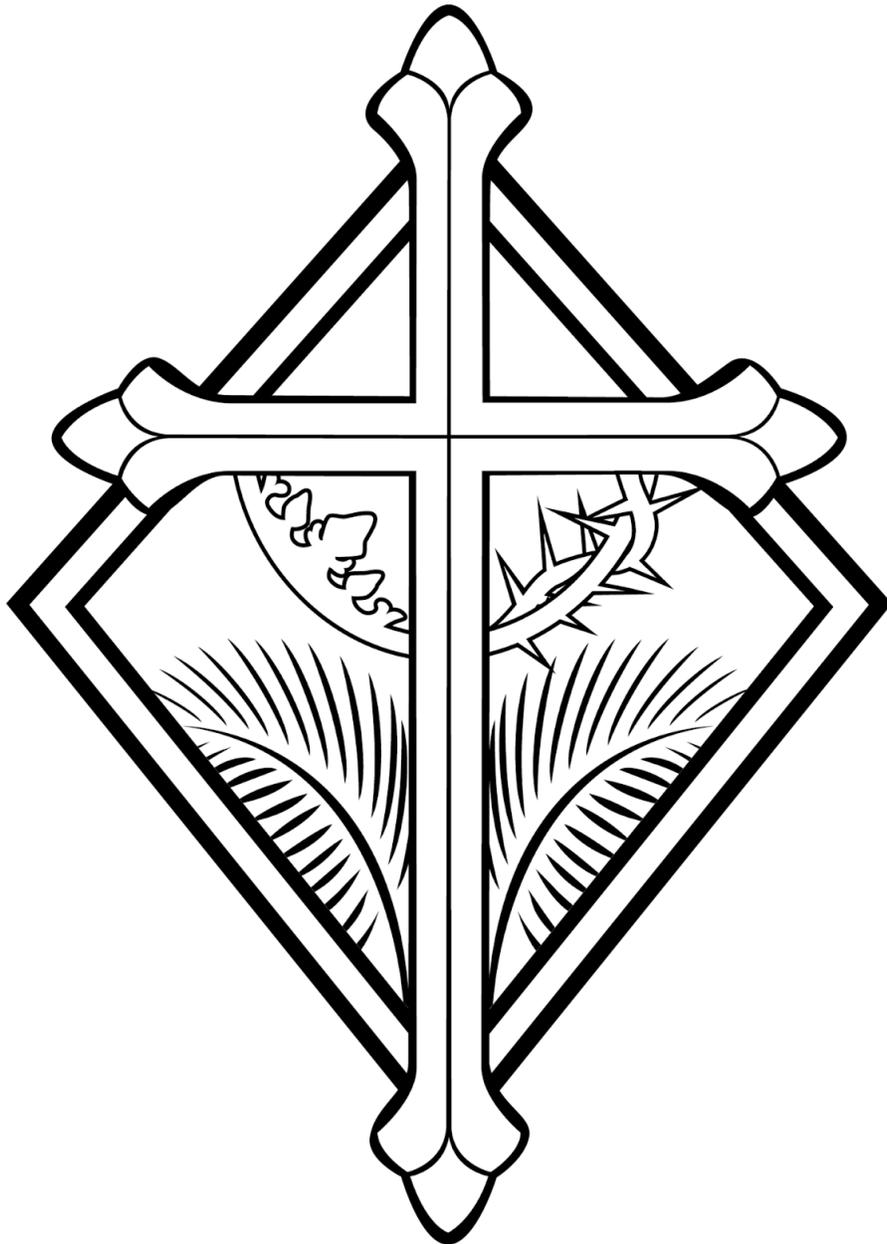


# Concordia Lutheran Church

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Palm Sunday  
March 29, 2026



**INVOCATION**

(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**(All) Amen.**

**PRAYER**

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

**Hosanna to the Son of David.**

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 true God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 21:1-11, 15-16**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant, and they said to him, “Do you hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise?’”<sup>(ESV)</sup>

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 279, “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”



### THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*God prepares us to come into his presence in the Divine Service by calling us to repent of our sins and giving us his absolution. Cleansed in this way, we come before God in humble confidence.*

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;



And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

**I do.**

Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

**I do.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full.

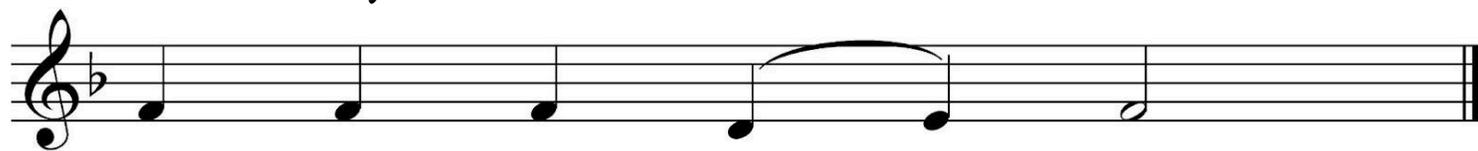
Peace be with you!

**Amen.**



## SALUTATION & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

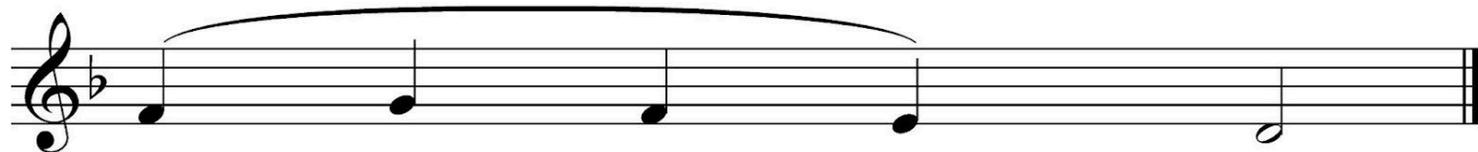
The Lord be with you.



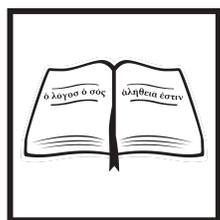
**And with your Spi - rit.**

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, You have sent Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of His great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also, by Your grace alone, be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



**A - - - men.**



### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

*God instructs and nourishes our faith by means of his Word. Hearing God's inspired Word from the prophets, apostles, and evangelists, we confess our faith in creed and in song.*

### OLD TESTAMENT - Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.<sup>(ESV)</sup>

PSALM - 22:1-5



My God, my God, why have you `forsaken me?/ Why are you so far from saving me, from the words `of my groaning?

**O my God, I cry by day, but you `do not answer, and by night, but `I find no rest.**

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises `of Israel./ In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you `delivered them.

**To you they cried `and were rescued;/ in you they trusted and were `not put to shame.**

EPISTLE - Philippians 2:5-11

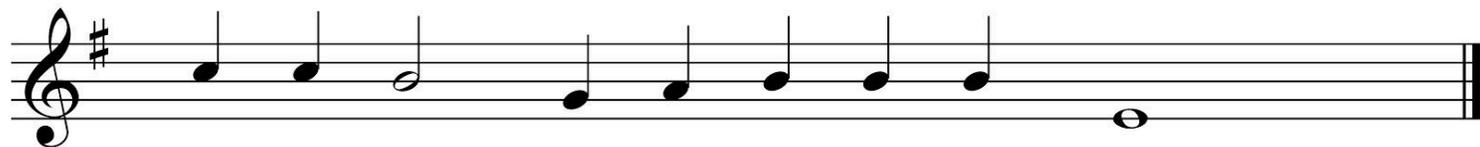
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.<sup>(ESV)</sup>

## VERSE & LENTEN RESPONSE

I will tell of your name `to my brothers;/ in the midst of the congregation  
`I will praise you.



Christ has humbled him-self, and be-come o - be - dient



un - to death; ev'n the death of the Cross.

## PASSION READING - Matthew 27:11-23

Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream.” Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Let him be crucified!” And he said, “Why? What evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”<sup>(ESV)</sup>

## HYMN - 304, "Upon the Cross Extended," verses 1-4

### PASSION READING - Matthew 27:24-44

When Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.<sup>(ESV)</sup>

**HYMN - 304, "Upon the Cross Extended," verses 5-8**

**PASSION READING - Matthew 27:45-61**

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, 56 among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.<sup>(ESV)</sup>

**HYMN - 304, "Upon the Cross Extended," verses 9-12**

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

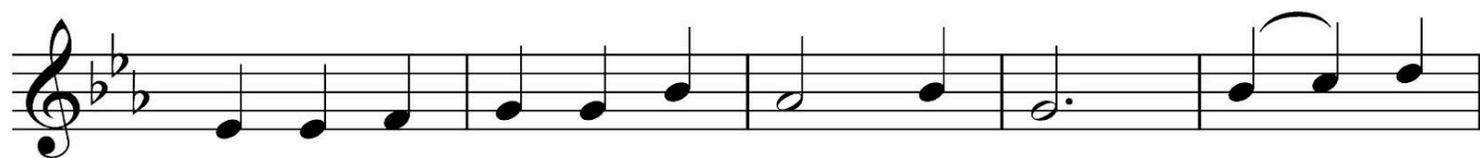
And in Jesus Christ,  
His only Son, our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified,  
died and was buried.

He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

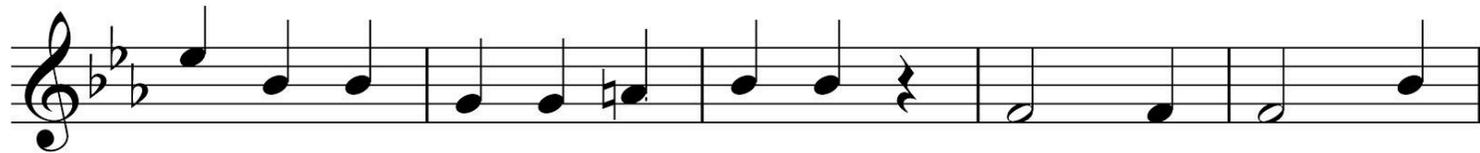
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the Communion of Saints,  
the Forgiveness of sins,  
the Resurrection of the body,  
and the Life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

## HOMILY

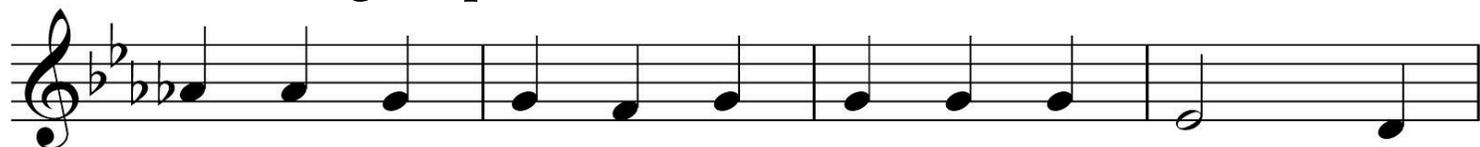
## OFFERTORY VERSE



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-



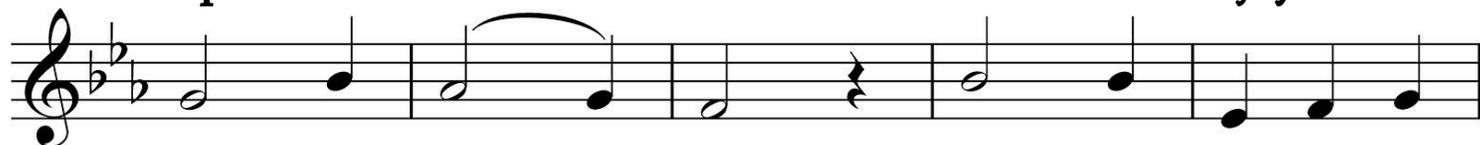
-new a right Spi-rit with-in me. Cast me not a-



-way from Your presence, and take not Your Ho-ly



Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of



Your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with



Your free Spi-rit. A-men.

## OFFERING

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition of the prayer concludes, "Lord in Your mercy," to which the congregation replies, "Hear our prayer."*



## THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*We now partake of the meal which God has given to his people, in which we are united with Christ our savior, and with each other as fellow members of His body.*

### PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

The Lord be with you.



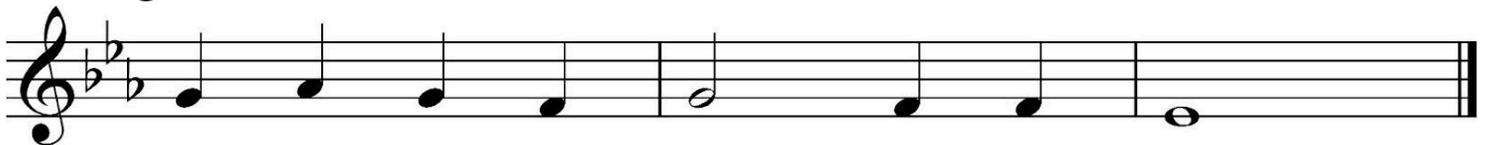
And with your spi - rit.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



It is good and right so to do.

*The pastor chants the proper preface*

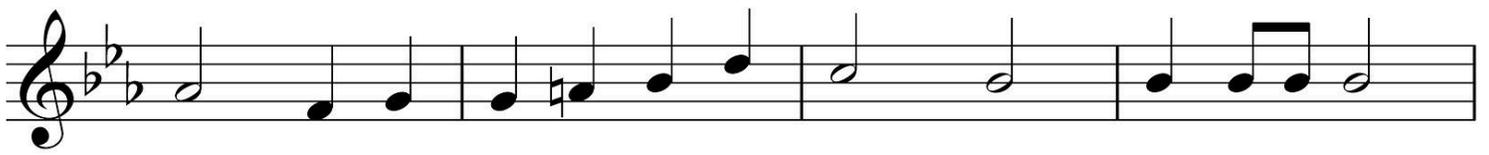
### SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth;



Heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -



- san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is He,



blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the

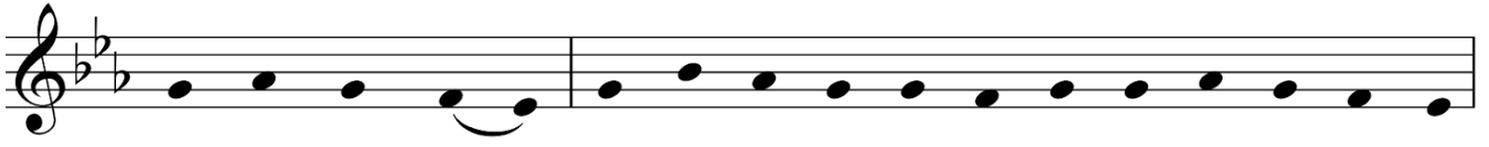


name of the Lord. Ho- san-na, ho -san-na, ho-sanna in the highest.

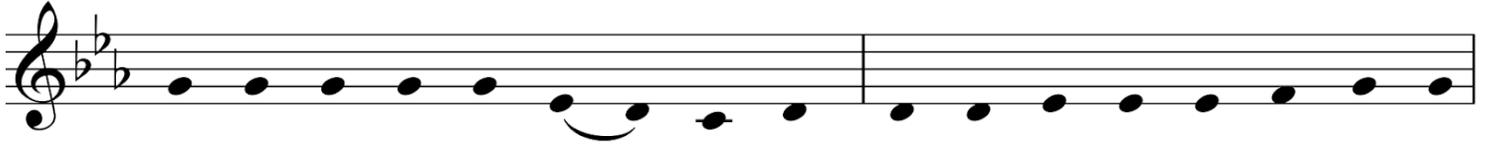
**LORD'S PRAYER** *Sung by all*



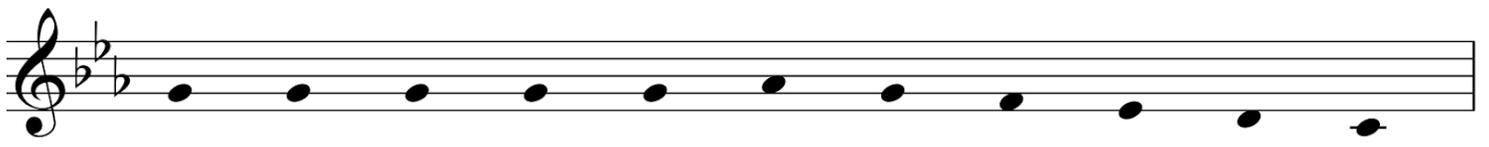
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name



Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.



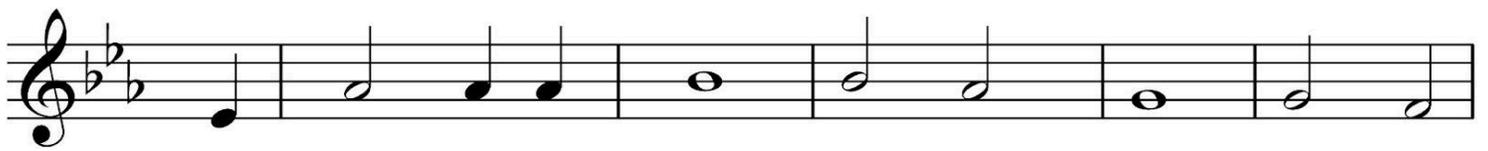
Give us this day our dai - ly bread; And forgive us our trespasses,



As we for-give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;



And lead us not in - to temptation, But de-li- ver us from e - vil.



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



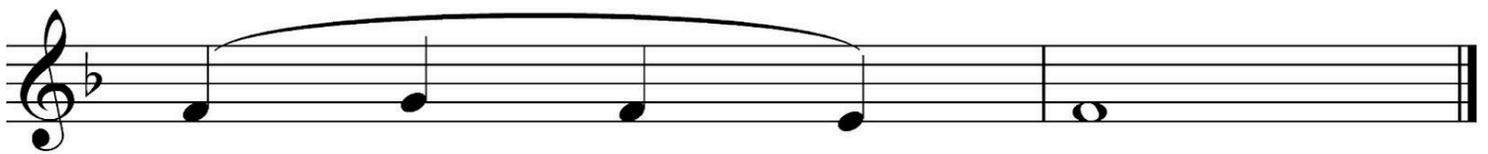
glo - ry for - e - ver and e - ver. A - men.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night on which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you. This cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

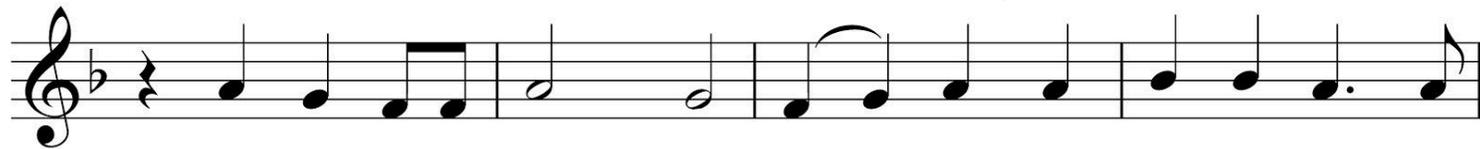


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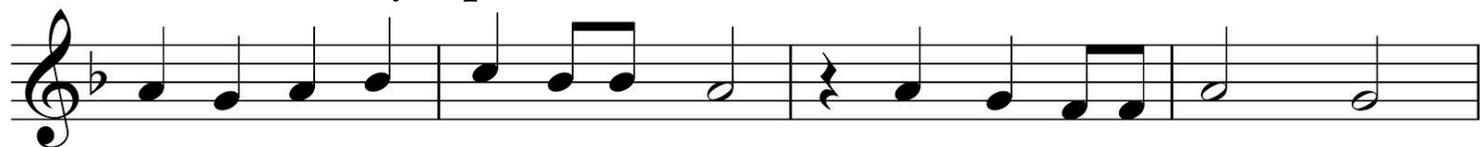
## AGNUS DEI



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,



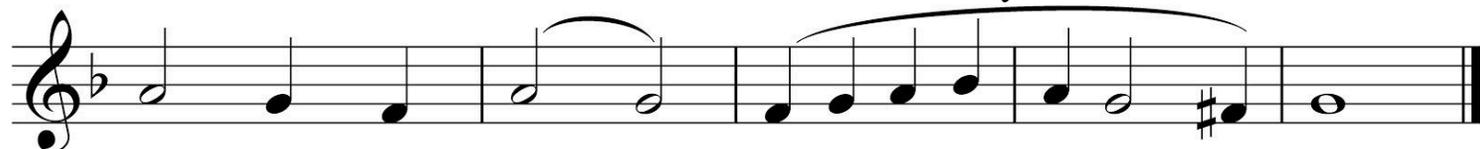
have mercy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You



take away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,



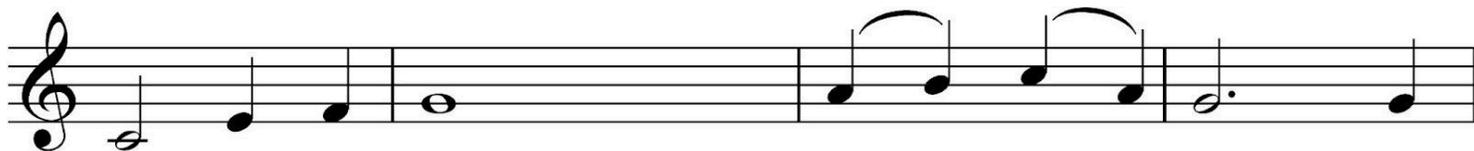
grant us Your peace. A - - - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Following the guidance of the Scriptures and the example of the historic Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion. If you are not a member of our congregation or are not part of our greater fellowship (ELS-WELS), please refrain from communing. Non-communicants are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing, indicating so by crossing their arms across their chest.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** - 282, "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"  
287, "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

NUNC DIMITTIS *Gloria Patri is omitted*



Lord, now You let Your servant de - part in peace ac -



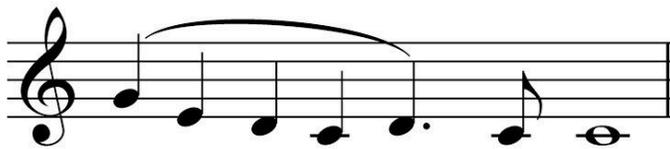
- cording to Your Word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation,



which You have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Your people



Is - - ra - el.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

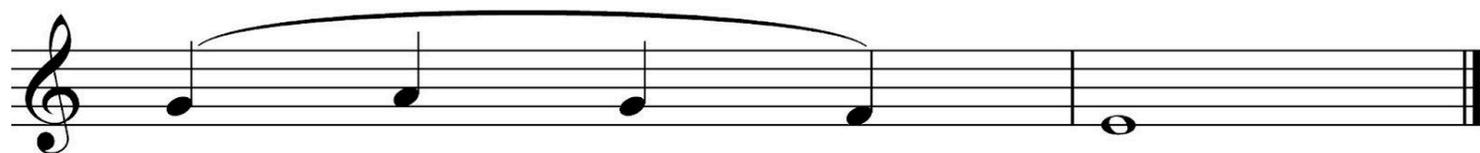
As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;



We proclaim the Lord's death un - til He comes.

Let us pray:

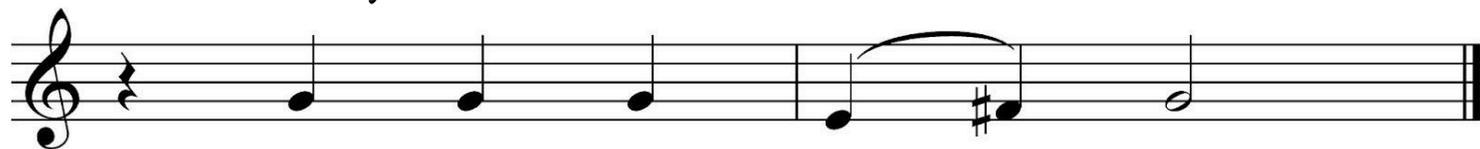
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



A - - - men.

## SALUTATION

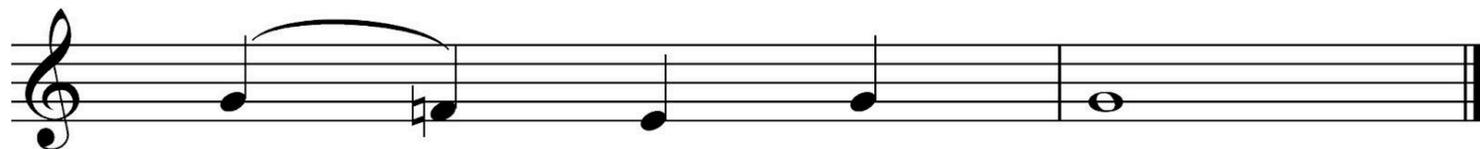
The Lord be with you.



And with your spi - rit.

## BENEDICAMUS

Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give ☩ you peace.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

HYMN - 280, "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"

☩ ☩ ☩ **Depart in Peace** ☩ ☩ ☩

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book before you leave, and please join us again.*