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PSALMS (BOOKS FOUR AND FIVE)

Worship in a traditional order drawing from the Psalms, Books Four (90-106) and Five (107-150).

Opening Hymn

O Bless the Lord, My Soul (Psalm 103)

LSB 814 sts. 1, 3-6



1 O bless the Lord, my soul!	Let all with - in me join
3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins;	'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;
4 He crowns thy life with love	When ran - somed from the grave;
5 He fills the poor with good;	He gives the suf - f'ers rest.
6 His won-drous works and ways	He made by Mo - ses known,



And aid my tongue to bless His name	Whose fa - vors are di - vine.
'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es	And makes thee young a - gain.
He that re-deemed my soul from hell	Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.
The Lord hath judg - ments for the proud	And jus - tice for the op - pressed.
But sent the world His truth and grace	By His be - lov - ed Son.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748 Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76

Invocation (based on Psalms 107:31-32a,35)

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD for His loyal love,
and for the amazing things He has done for people.

C: Let us exalt Him here in the assembly of the people.

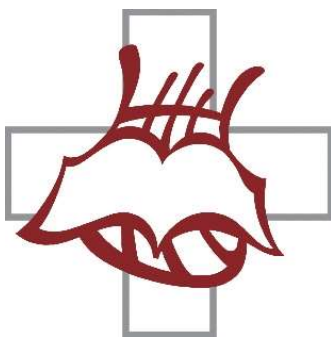
P: This is what He has done for you, His people:

He turned a desert into a pool of water, and a dry land into springs of water.
He has washed you clean in the water of your baptism:
In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Let us exalt Him here in the assembly of the people. Amen.

Psalm of Praise (Based on Psalm 107:35) See, the Streams of Living Waters LSB 648 st. 2

2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the
Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.



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Confession of Sins (based on Psalm 90:1-3a,7-9,12-14)

P: O Lord, You have been our protector through all generations.

Even before the mountains came into existence,
or You brought the world into being,

C: *You were the eternal God.*

P: You make humans return to the dust. Yes, we are consumed by Your anger;

C: *we are terrified by Your wrath.*

P: You are aware of our sins;

C: *You even know about our hidden sins.*

P: Yes, throughout all our days we experience Your raging fury;

the years of our lives pass quickly, like a sigh.

So teach us to consider our mortality,

C: *so that we might live wisely, seeking forgiveness through Your Son.*

P: Turn back toward us, O LORD,

C: *in grace because of the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

P: How long must this suffering last? Have mercy on Your servants.

C: *Satisfy us in the morning with Your loyal love.*

Then we will shout for joy and be content all our days.

P: We pause in the presence of the Lord

C: *Remembering our sins and our need for the Lord's forgiveness.*

(silent meditation)

Absolution (Declaration of Forgiveness) (based on Psalms 111:1-4,9; 116:16-18)

P: Give thanks to the LORD with your whole heart,

here in the assembly of the congregation.

The LORD's deeds are great, eagerly awaited by all who desire them.

His work is majestic and glorious, and His faithfulness endures forever.

He does amazing things that will be remembered;

the LORD is merciful and compassionate.

He delivered you, His people, through the work of His Son, Jesus Christ.

who keeps His covenant forever on your behalf.

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all
your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen. Yes, LORD! We are indeed Your servants;*

You saved us from death.

We will present a thank offering to You, and call on the name of the LORD.

We will fulfill our vows to the LORD before all His people,

trusting always in the saving work of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Spoken Prayer (based on Psalm 116)

Recording (Alex Williams)

Song of Praise (based on Psalm 116)

Recording (Alex Williams)

Praise to the Son
Who tasted death for me
I was swayed by the wind of darkness
Jesus saved me

I praise You
Merciful King
For showing me
Compassion

Praise to the Lord
My Father and my King
How can I be Your child and be poor?
You're all I need

I praise You
Merciful King
For showing me
Compassion

God of justice
God of grace
I fall into Your hands
Surrendering all
You have my faith
Deny me desires that offend Your love
Lord, have mercy

I praise You
Merciful King
For showing me
Compassion
Convict my heart
I ask of Thee
Remember me
Merciful King

This Week's First Psalm

Psalm 129 (Passion Translation)

¹ Let all Israel admit it.

From our very beginning we have been persecuted by the nations.

² And from our very beginning we have faced never-ending discrimination.

Nevertheless, our enemies have not defeated us. We're still here!

³ They have hurt us more than can be expressed,
ripping us to shreds, cutting deeply into our souls.

⁴ But no matter what, the Lord is good to us.

He is a righteous God who stood to defend us,
breaking the chains of the evil ones that bound us.

⁵ May all who hate [Zion, the Lord's people] fall back in disgrace to a shameful defeat!

⁶ Let them be like grass planted in shallow soil that soon withers with no sustenance.

⁷ Let them be like weeds ignored by the reaper and worthless to the harvester.

⁸ Let no one who sees them say,

“May the blessings of [Yahweh] be upon your life. May the Lord bless you.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

This Week's Second Psalm

Psalm 124 (Passion Translation)

¹ What if God had not been on our side? Let all Israel admit this!

²⁻³ What if God had not been there for us?

Our enemies, in their violent anger, would have swallowed us up alive!

⁴⁻⁵ The nations, with their flood of rage, would have swept us away

and we would have drowned, perished beneath their torrent of terror!

⁶ We can praise God over and over that he never left us!

God wouldn't allow the terror of our enemies to defeat us.

⁷ We are free from the hunter's trap; their snare is broken and we have escaped!

⁸ For the same God who made everything,

our Creator and our mighty maker, he himself is our helper and defender.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Collect (Psalm Prayer of the Day)

P: Let us pray. Praise the who Lord ransoms the life of His servants. Jesus our redeemer, You bore the cut of the lash for us and our salvation; help us to bear our sufferings and to share in the affliction of all who suffer for your holy name. Praise the Lord who ransoms the life of His servants. C: ***Amen.***

Juneteenth Prayer

@blcmankato

DEAR GOD, GRANT US GRACE TO CONTEND
FEARLESSLY AGAINST EVIL AND TO MAKE NO
PEACE WITH OPPRESSION. HELP US, LIKE THOSE
OF GENERATIONS BEFORE US WHO RESISTED
THE EVIL OF SLAVERY AND HUMAN BONDAGE IN
ANY FORM AND ANY MANNER OF OPPRESSION.
HELP US TO USE OUR FREEDOMS TO BRING
JUSTICE AMONG PEOPLE AND NATIONS
EVERYWHERE, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY
NAME THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

--ELCA Prayer for Juneteenth

Juneteenth is a holiday that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It recalls how the states of Louisiana and Texas heard the news that President Abraham Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Slavery continued in those two states for more than two years after the proclamation was signed because the word had yet to travel there. Texas and Louisiana finally got the good news on June 19, 1865. Former slaves broke out in spontaneous celebration. These were dangerous times. Even in the face of resistance and threat, the formerly enslaved Africans found ways to give voice to the wide range of thoughts and emotions at the announcement of the end of legalized slavery in the United States of America.

Hymn of the Day **If God Had Not Been On Our Side (Psalm 124)** tune: LSB 555

Stanzas 1,3-4: translated from Martin Luther; Stanza 2: from Psalm 129 by Tim & Julie Tennent (adapted by Benjamin Squires)



1 If God had not been on our side and had not come to
2 Though plow - men have plowed up our backs, and made their fur - rows
3 But if their wrath did God per - mit, it would have thus con -
4 Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat that they could not de -



aid__ us, our foes with all their pow'r and pride would
long and deep; The Lord, who's right - eous, cut their cords, and
sumed us and as a deep and yawn - ing pit with
vour__ us. Our souls, like birds, es - caped their net; they



sure - ly have dis - mayed us, for we, his flock, would
freed us from their wrong - ful deeds; They have op - pressed us
life and limb en - tombed us. A hell - ish storm would
could not ov - er pow'r us. The snare is bro - ken—



have to fear the dev - il's wolves, both
from our youth; let God's own peo - ple
o'er us roll from Sa - tan, who de -
we are free! Our help - er and our



far and near who rise in might a - gainst us.
speak the truth: His e - ne - mies will nev - er win.
sires our soul and seeks to o - ver - whelm us.
strength is he who made the earth and heav - ens.



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Psalm Song

Up From My Youth

Cashback & Terence June Gray

An 1806 hymn by Isaac Watts meets hip hop meets Johnny Cash meets folk meets New Orleans jazz meets industrial steel factory.

Up from my youth, may Israel say,
Have I been nursed in tears;
My griefs were constant as the day,
And tedious as the years.
Up from my youth I bore the rage
Of all the sons of strife;
Oft they assailed my riper age,
But not destroyed my life.

Their cruel plow had torn my flesh
With furrows long and deep;
Hourly they vexed my wounds afresh,
Nor let my sorrows sleep.
The Lord grew angry on his throne,
And, with impartial eye,
Measured the mischiefs they had done,
Then let his arrows fly.

*We had some dark days, dark clouds hid the sun;
And there were days
 where it looked like the devil won.
We were afflicted but never forsaken;
Struck down but not destroyed, we never took a L.
Up from my youth, yea the devil was busy,*

*But the Lord cut the cord of the wicked.
So your power gone, zoom now we gone;
He beat death, death dead like a dial tone.*

*All glory to the Most High;
They tried to bury us
 but this movement just won't die.
The victory's in Christ, yea he won, it ain't no tie;
He coming back too on them clouds, yea he so fly.
Every tribe and every tongue like a symphony;
Rap a verse, sing a song to the King of Kings.
We want all the smoke,
 that means we're not afraid;
What you goin' do to that man?
 He got out the grave!*

*How was their insolence surprised
To hear his thunders roll!
And all the foes of Zion seized
With horror to the soul!
So shall the princes of the air
Be blasted from the sky;
Their glory fades, into despair
And all their projects die.*

Confession of Faith (Based on Psalm 145:1-5,7-9,13-17,19,21)
(spoken in unison)

We will extol You, our God, O King.

We will praise Your name continually.

Every day we will praise You.

We will praise Your name continually.

The LORD is great and certainly worthy of praise.

No one can fathom his greatness:

His Creation of All, His Redemption of All,

His Spirit-led transformation of All who believe.

One generation will praise Your deeds to another,
and tell about Your mighty acts.

We will focus on Your honor and majestic splendor and amazing deeds.

We will talk about the fame of Your great kindness, and sing about Your justice.

The LORD is merciful and compassionate;

He is patient and demonstrates great loyal love.

The LORD is good to all, and has compassion on all He has made.

Your kingdom is an eternal kingdom,

and Your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD supports all who fall, and lifts up all who are weighed down by sin.

Everything looks to You in anticipation,

and You provide them with what they need.

You open Your hand, and fill every living thing with the food it desires.

The LORD is just in all His actions, and exhibits love in all He does.

He satisfies the desire of his loyal followers;

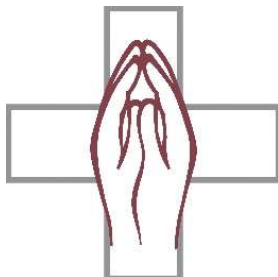
He hears their cry for help and delivers them.

Our mouths will praise the LORD.

Let all who live praise His holy name forever. Amen.

Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.



Offertory (Based on Psalm 145) Be Present in Our Church, O Lord

LSB 775, alt.

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



Be pres - ent in our church, O Lord; Be here and
ev - 'ry - where a - dored; Thy crea - tures bless, and
grant that we May feast in par - a - dise with Thee.

Prayers of the Church (Based on Psalm 103:1-5a,6,8,13-14,17a,19,22)

P: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

With all that is within you, praise His holy name.

C: **Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

P: Do not forget all His kind deeds.

He is the one who forgives all your sins,

C: **who heals all our diseases,**

P: who delivers your life from the Pit,

C: **who crowns us with His loyal love and compassion,**

P: who satisfies your life with good things,

(...Pastor offers thanksgivings. . .)

As the psalm declares: The LORD does what is fair,
and executes justice for all the oppressed.

C: **The LORD is compassionate and merciful;**

P: He is patient and demonstrates great loyal love.

(...Pastor prays for the world and the nation. . .)

As the psalm declares: As a father has compassion on his children,

C: **so the LORD has compassion on His faithful followers.**

P: For He knows what we are made of; He realizes we are made of clay.

C: **But the Lord continually shows loyal love to His faithful followers,**

P: *(...Pastor prays for specific needs. . .)*

As the psalm declares: The Lord has established His throne in heaven;

C: **His kingdom extends over everything.**

P: All of His Creation, praise the Lord;

C: **in all the regions of His kingdom, may His praise be heard.**

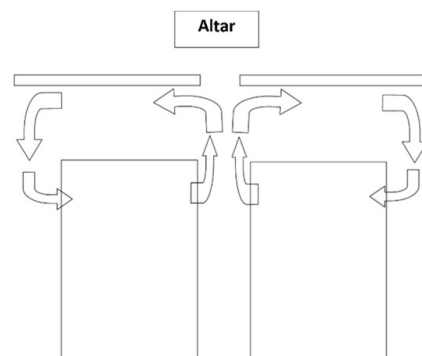
Praise the Lord, O my soul. Amen.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins. If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.

Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preface of the Lord's Supper (based on Psalms 126:1-2a,3-4; 104:30-31a,33a)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: When the LORD restored the well-being of His people through Jesus Christ,

C: we thought we were dreaming.

P: We laughed loudly, surprised by His kindness, and we shouted for joy.

C: The LORD did indeed accomplish great things for us.

P: We are joyfully at peace.

**C: O LORD, restore our well-being,
just like You renew the streams in the desert.**

P: When You sent your life-giving breath,

C: we were created.

P: When You sent your life-giving Holy Spirit,

C: we were re-created.

P: May the splendor of the LORD endure.

We will sing to the LORD as long as I live. Amen.



C:

Sanctus (based on Psalm 103)

Video (Poor Bishop Hooper)

bless the Lord oh my soul
let all that's within me bless the Lord

don't forget His benefits who forgives all your sin
who heals your diseases, who pulls you up from the pit
who crowns with lovingkindness and compassion
who satisfies oh satisfies you

slow to anger and abounding in love
He hasn't dealt with our offense as our sins would deserve
for as high as the heavens are above the earth
so great His love for those who fear Him

bless the Lord oh my soul
let all that's within me bless the Lord
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The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

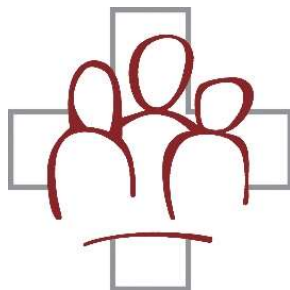
All: *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C:** *And also with you.*

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")



(Thursday) Use the distribution time for meditation and prayer.

(Sunday) 1st Distribution Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-90, alt.

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg

(Sunday) 2nd Distribution Hymn Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



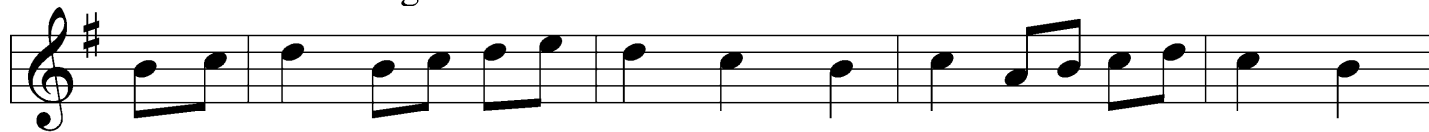
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing



To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord...

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer Song (based on Psalm 103)

Video (Poor Bishop Hooper)

bless the Lord oh my soul
let all that's within me bless the Lord
bless the Lord oh my soul
let all that's within me bless the Lord

as a father has compassion on his children
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him
as far as east is from the west He's removed our sin
for His love is everlasting everlasting everlasting

bless the Lord oh my soul
let all that's within me bless the Lord
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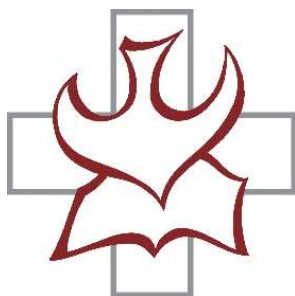
Benediction (Blessing) (based on Psalm 91:1-4, 15a, 16b)

P: As for you, who live in the shelter of the Most High,
and reside in the protective shadow of the One-Above-All-Things—
I say this about the LORD, our God in whom we trust—
He is Your shelter and Your stronghold,
He will certainly rescue you from the snare of the hunter
and from the destructive plague of eternal death.
He will shelter you with His wings;
you will find safety under His wings.
His faithfulness is like a shield or a protective wall.

C: **When we call out to Him, He will answer us.**

P: He will let you see His salvation
in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

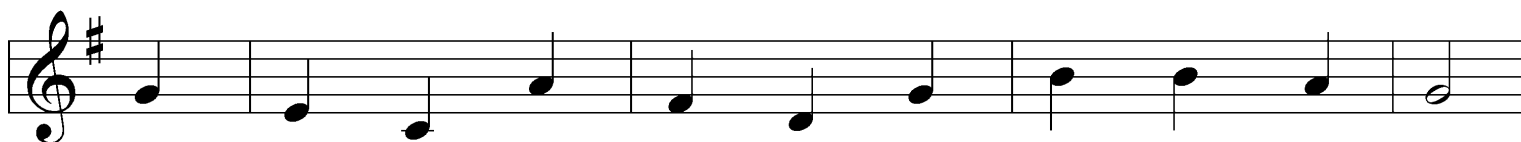


Closing Hymn**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

LSB 802



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
 Tune: Welsh

Announcements