

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

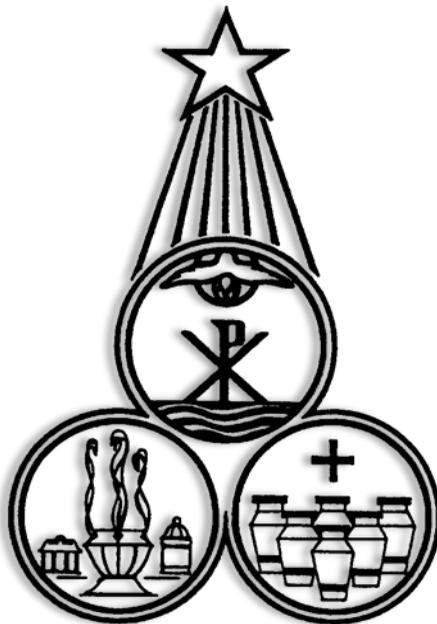
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✠ WEDNESDAY AFTER EPIPHANY III ✠

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*Please turn off all cell phones and pagers before entering the nave.
If you need to leave the service please do so during the hymns.*

*The altar represents God's presence. It is fitting to act and speak
Reverently when we enter the sanctuary / worship space.*

Service of Light

Stand

Versicles (Common)

- L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can overcome.
- L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C and the day is almost over.
- L** Let Your light scatter the darkness
C and illumine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron

- L** Joyous light of glory:
C of the immortal Father;
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
We have come to the setting of the sun,
and we look to the evening light.
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You are worthy of being praised
with pure voices forever.
O Son of God, O Giver of life:
the universe proclaims Your glory.

Thanksgiving for Light

- L** Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, 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 merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Psalmody

Psalm 141



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.

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.

Additional Psalms

Psalm

Psalm 96

- ¹Oh sing to the LORD a | new song;*
- sing to the LORD, | all the earth!
- ²Sing to the LORD, | bless his name;*
- tell of his salvation from | day to day.
- ³Declare his glory among the | nations;*
- his marvelous works among all the | peoples!
- ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised;*
- he is to be feared a- | bove all gods.
- ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless | idols;*
- but the LORD made the | heavens.
- ⁶Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;*
- strength and beauty are in his sanctu- | ary.
- ⁷Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the | peoples;*
- ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength!
- ⁸Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
- bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!
- ⁹Worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness;*
- tremble before him, | all the earth!
- ¹⁰Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!
- Yes, the world is established; it shall nev- | er be moved;*

he will judge the peoples with | equity.”

¹¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the | earth rejoice;*

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

¹²let the field exult, and every- | thing in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

¹³before the LORD, | for he comes,*

for he comes to | judge the earth.

He will judge the world in | righteousness,*

and the peoples in his | faithfulness.

▲ **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

LSB # 889 *Before the Ending of the Day*



1 Be - fore the end - ing of the day, Cre - a - tor of the
2 From all the ter - rors of the night, From e - vil dreams de -
3 O Fa - ther, this we ask be done Through Je - sus Christ, Thine



world, we pray! Thy grace and peace to us al - low
fend our sight; Drive far a - way our wick - ed foe
on - ly Son, Who with the Ho - ly Ghost and Thee



And be our guard and keep - er now.
That stain of sin we may not know.
Both lives and reigns e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

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Readings From Holy Scripture

First Reading

Isaiah 49:13-26

¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!

for the LORD has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

¹⁴But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me;
my Lord has forgotten me.”

¹⁵“Can a woman forget her nursing child,
that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.

¹⁶Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.

¹⁷Your builders make haste;
your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from you.

¹⁸Lift up your eyes around and see;
they all gather, they come to you.
As I live, declares the LORD,
you shall put them all on as an ornament;
you shall bind them on as a bride does.

¹⁹“Surely your waste and your desolate places
and your devastated land—
surely now you will be too narrow for your inhabitants,
and those who swallowed you up will be far away.

²⁰The children of your bereavement
will yet say in your ears:

‘The place is too narrow for me;
make room for me to dwell in.’

²¹Then you will say in your heart:
‘Who has borne me these?

I was bereaved and barren,
exiled and put away,
but who has brought up these?
Behold, I was left alone;
from where have these come?’”

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

“Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations,
and raise my signal to the peoples;
and they shall bring your sons in their bosom,
and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders.

²³Kings shall be your foster fathers,
and their queens your nursing mothers.

With their faces to the ground they shall bow down to you,
and lick the dust of your feet.

Then you will know that I am the LORD;
those who wait for me shall not be put to shame.”

²⁴Can the prey be taken from the mighty,
or the captives of a tyrant be rescued?

²⁵For thus says the LORD:

“Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken,
and the prey of the tyrant be rescued,
for I will contend with those who contend with you,
and I will save your children.

²⁶I will make your oppressors eat their own flesh,
and they shall be drunk with their own blood as with wine.

Then all flesh shall know
that I am the LORD your Savior,
and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

St. Mark 6:30-46

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Hymn of the Day

LSB # 711 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
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Reading: *Large Catechism: 4th Commandment*

Stand/

Magnificat



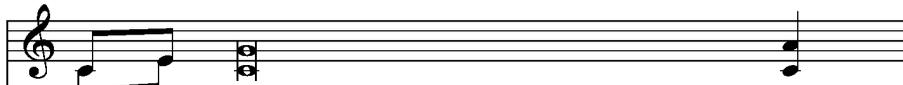
My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



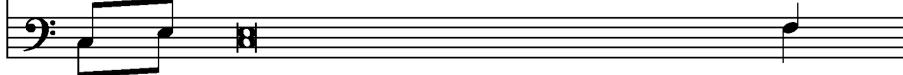
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the



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 empty 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*

Litany

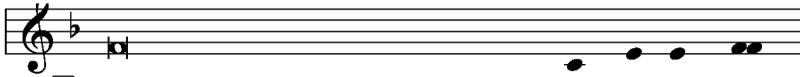
The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mer - cy.

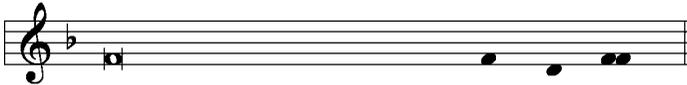
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for 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:



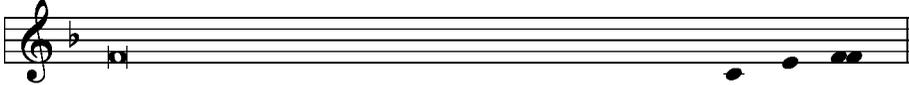
L For the faithful who have gone
before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

Common: **C** Al - le - lu - ia.
Lent: **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 Amen.

Lord's Prayer

L Taught by our Lord and trusting in 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.

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



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



C A - men.

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