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Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the "GUEST" cards in the pews and give them to the ushers or pastor. If you want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor.

A Parents' Room is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child. Inside the Parents' Room you can still see, hear and participate in the worship service.

Wheelchair accommodations are found on the organ side of the church. If you do not use a wheelchair, be careful to leave space in these wheelchair accessible pews for the benefit of those who need them and their families.

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.



THE OFFICE OF MATINS

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-Stand-

Confession of Sin

PASTOR *Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.*

ALL **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

P *The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

-Be seated-

Hymn • 468, “All Depends on Our Possessing”

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| <p>1. All depends on our possessing
God’s abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
He who trusts with faith unshaken
In his God is not forsaken
And e’er keeps a dauntless heart.</p> | <p>2. He who hitherto hath fed me
And to many joys hath led me,
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who did so gently school me,
He who still doth guide and rule me,
Will remain my Help divine.</p> |
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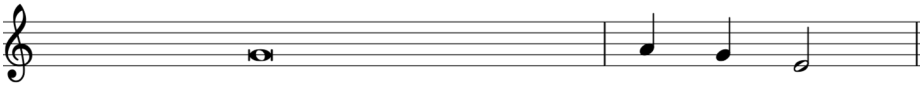
3. Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.
4. When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope my heart anew will quicken,
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender,
For in Him alone I build.

5. Well He knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never;
As God wills, so be it ever;
I to Him commit my way.
6. If on earth my days He lengthen,
He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.

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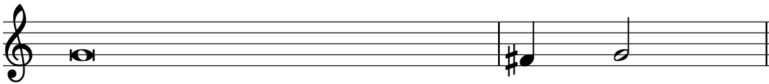
Versicles

P *O Lord, open my lips.*



CONGREGATION And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P *Make haste, O God, to deliver me.*



C Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Gloria Patri ~ Glory to the Father



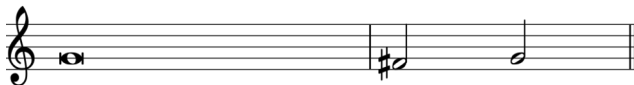
A Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost.



As it was in the beginning, is now and ev-er shall be: for - ev-er-more. A-men.

Invitatory ~ Invitation to praise God

P *O come, let us worship the Lord.*

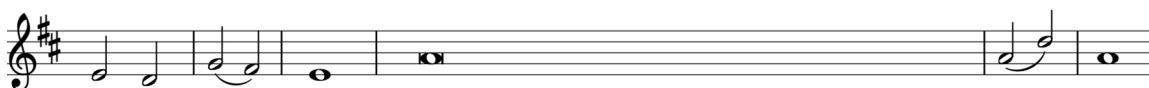


G For He is our Mak - er.

Venite Exultemus ~ Come, let us exalt



A O come, let us sing to the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of



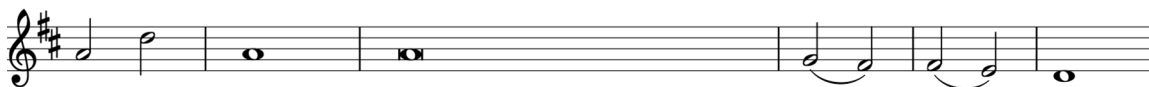
our sal - va - tion. Let us come before His presence with thanks - giv - ing



And make a joyful noise to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great



God: And a great King a - bove all gods. In His hands are the deep places



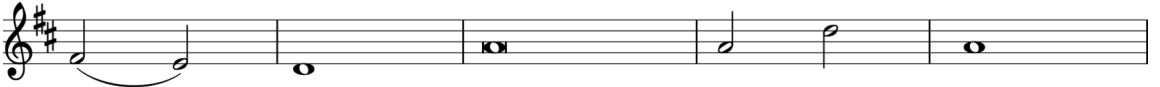
of the earth: The strength of the hills is His al - so.



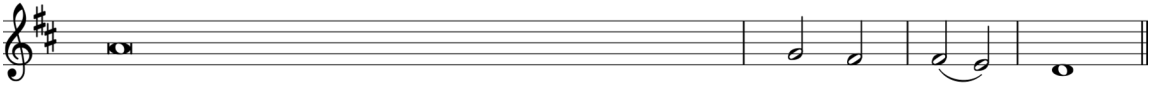
The sea is His, for He made it: And His hands form-ed the dry land.



O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the Lord, our



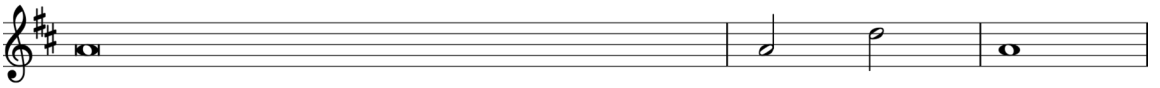
Mak - er. For He is our God:



And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.



Glor-y be to the Father and to the Son And to the Ho-ly Ghost;



As it was in the begin-ning, is now, and ever shall be:



For - ev - er - more. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

☞ *Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

☞ **Amen.**

-Be seated-

First Reading • 1 Kings 17:8-16

| A widow generously offers up the last bit of food she
has to serve the prophet Elijah. |

Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹“Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you.”

¹⁰So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, “Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink.”

¹¹When she went to get it, he called to her, “Please bring me a piece of bread.”

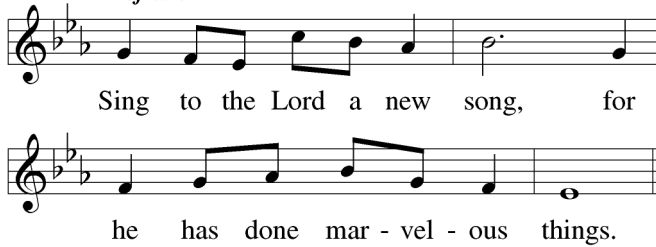
¹²She said, “As surely as the Lord your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the Lord sends rain to water the surface of the ground.”

¹⁵So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the Lord had said through Elijah.

Psalm 111

Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song, for
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Psalm tone



Great are the works¹ of the Lord; *
they are pondered by all who de-¹light in them.

Glorious and majestic¹ are his deeds, *
and his righteousness endures for-¹ever.

He has caused his wonders to be re-¹membered; *
the Lord is gracious and com-¹passionate.

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The works of his hands are faith-¹ful and just; *
all his precepts are trust-¹worthy.

He provided redemption for his¹ people; *
he ordained his covenant for-¹ever.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of¹ wisdom; *
all who follow his precepts have good under-¹standing.

**Glory be to the Father and¹ to the Son * And to the Holy¹ Spirit,
As it was in the be-¹ginning, * Is now, and will be forever.¹ A-men.**

[Refrain]

Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

The believers in Macedonia demonstrate startling generosity in collecting an offering to help fellow Christians in need.

Now brothers, we want you to know about the grace of God that was given in the churches of Macedonia: ²In a severe test of trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty overflowed into an abundance of their generosity. ³I testify that of their own free will they gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, ⁴pleading with us with an urgent request for the gracious privilege of joining in this service to the saints. ⁵And they did this not as we had expected, but in keeping with God's will they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us. ⁶As a result we urged Titus, since he had already made a beginning, to bring to completion this gracious gift on your part. ⁷But just as you overflow in every way—in faith, in word, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you also overflow in this gracious gift.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but to test how genuine your love is, by comparing it with the eagerness of others. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.

-Stand-

Gospel • Mark 12:38-44

Jesus points to a poor widow as an example of startling generosity.

He also said to them in his teaching, “Beware of the experts in the law who like to walk around in long robes and receive greetings in the marketplaces. ³⁹They love the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and offer long prayers to look good. These men will receive greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the offering box and was watching how the crowd put money into it. Many rich people put in large amounts. ⁴² One poor widow came and put in two small bronze coins, worth less than a penny. ⁴³ He called his disciples together and said to them, “Amen I tell you: This poor widow put more into the offering box than all the others. ⁴⁴ For they all gave out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all that she had to live on.”

Responsory

P *O Lord, have mercy upon us.*



C Thanks be to You, O Lord!

-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • “How The Widow Brought Her Off’ring”

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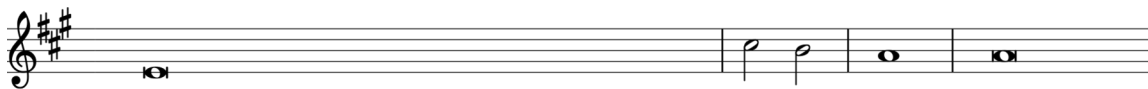
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| <p>1. How the widow brought her off’ring
To the temple, to the Lord!
All she had she offered freely,
Hands and heart in one accord.</p> | <p>3. “What to give?” we ask and wonder.
“What to offer? What to bring?”
“See this woman,” says the Savior,
“She brought all, brought ev’rything!”</p> |
| <p>2. Small it was by human standards—
Pennies—nothing in our sight.
Large it was by heav’nly measure,
To the Savior pure delight.</p> | <p>4. Give us faith, give us your Spirit!
Give us trust in you, our Friend!
Give us hearts to love you, Jesus,
Hands our all to you to lend!</p> |
| <p>5. Lending is it, for you tell us
You will handsomely repay.
Yes, what grace, what love, what mercy
We can see from day to day!</p> | |

Sermon • *Mark 12:41-44*

The Lord Sees Our Hearts, Not Our Gifts

Offering

Te Deum Laudamus ~ *You, O God, We Praise*



A We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All creation



worships You, the Father ever - last - ing. To You all angels, all the pow'rs of



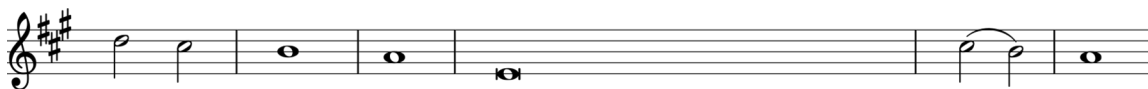
heav'n, Cherubim and seraphim sing in end-less praise: "Holy, holy, holy,



Lord God of heav'nly hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry."



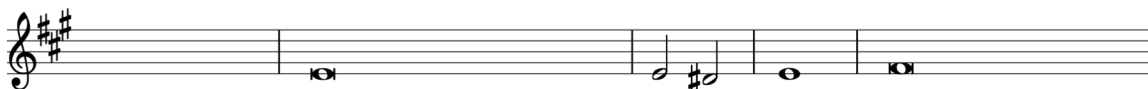
The glorious company of apostles praise You. The noble fellowship of



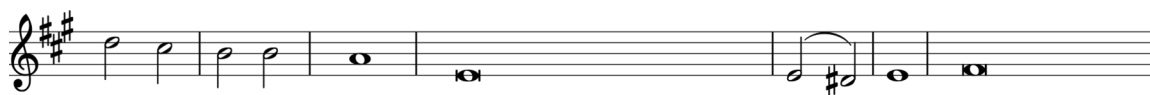
proph-ets praise You. The white-robed army of martyrs praise You.



Throughout the world the Ho-ly Church ac - claims You: Father of majesty



unbounded, Your glorious, true, and on - ly Son, And the Holy Spirit,



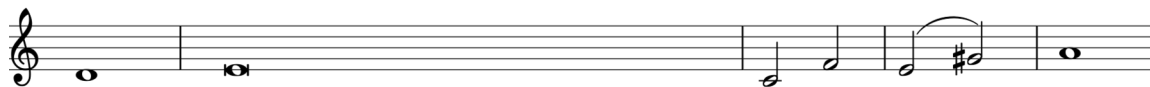
Comfort - er and Guide. You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, The eternal Son



of the Fa - ther. When You became man to set us free,



You humbled Yourself to be born of a Vir - gin. You overcame the sting of



death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



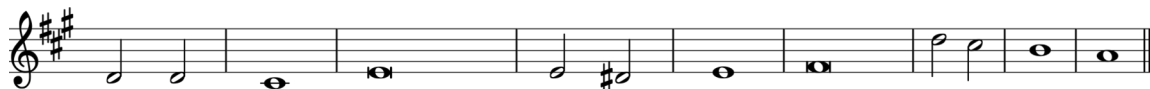
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther. We believe that



You will come to be our Judge. Come then,



Lord, and help Your peo - ple, Whom You have bought with the price of



Your own blood, And bring us with Your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Kyrie Eleison~ *Lord Have Mercy*



A Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

A 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.

Hymn • 444, *“Take My Life and Let It Be”*

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| <p>1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.</p> | <p>4. Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.</p> |
| <p>2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.</p> | <p>5. Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.</p> |
| <p>3. Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.</p> | <p>6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all, for Thee.</p> |

Collect ~ Congregation's Prayer

☐ *O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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.

Benedicamus ~ Call for blessing

☐ *Let us bless the Lord.*



☐ Thanks be to God.

Apostolic Benediction ~ Final blessing for God's people

☐ *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*



☐ A - men.

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

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| <p>1. We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.</p> | <p>2. May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first-fruits give.</p> |
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