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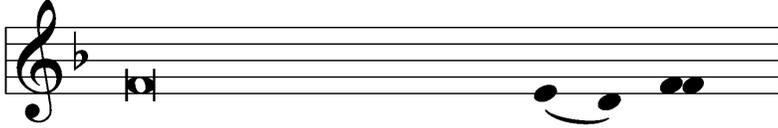
Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski Jr., Pastor  
Christine Roth and Katherine Cobert, Organists

*Lenten Midweek I*  
*Wednesday, February 25, 2026*  
*Evening Prayer – LSB 243*

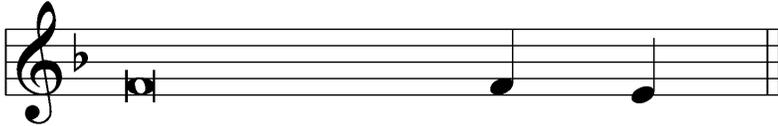
# Service of Light

*Stand*

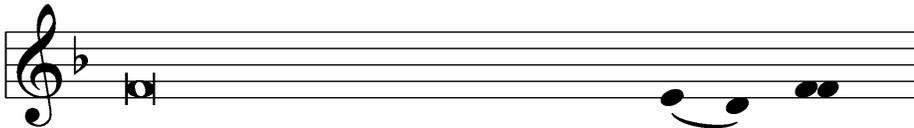
## Versicles (Lent)



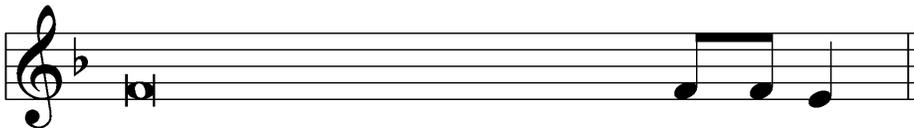
**L** Now is the time of God's fa - vor;



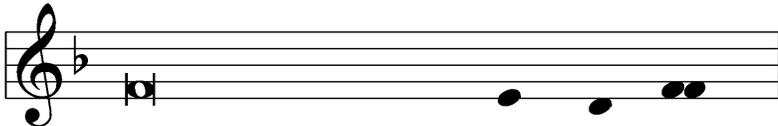
**C** now is the day of sal - va - tion.



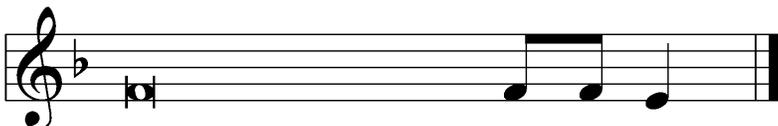
**L** Turn us again, O God of our sal - va - tion,



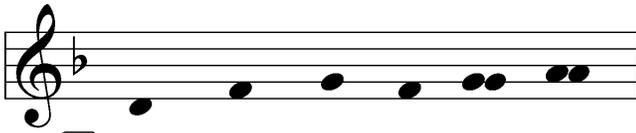
**C** that the light of Your face may shine on us.



**L** May Your justice shine like the sun;



**C** and may the poor be lift - ed up.



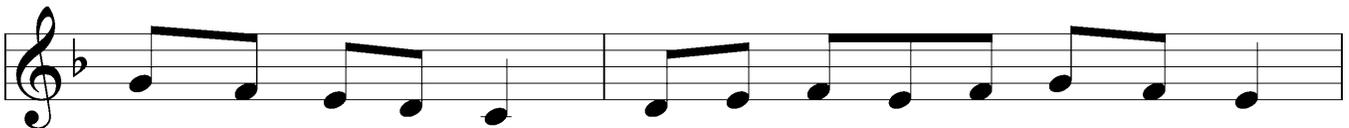
**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



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



bles - 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 -



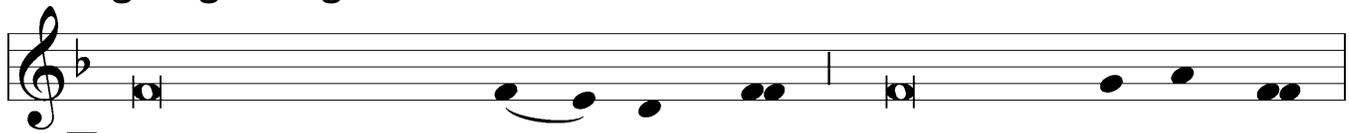
ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:



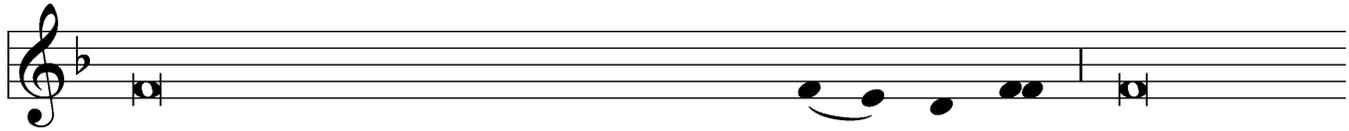
the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

# Thanksgiving for Light

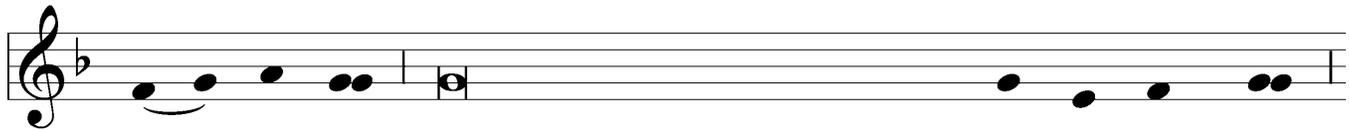
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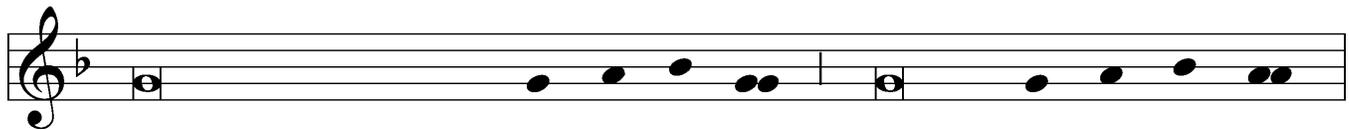
**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,



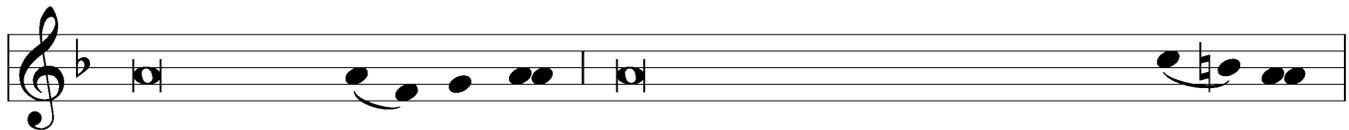
who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of



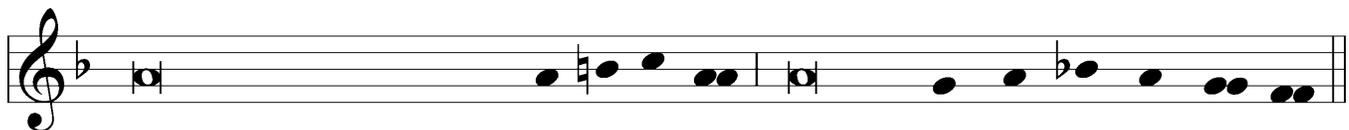
fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;



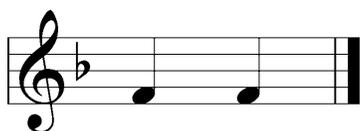
may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;



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.



**I** 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



the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



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



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

### 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.)

Psalm 118:1–13



<sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

<sup>2</sup>Let | Israel say,\*  
“His steadfast love endures for- | ever.”

<sup>3</sup>Let the house of | Aaron say,\*  
“His steadfast love endures for- | ever.”

<sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the | LORD say,\*  
“His steadfast love endures for- | ever.”

<sup>5</sup>Out of my distress I called | on the LORD;\*  
the LORD answered me and | set me free.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD is on my side; I | will not fear.\*  
What can man | do to me?

<sup>7</sup>The LORD is on my side as my | helper;\*  
I shall look in triumph on those who | hate me.

<sup>8</sup>It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than to | trust in man.

<sup>9</sup>It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than to trust in | princes.

<sup>10</sup>All nations sur- | rounded me;\*  
in the name of the LORD I | cut them off!

<sup>11</sup>They surrounded me, surrounded me on | every side;\*  
in the name of the LORD I | cut them off!

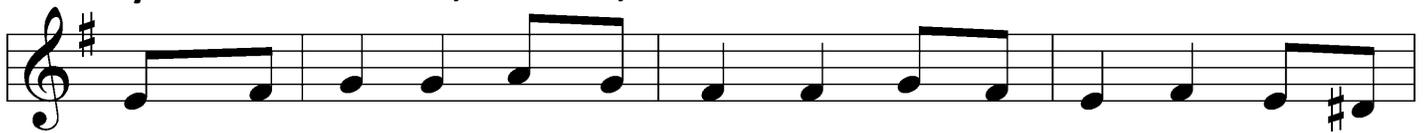
<sup>12</sup>They surrounded me like bees;  
they went out like a fire a- | mong thorns;\*  
in the name of the LORD I | cut them off!

<sup>13</sup>I was pushed hard, so that I was | falling,\*  
but the LORD | helped me.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Office Hymn: 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

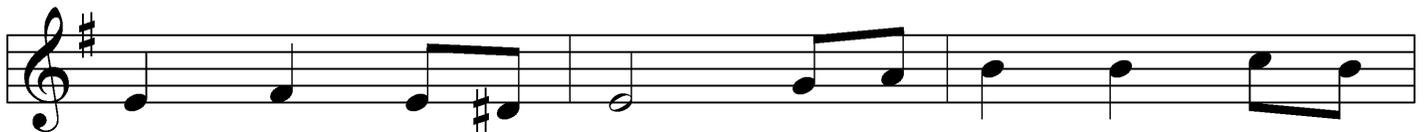
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1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed  
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.  
 Tune: Geistliche Volkslieder, 1850, Paderborn  
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## Reading

*Isaiah 40:27–31*

**L** A reading from Isaiah, chapter 40.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*Hebrews 5:7–9*

**L** A reading from Hebrews, chapter 5.

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

Matthew 26:36–46

**L** A reading from Matthew, chapter 26.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” <sup>37</sup>And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” <sup>40</sup>And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>42</sup>Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” <sup>43</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

**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.

## Sermon

Stand

## Magnificat

LSB 248

*Refrain*



**C** 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. Mark the appropriate box if you are attending the Lord's Supper. Place them in the offering plate when it is passed around.

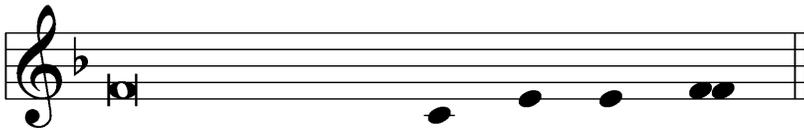
Prayer

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## Litany (Lent)

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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:

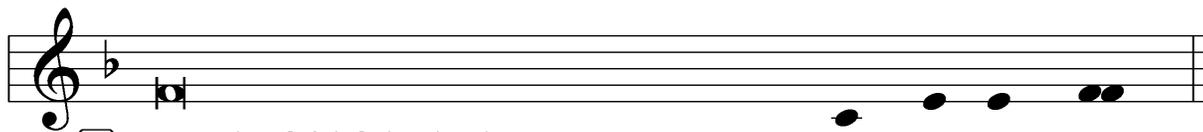


**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- 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.**

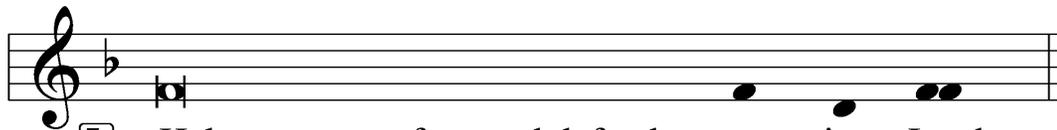
*The prayers then continue:*



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

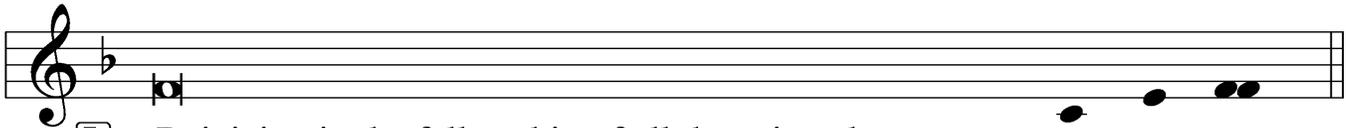


- C** Thanks be to God.



- 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*

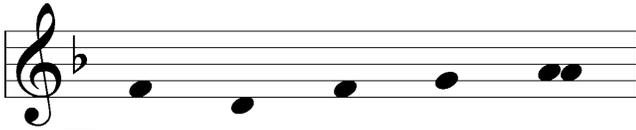
**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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



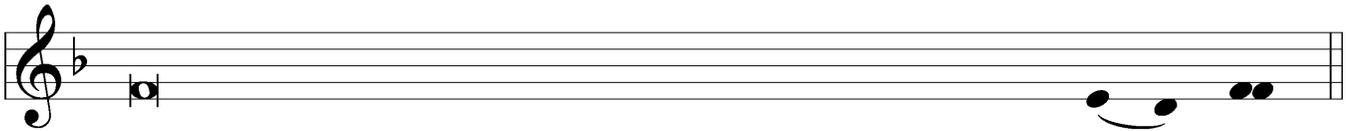
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



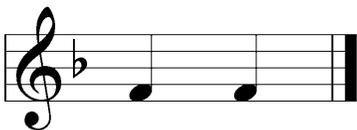
**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

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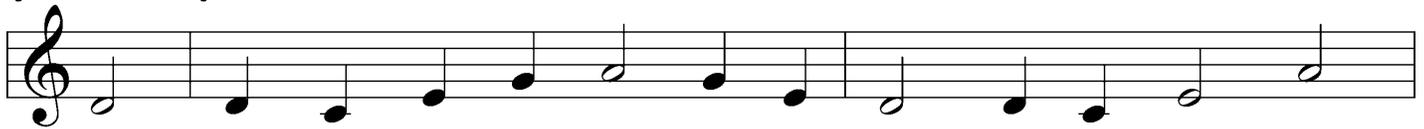
**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

# Hymn to Depart: 543 What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When I was sink - ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ - teous frown, Christ laid a - side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil - lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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**SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TONIGHT, FEBRUARY 25, 2026:**

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<b>Organist:</b>	Katherine Cobert



**LENTEN**  
*Schedule*

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Supper Host:</b>	<b>Supper Time:</b>	<b>Service Time:</b>	
February 25	Mel & Helen Vogel	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Lenten Midweek I
March 4	Titus Family	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Lenten Midweek II
March 11	LWML	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Lenten Midweek III
March 18	Vicki Bull & Mitch Bull	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Lenten Midweek IV
March 25	Youth	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Lenten Midweek V
March 29			9:00 AM	Palm Sunday Divine Service
April 2			6:30 PM	Holy (Maundy) Thursday Divine Service
April 3			12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Good Friday Chief Service Good Friday, Tenebrae
April 4			7:00 PM	The Vigil of Easter
April 5	<b>Easter Breakfast Pot Luck</b>	<b>7:30 AM – 8:30 AM</b>	6:30 AM 9:00 AM	Easter Sunday Sunrise The Resurrection of Our Lord

**\*\* PLEASE SEE SIGN-UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX TO SERVE LENTEN SUPPERS  
& FOR EASTER BREAKFAST POT LUCK \*\***



***The Chancel of our church will be decorated with lilies  
on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.***

We invite you to donate towards the cost of the Lilies. There will be a form available in the Narthex for you to fill out with the information that you want printed in the announcements on Easter Sunday. Place your slip and monetary donation in an envelope with "Lilies" written on it, along with your name, amount, & envelope number. Drop it in the offering plate at a service or mail it to the office by Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.



**Church Office Hours:**

Monday—Thursday, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

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