

Don't fear a thing!
Whether by night or day,
demonic danger will not
trouble you, nor will the
powers of evil be launched against you. *Psalm 91:6*



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PSALMS (BOOK ONE)

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Book One of the Psalms (1-41).

Opening Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790 sts. 1-4



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

Invocation (based on Psalms 8:1-2, 24:7-10)

P: O Yahweh, our Lord,

C: how magnificent is your Name throughout the earth!

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: You reveal your majesty in the heavens above.

From the mouths of children and babies and adults and seniors,

C: You have given us words to praise You,

P: Your strength over Satan and all evil.

C: Look up, you gates.

P: Rise up, you eternal doors.

C: Then the majestic king will enter into our presence.

P: Who is this majestic king?

C: The Lord who is strong and mighty.

The Lord who is mighty in battle.

Look up, you gates.

P: Rise up, you eternal doors.

C: Then the majestic king will enter into our lives.

P: Who is this majestic king?

C: The Lord of Heaven's Armies.

He is the majestic king. Amen.

"Yahweh" is the personal Name of God the Father in Hebrew, often translated simply as "LORD".



Song-Psalm of Praise (Based on Psalm 8) How Majestic is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the
earth. O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the
earth. O Lord,
we praise Your name. O
Lord,
we mag - ni - fy Your name: Prince of Peace. Might - y
God, O Lord God Al - might - y. O y.

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Confession of Sins (based on Psalms 19:12-13, 25:4-7)

P: Oh, Yahweh, our God, who can know all their errors?

C: Please do not punish us for sins we are unaware of.

P: More than that, keep us from committing flagrant sins;

C: do not allow such sins to control us.

P: But only in the blood of Jesus, we will be blameless,

C: and innocent of blatant rebellion.

P: Make us understand your ways, O Lord.

C: Teach us your paths.

P: Guide us into your truth and teach us.

C: For you are the God who delivers us;

P: on you we rely all day long.

C: Remember your compassionate and faithful deeds, O Lord,

P: for you have always acted with such steadfast mercy.

C: Do not hold against us the sins of our youth or our rebellious acts.

P: Because you are faithful to us,
C: **extend to us your favor, O Lord,
because of the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.**

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 Psalm 25:8a,11,14b,20a,22)

P: The Lord is both kind and fair;
For the sake of the Lord's reputation, His holy Name, Yahweh,
He forgives your sin, because it is great—
but not so great that He cannot redeem you and make you His holy ones.
Through the work of Jesus who fulfilled the Lord's covenant faithfulness for you,
He protects you and delivers you and rescues you from all your distress.
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.

Song of Praise (based on Psalm 25)

tune: LSB 892



1 Lord, I lift my soul to you; in your ho - ly name I trust.
3 Don't re - call my sins of late; help re - lease me from their hold.



Long I've known your paths are true; all your ways are good and just.
Je - sus save me from my fate; keep me hum - ble, keep me bold.



Wait - ing ev - er for your love, lead me in your truth and grace
May re - demp - tion be my course, and my trou - bles be no more.



Per - fect guid - ance from a - bove, ev - er more in your em - brace.
With your grace my on - ly source, you will my new life re - store.

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This Week's Psalm

Psalm 91 (Passion Translation)

- ¹ When you sit enthroned under the shadow of Shaddai,
you are hidden in the strength of God Most High.
- ² He's the hope that holds me and the Stronghold to shelter me,
the only God for me, and my great confidence.
- ³ He will rescue you from every hidden trap of the enemy,
and he will protect you from false accusation and any deadly curse.
- ⁴ His massive arms are wrapped around you, protecting you.
You can run under his covering of majesty and hide.
His arms of faithfulness are a shield keeping you from harm.
- ⁵ You will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night
nor have to fear a spirit of darkness coming against you.
- ⁶ Don't fear a thing!
Whether by night or by day, demonic danger will not trouble you,
nor will the powers of evil launched against you.
- ⁷ Even in a time of disaster, with thousands and thousands being killed,
you will remain unscathed and unharmed.
- ⁸ you will be a spectator as the wicked perish in judgment,
for they will be paid back for what they have done!
- ⁹⁻¹⁰ When we live our lives within the shadow of God Most High,
our secret hiding place, we will always be shielded from harm.
How then could evil prevail against us or disease infect us?
- ¹¹ God sends angels with special orders to protect you wherever you go,
defending you from all harm.
- ¹² If you walk into a trap, they'll be there for you and keep you from stumbling.
- ¹³ You'll even walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness,
trampling every one of them beneath your feet!
- ¹⁴ For here is what the Lord has spoken to me:
*"Because you have delighted in me as my great lover,
I will greatly protect you. I will set you in a high place, safe and secure before my face.*
- ¹⁵ *I will answer your cry for help every time you pray,
and you will find and feel my presence
even in your time of pressure and trouble.
I will be your glorious hero and give you a feast.*
- ¹⁶ *You will be satisfied with a full life and with all that I do for you.
For you will enjoy the fullness of my salvation!"*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Collect (Psalm Prayer of the Day)

P: Let us pray. Abide, O my soul; abide in Christ alone. You are Father, Defender, Savior, the One-Who-Lifts-Us-Up, and we are Your beloved children. Never have You forsaken or forgotten those who seek You. In the quiet of the night, You speak life to us. In times of trouble, You preserve us. We endure by Your countless mercies, Your unmerited grace. Abide, O my soul; abide in Christ alone.

C: Amen.

Psalm Song

Psalm 91

Lord Badu (recording)

Sermon

Psalm 91



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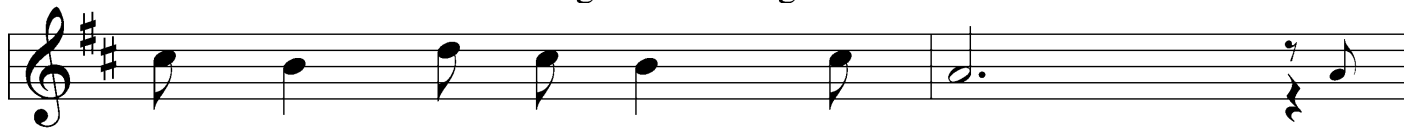
Hymn of the Day

On Eagles' Wings

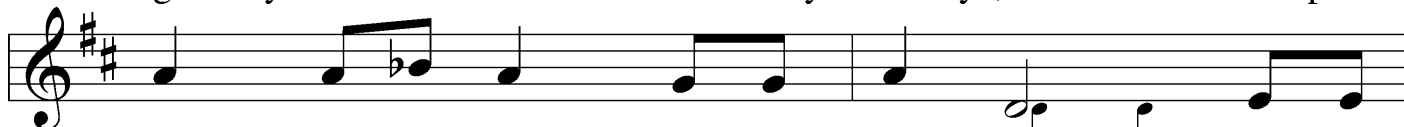
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1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
3 You need not fear the _____ ter - ror of the night, Nor the
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
fam - ine will bring you no fear;
ar - row that flies _____ by day; Though
guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My _____ ref - uge, My _____
Un - der His wings your _____ ref - uge, His _____
thou - sands _____ fall a - bout you,
on their _____ hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock _____ in whom _____ I _____ trust!"
faith - ful - ness _____ your _____ shield.
Near you it shall _____ not _____ come.
dash _____ your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

Confession of Faith (Based on Psalm 23, the Apostles' Creed & the Catechism)
(spoken in unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe the LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

All this he does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness in me.

And I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Jesus has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,

purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

He anoints my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth,

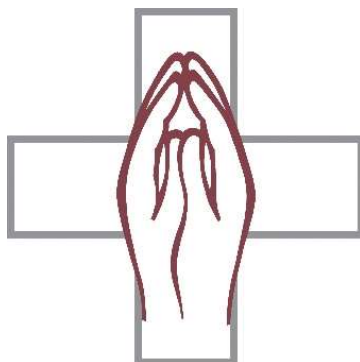
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead,

and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. 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 30) O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

tune: LSB 526

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



1.O God of Be - thel, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are
2.Our vows, our prayers we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of
3.Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wand'ring - foot - steps
5 4.O spread thy cov - ering wings a - round till all our won - derings



fed, who through this wea - ry pil - gri-mage hast all our fath - ers led.
grace; God of our fa - thers, be the God of their sec - ceed - ing race.
guide; give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
cease, and at our Fath - er's love a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace.

Prayers of the Church (Based on Psalm 33:1-5,8,13-15,18-22)

P: You godly ones, shout for joy because of the Lord!

It is appropriate for the ones-made-righteous in Jesus to offer him praise.

C: Give thanks to the Lord with songs and words;

Sing to him a new song.

Pray as you shout out your praises to him.

P: (...Pastor offers thanksgivings. . .)

As the psalm declares: For the Lord's decrees are just, and everything he does is fair.

He promotes equity and justice;

the Lord's faithfulness extends throughout the earth.

C: Let the whole earth fear the Lord.

Let all who live in the world stand in awe of him.

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

As the psalm declares: The Lord watches from heaven; he sees all people.

From the place where he lives he looks carefully at all the earth's inhabitants.

He is the one who forms every human heart, and takes note of all their actions.

C: Look, the Lord takes notice of his loyal followers,

those who wait for him to demonstrate his faithfulness

by saving their lives from death and sustaining them during times of famine.

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

As the psalm declares: We wait for the Lord; he is our deliverer and shield.

C: For our hearts rejoice in him, for we trust in his holy name.

May we experience your faithfulness, O Lord, for we wait for you. Amen.

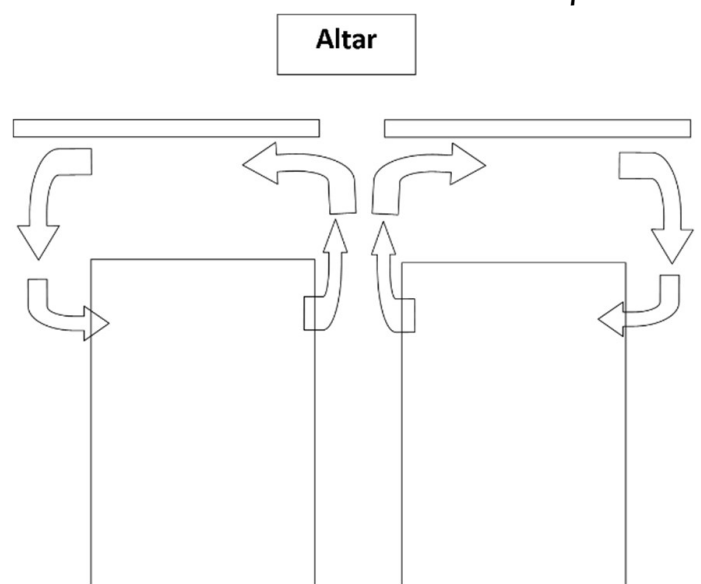
Preparation for the Lord's Supper

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 Psalm 30:3-5,8,10-12)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

P: O Lord, you pulled us up from judgment and hell;

C: *you rescued us from among those descending into the grave forever.*

P: Sing to the Lord, you faithful followers of his;

C: *give thanks to his holy name.*

P: For his anger lasts only a brief moment,

C: *and his good favor restores one's life.*

P: One may experience sorrow during the night,

C: *but joy arrives in the morning.*

P: To you, O Lord, we cried out; we begged the Lord for mercy:

C: *Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on us.*

O Lord, deliver us.

P: Then you turned our lament into dancing;

you removed our grieving clothes and covered us with joy.

C: *So now our hearts will sing to you and not be silent;*

O Lord our God, we will always give thanks to you.

Sanctus (based on Psalm 30)

Video (Poor Bishop Hooper)

I will exalt you, Lord, my God
for you alone have brought me up
you haven't made my enemies
to triumph over me

thank you that your anger lasts only a moment
thank you your anger lasts only a moment moment moment

when I cried you healed all my sickness
and brought me from the pit of death
you spared me from my rightful place
so sing all you of faith

thank you that your anger lasts only a moment
thank you your anger lasts only a moment moment moment

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.

First Distribution Hymn

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602 sts. 1-2, 5-6



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;
6 All glo - ry to the One Who lav - ish - es such love;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
Be - neath the bread and wine Is food from Cal - va - ry.
The tri - une God in love As - sures our life a - bove.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
The bod - y and the blood Re - move our ev - 'ry sin;
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
We leave His pres - ence in His peace, re - newed a - gain.
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

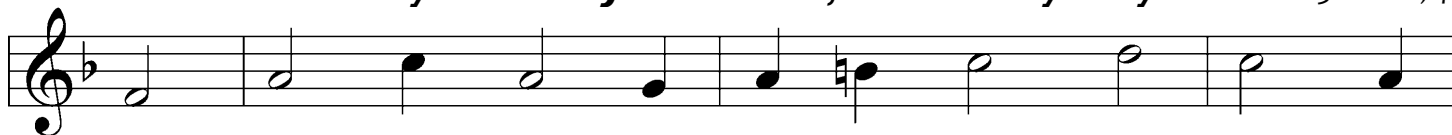
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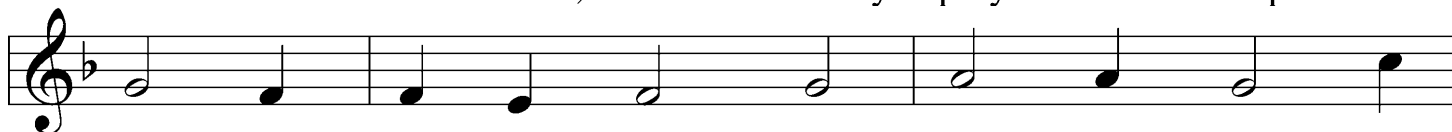
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Second Distribution Hymn Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623 sts. 1-2, 4-5



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844-1932, alt., Tune: Cationale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim

Common Dismissal

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

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer Song (based on Psalm 30)

Video (Poor Bishop Hooper)

thank you that your anger lasts only a moment
thank you that your anger lasts only a moment
thank you that your anger lasts only a moment
thank you your anger lasts only a moment moment moment
his favor lasts a lifetime
though weeping we spend the night
there'll be joy in the morning (4x)
you turned my mourning on into dancing
you stole my clothes of ash
and you robed me in gladness
you set me standing upon a mountain
so i will sing your praise sing your praise sing your praises forever (3x)

Benediction (Blessing) (based on Psalm 40:1-4a)

P: You waited patiently for the Lord;
and he turned toward you and heard your cry for help.
He lifted you out of the watery pit, out of the slimy mud.
May he place your feet on a rock and give you secure footing.
He has given you reason to sing a new song, praising our God.

C: **May many see what God has done,
so that they might swear allegiance to him and trust in the Lord.**

P: How blessed are you who trust in the Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Almighty Father, Bless the Word

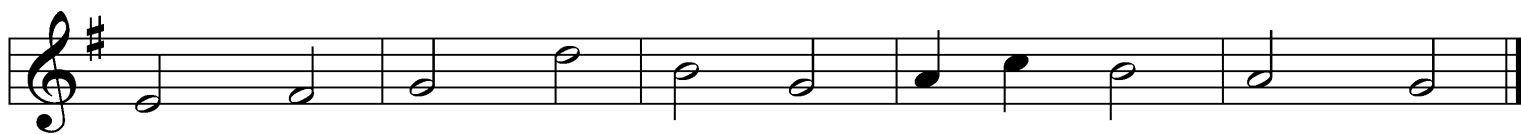
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1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text (sts. 1-2): Church Poetry, 1823, Philadelphia, alt.; (st. 3): Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

Announcements

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 13

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, JULY 16

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 9AM

THURSDAY, JULY 20

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, JULY 23

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 9AM

THURSDAY, JULY 27

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, JULY 30

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY/NO COMMUNION) – 9AM

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