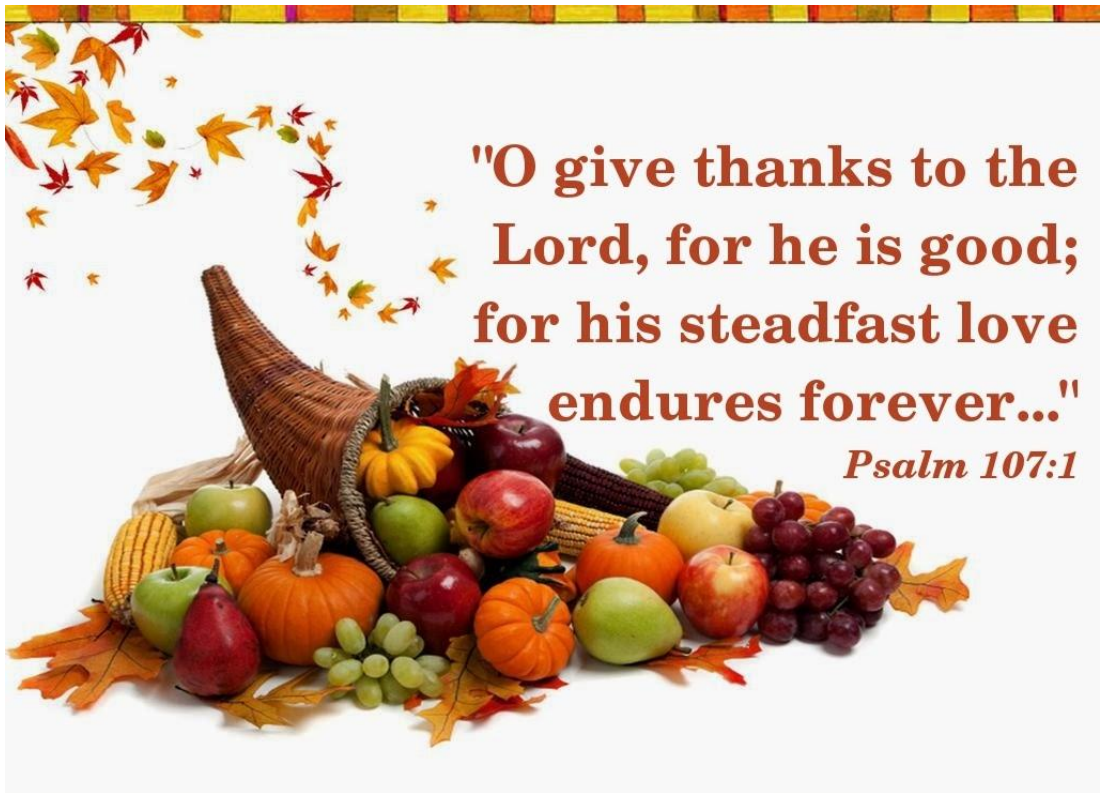


Wednesday, November 22nd 2023, 7:00pm

Thanksgiving Eve



Thanksgiving Eve Worship 2023

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A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS:

Welcome to Saint Michael's Lutheran Church! We are a historic congregation committed to continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in our community. We are very excited to have you worshipping the Lord with us this evening. You are always welcome in our church! Here are a few helpful things to know about Saint Michael's:

- Our beautiful and historic church building was built in 1906. Unfortunately, this means that it was not built with restrooms. Restrooms are located in our education building next door.
- A changing table for infants is located in classroom 4 in the education building.
- During our worship service, attendance books will be passed across the pews. Please take a moment to register your presence with us in the book and include your address and phone number so we can follow up with you in the future.
- Our pastor, Rev. Nate Hill, is always willing to meet with you to answer any questions that you might have about our church and beliefs or to be of help in any way that he is able. Please introduce yourself to him this evening. He will be thrilled to meet you!

We hope that you find Saint Michael's to be a place where you feel at home as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Saint Michael's Lutheran Church exists to worship God, love one another, and serve all people according to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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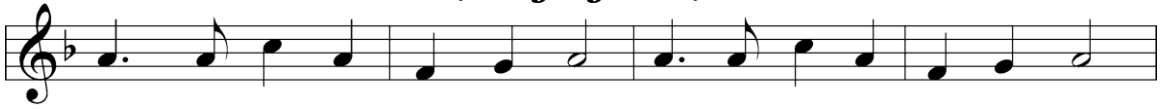
Order of Worship

Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

LSB #892

(Congregation)



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.

(Ladies)



2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;



Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.

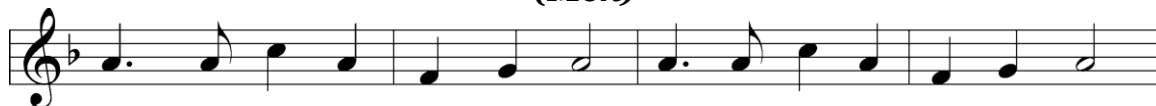


First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.



Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.

(Men)



3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,



From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,



Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,



But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.

(Congregation)



4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✝, and of the Holy Spirit,

C Amen

Psalmody

P I will sing to the Lord all my life;

C I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

P How many are your works, O Lord!

C In wisdom You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

P These all look to You

C To give them their food at the proper time.

P When You send Your Spirit, they are created,

C And You renew the face of the earth.

Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB # 803 v.3

3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain-head of love di-vine:
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

¹“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ²And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Thanksgiving Prayer

P The eyes of all look to You, O Lord, and You give them their good at the proper time;

C You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

P For the gift of this day and the opportunity to give You praise;

C Glory to You, O Lord!

P For the love and warmth of family and friends, both those gathered here and those gathered elsewhere, and most of all for those gathered to the Eternal Home:

C Glory to You, O Lord!

P For the good gift of children and grandchildren to nurture in Your love and fear; for the blessing of hearth and home:

C Glory to You, O Lord!

P For the joyful noise of infants cooing and children at play and for the honor of serving them, knowing they are beloved by You:

C Glory to You, O Lord!

P For the food You so graciously provide us and for the joy of feasting and playing together:

C Glory to You, O Lord!

P For the sufferings You are pleased to send us, for they purify us from selfishness and remind us of the one thing needful, Your eternal kingdom:

C Glory to You, O Lord!

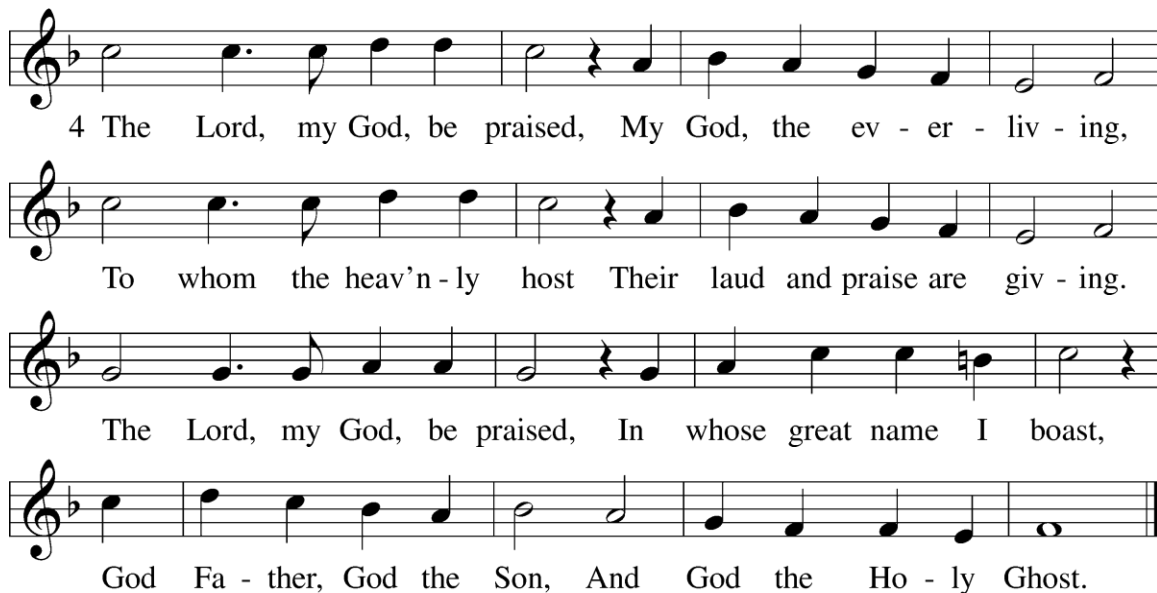
P And finally for those things for which we are most thankful: the sweet comfort of Your Gospel, the forgiveness of all our sins by the blood of our Lord Jesus, the promise of our resurrections to eternal life; for the joyful companionship afforded by the Church; for Your Word that is a lamp to our feet and light to our path; for the gifts of Baptism and the Eucharist; for our pastors and everyone who faithfully serve to us Your best and highest gifts:

C Glory to You, O Lord!

Hymn

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

LSB #794 v. 4



4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

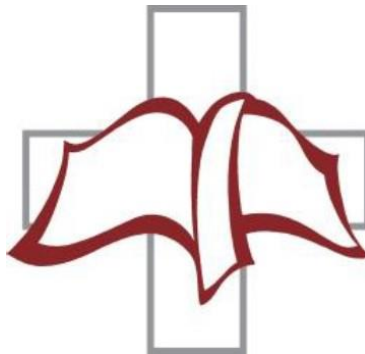
⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

¹⁴Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.





1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joice - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us

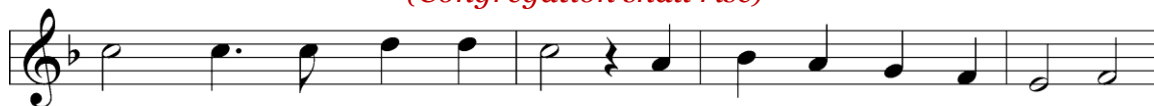


Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

(Congregation shall rise)



3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

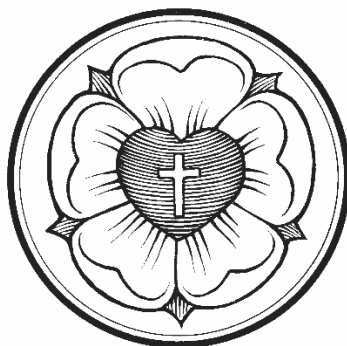
C Praise to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

The First Article of the Apostles’ Creed

(Dr. Luther’s Explanation – from the Small Catechism)

C I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them. Also, clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life; That He defends me against all danger, and guards and protects me from all evil; And all this purely out of fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; For all which it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.





1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

Sermon

Rev. Nate Hill

Offering*(Please sign the attendance books as they are passed)*

Ushers

*If you would like to transition to making your regular tithe or offering online,
you may do so at www.stmichaelswinchester.org/give*



Special Offering of Non-Perishable Food

(Following the collection of monetary offerings, all who have brought offerings of food are welcome to bring them forward and set them at the foot of the altar.)

Offering Hymn

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB #806

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give

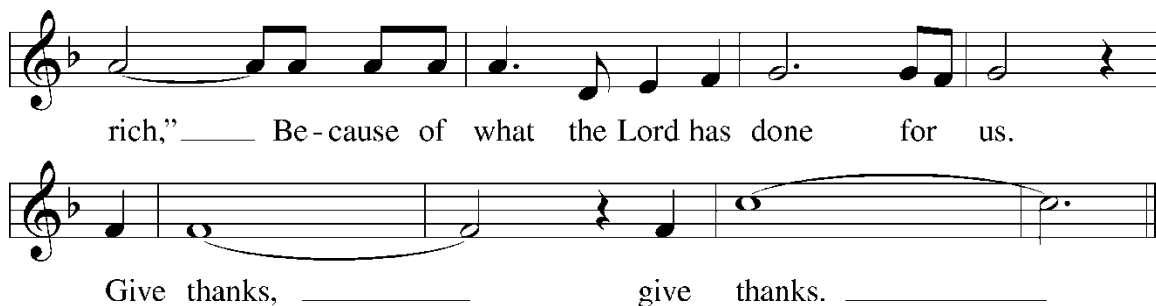
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____

Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say “I am

strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,” _____ Be - cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am



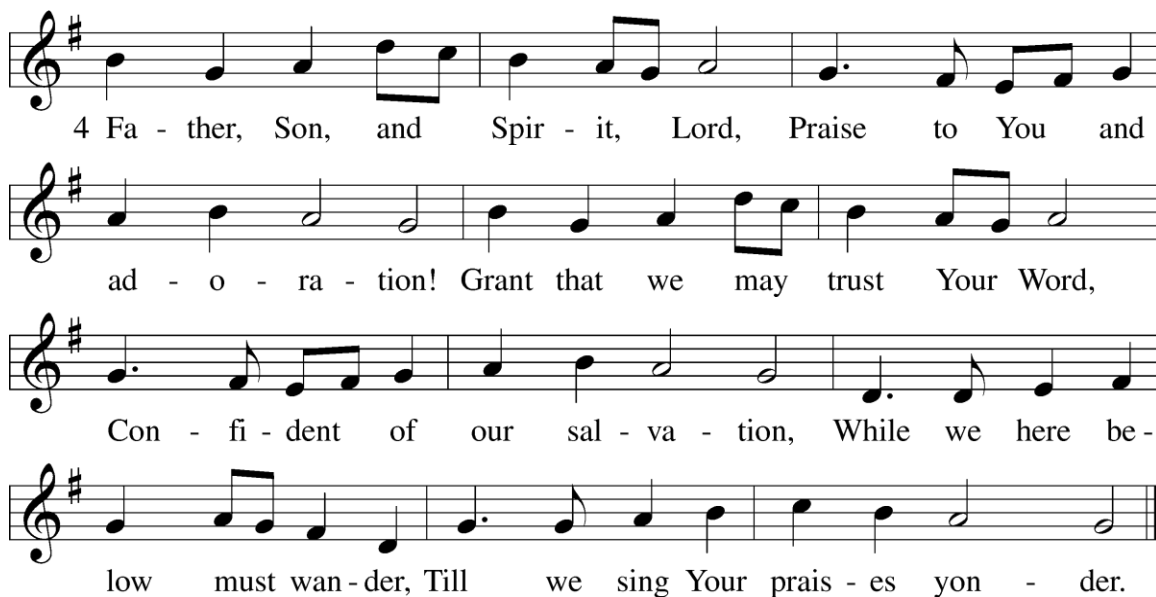
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Prayers of Thanksgiving

P We thank and praise You, gracious Lord, for the gift of Your Word through which we have found peace, comfort, conviction, assurance, and eternal joy.

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

LSB #904



P We thank and praise You, gracious God, for the gift of life and health, and the abundance of our earthly blessings.

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

LSB #814 v. 1-2

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie

And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains two parts of the melody. The second staff continues the melody and includes a double bar line at the end.

P We thank and praise You, gracious God for the victory You have given to our fellow pilgrims and our own loved ones who now live with You in glory.

"For All the Saints"

LSB #677

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in D major (two sharps). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The second and third staves continue the melody. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

P We thank and praise You, gracious God, for the spread and growth of Your Kingdom in all the earth to the glory of Your name and the salvation of precious souls.

“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

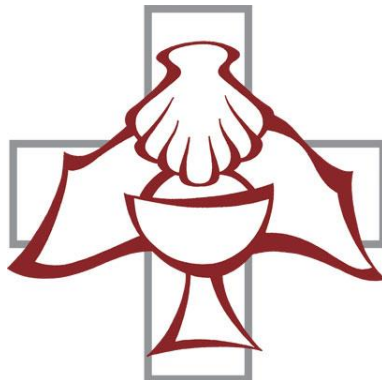
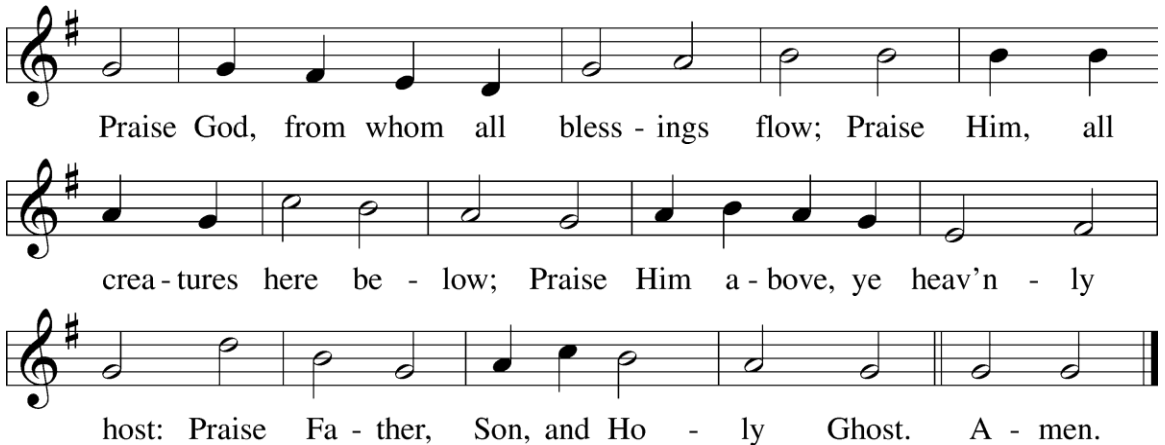
LSB #830



P For all these and countless other blessings, which are new to us every morning, we unite our voices to sing:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LSB #805



Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

LSB #801 v. 1&4

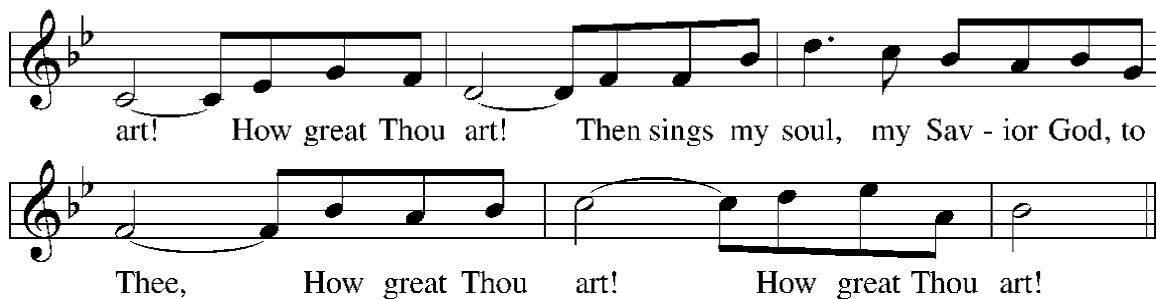
1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



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Collect for Thanksgiving

P Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with His favor and ✝ give you peace.



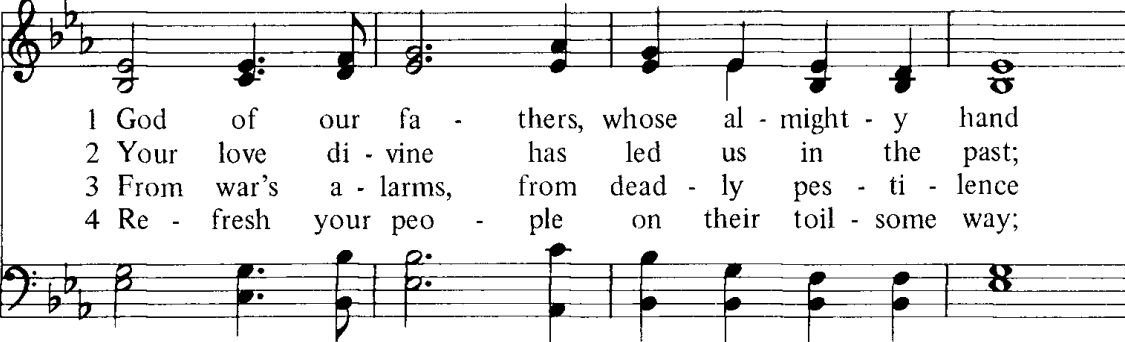
C A - men.



Closing Hymn

"God Of Our Fathers"

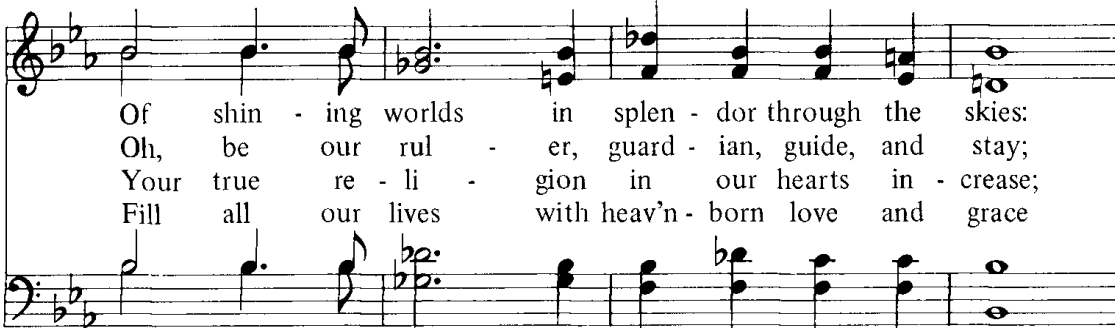
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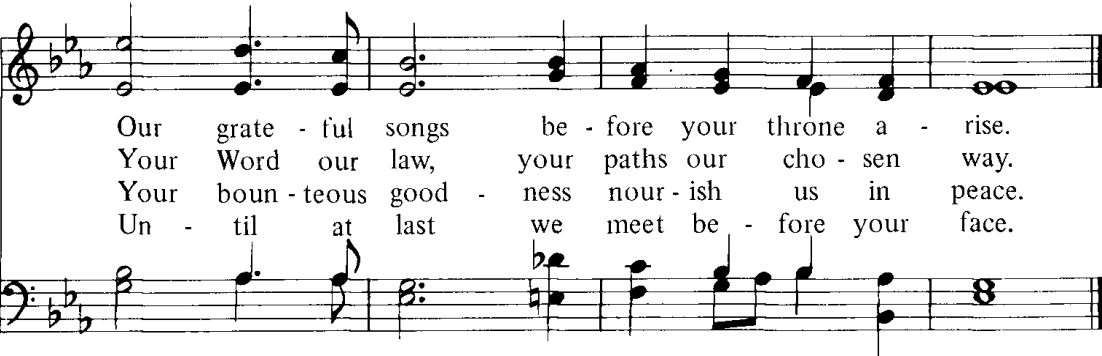
1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 In this free land by you our lot is cast;
 Make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 Oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace



Our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

Silent Prayer

Announcements



Thanksgiving banners are given in memory of Delton Koenning by his family.

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Midweek Advent services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm on
December 6th, 13th and 20th. Come and prepare to receive the Redeemer.

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*For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
Thanks be to God!*