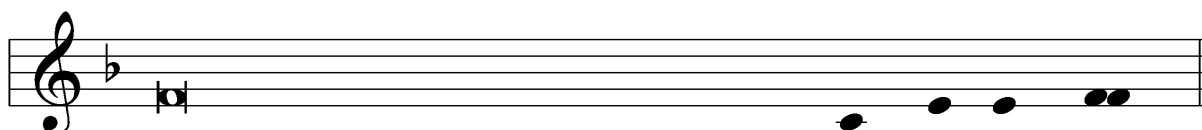


**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

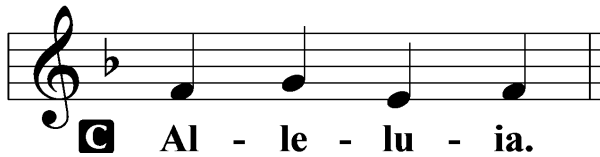
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.  
**L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

- 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.**

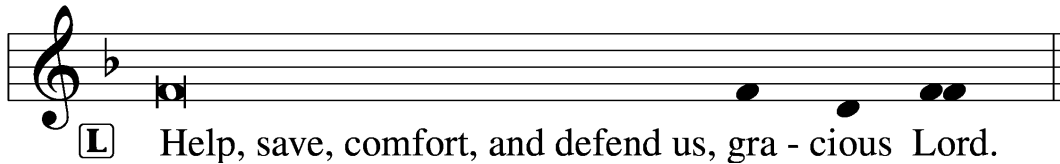
*The prayers then continue:*



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

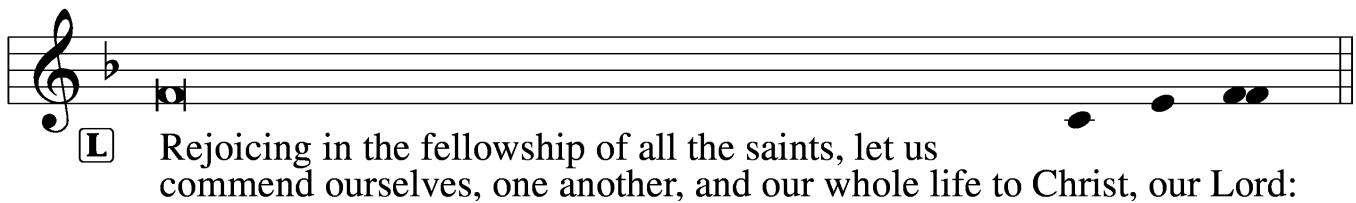


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**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

LSB 251

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

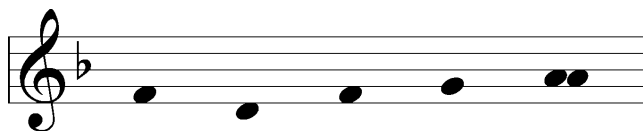
- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,

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

*LSB 252*



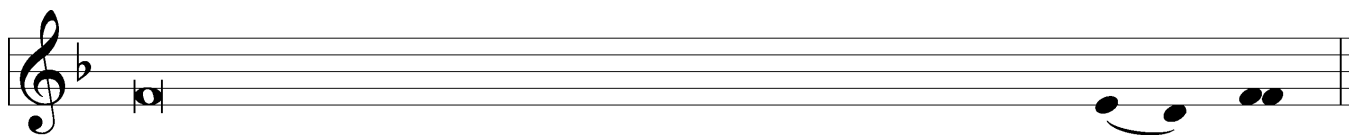
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



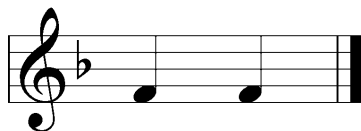
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 252*



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



**C** A - men.

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

LSB 357 sts. 1, ref, 6



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y

ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

*Refrain*

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

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

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event/Service</b>
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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