



Welcome to
SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us.

The love of Christ comfort you and the love of His people encourage you. We pray you know Christ's love through us.

So that we may all celebrate your presence and give thanks to God for you, **members and guests** alike are asked to please fill out the registration card found in your pew rack. Please hand them to an usher as you leave the sanctuary.

Matins, an Order of Worship for the morning, originated around the 4th Century. Christians observed 'times of day' for private devotions. These private "hours" developed into public services. Matins is marked by the thought of praise to God as Creator and Redeemer. We hope you enjoy the Service of Matins.

We pray you have been blessed through this worship and will join us again soon.

Large print hymnals are available for your use. You can find them under the guest registry podium or ask an usher.

Prelude “Prelude in Classic Style” Gordon Young
Welcome and Announcements
Ring of the Bell ~ A Call to Worship

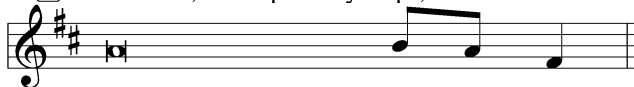
The Order of Worship
Lutheran Service Book -Matins page 219

Opening Hymn “With the Lord Begin Your Task” LSB #869

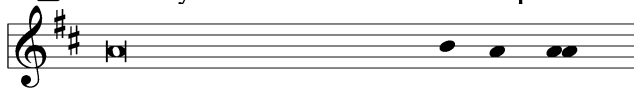
Opening Versicles (*please stand*)



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



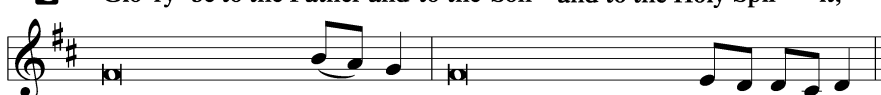
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

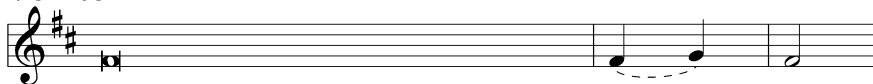


as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



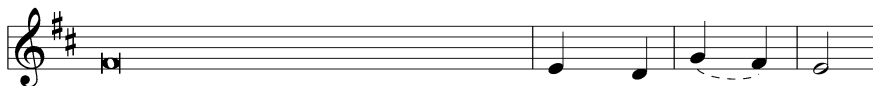
Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Venite



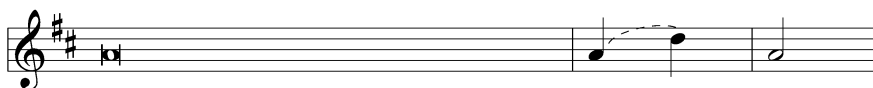
- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

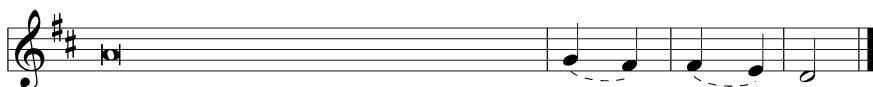


- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Introit *Psalm 86:4, 6, 15a, 16; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, 3*

P Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
 C save your servant, who trusts in you—
 you are my God.

P Be gracious to me, O Lord,
 C for to you do I cry all the day.

P Gladden the soul of your servant,
 C for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

P Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

P But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious;
C **turn to me and be gracious to me;**

P give your strength to your servant,
C **and save the son of your maidservant.**

All **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
C **save your servant, who trusts in you—
you are my God.**

P Be gracious to me, O Lord,
C **for to you do I cry all the day.**

(be seated)

Choir Anthem *“How Firm a Foundation”* by Dale Wood

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward

make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Galatians 5:25-6:10

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. ²Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. ⁴But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. ⁵For each will have to bear his own load.

⁶One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:24-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴[Jesus said:] “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Children’s Message

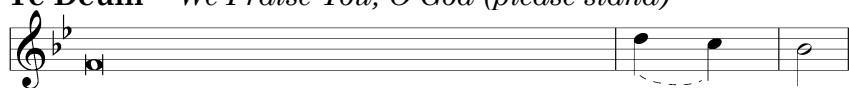
Responsory Hymn

“What God Ordains is Always Good” LSB #760

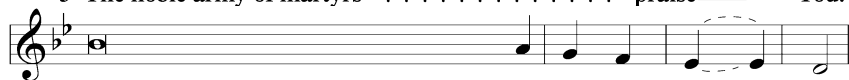
Sermon

Please rise as we present the Offering and Sing Te Deum

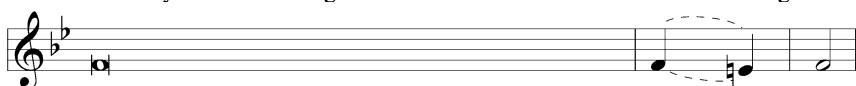
Te Deum ~ We Praise You, O God (please stand)



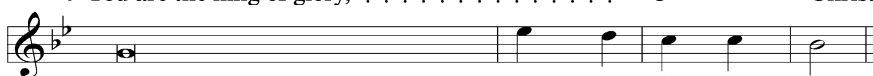
- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise You.



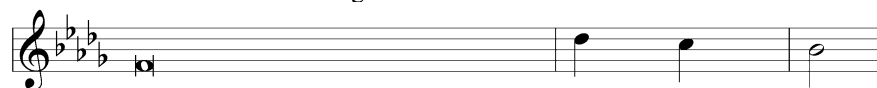
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowledge You:



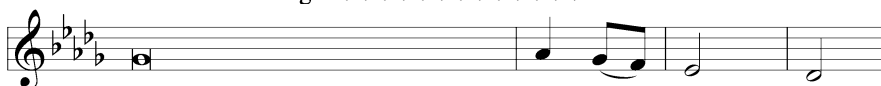
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there - in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 4 You are the king of glory, O Christ;



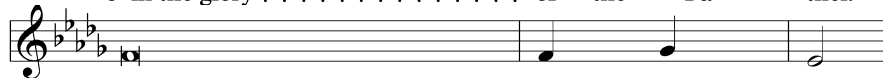
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



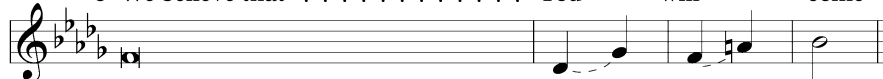
- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God



- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come



- 5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

(be seated)

Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, C Hear our prayer.

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
 and for all people according to their needs:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we
 pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus
 Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 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.

Collect of the Day

P O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus (*please stand*)

P Let us bless the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

LSB #809

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude *“What God Ordains is Always Good”* Powell

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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