



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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I AM that I AM



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today,
and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available
at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

WELCOME:

“The powers of the world, which had only recently gained the upper hand and declared the Lord dead, are deposed from their thrones overnight. They pass away, but he remains. He ‘is’. His ‘I am’ is not only the present reality of God; it is also his constancy. In every transition he is present; yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Eternity is not in the past. Time is not God. God is the Eternal; where time is worshipped, it is an idol.”

Joseph Ratzinger, *The God of Jesus Christ*

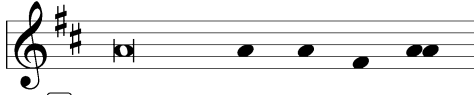
“Blessed be the Lord Our God, who hath clothed himself in names.”

St. Ephraim the Syrian, *Hymns*

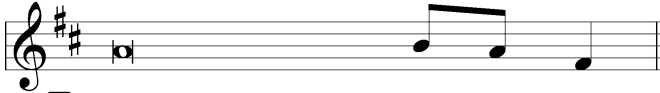
VESPERS

Please enter in silence for meditation and reflection. Cantors sing the litany.

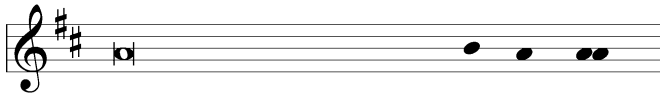
Please stand



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.



Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.



I will bless the LORD at | all times; *
 his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.
 My soul makes its boast | in the LORD; *
 let the humble hear | and be glad.

**Oh, magnify the | LORD with me, *
 and let us exalt his name to- | gether!
 I sought the LORD, and he | answered me *
 and delivered me from | all my fears.**

Those who look to him are | radiant, *
 and their faces shall never | be ashamed.
 This poor man cried, and the LORD | heard him *
 and saved him out of all his | troubles.

**The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear him, *
 and de- | livers them.**

**Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is good! *
 Blesséd is the man who takes ref- | uge in him!**

Oh, fear the LORD, | you his saints, *
 for those who fear him | have no lack!
 The young lions suffer want and | hunger; *
 but those who seek the LORD lack | no good thing.

**Come, O children, lis- | ten to me; *
 I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
 What man is there who de- | sires life *
 and loves many days, that he may | see good?**

Keep your tongue from | evil *
 and your lips from speak- | ing deceit.
 Turn away from evil | and do good; *
 seek peace and pur- | sue it.

**The eyes of the LORD are toward the | righteous *
 and his ears | toward their cry.
 The face of the LORD is against those who do | evil, *
 to cut off the memory of them | from the earth.**

When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears*
and delivers them out of all their | troubles.
The LORD is near to the broken- | hearted*
and saves the crushed in | spirit.

**Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.
He keeps | all his bones,*
not one of them is | broken.**

Affliction will slay the | wicked,*
and those who hate the righteous will | be condemned.
The LORD redeems the life of his | servants,*
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

**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.**

Please be seated

OFFICE HYMN Our Father, Who from Heaven Above #766, St. 1-4, 9

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3:1-14

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and

honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

John 18:33-37

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

RESPNSORY



- L** 1 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.
2 In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.
3 Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are
the God of my sal - va - tion.



- C** Rescue me from my en - e - mies, protect me
from those who rise a - gainst me.

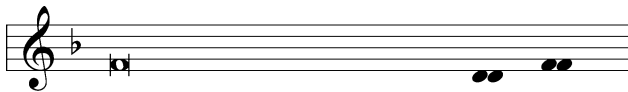
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SERMON

Hollowed Be Thy Name

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT



- L** Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



- C** My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



- I** for He has re-gard - ed the lowliness of His hand - maid - en.



II For be-hold, from this day all generations will call me bless-ed.



I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



II and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen-er-a-tion.



I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



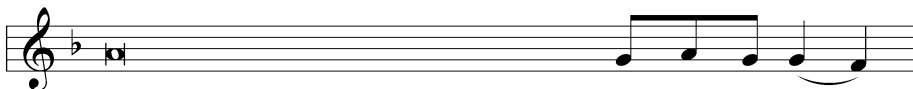
imagination of their hearts. II He has cast down the



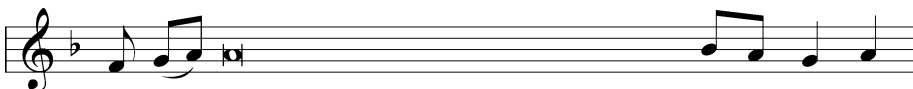
might-y from their thrones and has ex-alt-ed the low-ly.



I He has filled the hun-gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp-ty a-way.



II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer-cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



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.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

COLLECTS

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

C And let my cry come to You.

L O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, put to death in us all vices and so strengthen us by Your grace that by the innocence of our lives and the constancy of our faith, we may glorify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Psalm 103:1



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

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