

Lenten Midweek Service-Part VI

March 20, 2024

5:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Faribault, MN 55021



Theme of the Day:

It's easy to get stuck in a hole. Look at Aaron and the Israelites. *Better yet, look at us.*
Best of all, look to Jesus who alone gets us out of our huge hole!

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "My Song Is Love Unknown" LSB 430 (stanzas 1-4)

Please stand

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

[During our sermon series on Exodus we are using psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from Psalm 106.]

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

C: **Amen.**

P: The LORD commanded the Red Sea to dry up.
He led Israel across the sea as if it were a desert.

C: **He rescued them from their enemies and redeemed them from their foes.**

P: The water returned and covered their enemies; not one of them survived.

C: **Then his people believed his promises. Then they sang his praise.**

P: Yet how quickly they forgot what he had done! They wouldn't wait for his counsel!

C: **The people made a calf at Mount Sinai;
they bowed before an image made of gold.**

P: They forgot God, their Savior, who had done such great things in Egypt.

C: **So he declared he would destroy them.**

P: But Moses, his chosen one, stepped between the LORD and the people.

C: **He begged him to turn from his anger and not destroy them.**

All: **Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION [From selected verses in Romans 7]

P: Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.

C: **I know that nothing good lives in me.**

P: That is, in my sinful nature.

C: **For I have the desire to do good.**

P: But I cannot carry it out.

C: **For what I do is not the good I want to do.**

P: No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.

C: **I find this law at work—**

P: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

C: For in my inner being I delight in God's law.

P: But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.

All: Who will rescue me from this body of death?

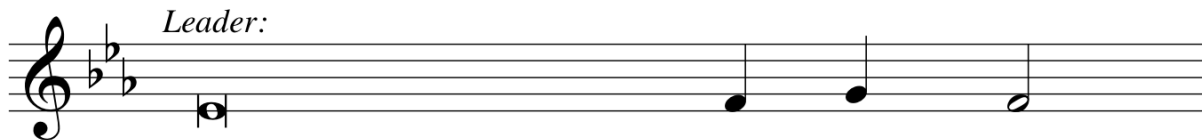
*[You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,
Christ's love is greater.]*

P: Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations.

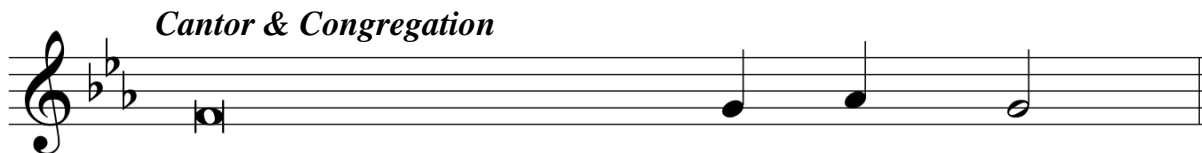
All: That we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise!

Please sit

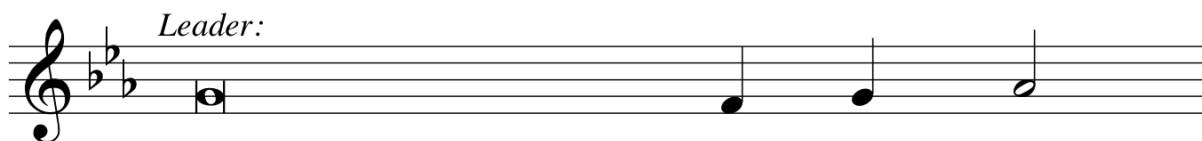
*[The following sentences are chanted responsively by Leader, Steve Denninger;
Cantor, Sierra Jacob; and the congregation.]*



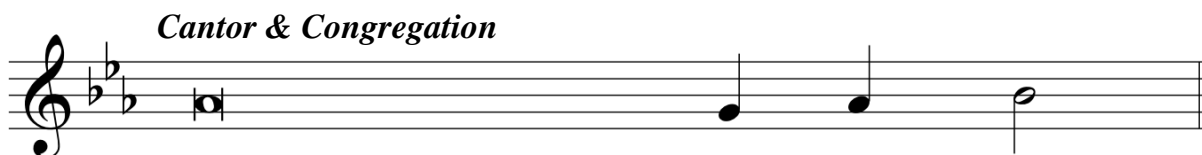
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



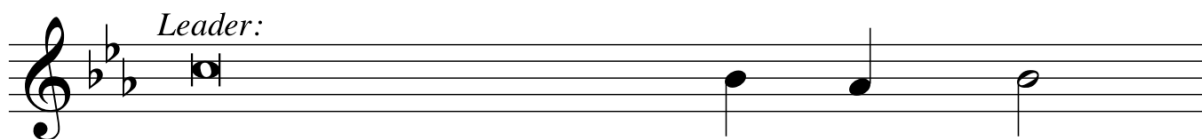
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



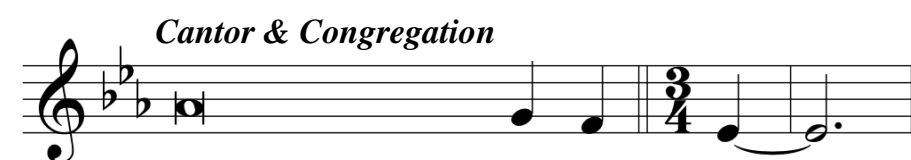
Stay with us now, for it is evening,



and the day is al - most over.



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

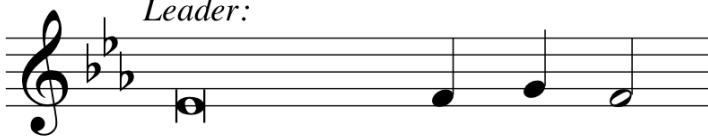
EVENING HYMN *(sung to the tune of LSB 445)*

1. Joyous light of heavenly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
You who sing creation's story, shine on every land and race.
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to You,
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

2. In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
In the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear Your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

3. You who made the heaven's splendor, every dancing star of night,
Make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect Your light.
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
Loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

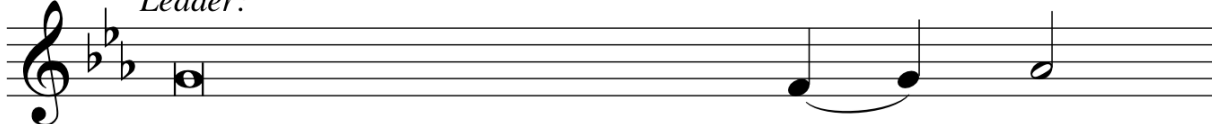
Text: Marty Haugen, © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.
Reprinted under: ONE LICENSE #730578-A

EVENING THANKSGIVING*Leader:*

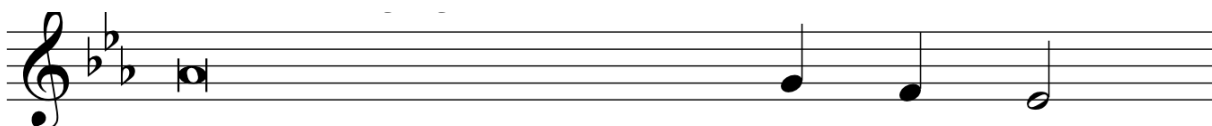
May God be with you all,

Cantor & Congregation

and al - so with you;

Leader:

Let us sing our thanks to ——— God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Contributors: Tune © 1990, 2016 GIA Publications, Inc.
Text: Tune © 1990, 2016 GIA Publications, Inc.
Reprinted under: ONE LICENSE #730578-A

(Sung by Leader) Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

Text and music; Marty Haugen, b. 1950; © 1990, 2016 GIA Publications, Inc.
Reprinted under: ONE LICENSE #730578-A

PSALMODY Psalm 141 *(sung by Leader and Cantor)*

[Congregation is invited to sing along with the Leader.]

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

O God, I call to you, come to me now;
O hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Keep watch within me God;
deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

All praise to the God of all— Creator of life;
all praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Contributors: Marty Haugen, Text & Music: © 1990, 2016 GIA Publications, Inc.
Reprinted under: ONE LICENSE #730578-A

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord God, merciful Father, you are the God who made heaven and earth. Forgive us when we clamor for a different god and set our feet on the path that trusts you above all things; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

HYMN “My Song Is Love Unknown” *LSB 430 (stanzas 5-7)*

THE READINGS ARE ABOUT SURVIVING IN A SEX-CRAZED SOCIETY

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

¹When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ²So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.” ⁶And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

⁷And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and

EXODUS 32:1-14

said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people.

¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

If you are able, please remain standing for the hymn

HYMN “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” LSB 660 (stanzas 1-4)

SERMON

The Sixth Part in the Series
Exodus: Let My People Go!

“Digging Ourselves into a Hole”

(Exodus 32:1–14)

The Rev. Peter Gueldner

1 CORINTHIANS 10:5-8

drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MATTHEW 5:27-30

³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

TITHES AND OFFERING “Jesus Is” *Duet: Karen Archambault & Emma Olson;*
Lisa Olson, Accompanying

Please stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Following the pastor’s prayer, “Lord, in your mercy”,
the congregation is invited to respond, “**Hear our prayer.**”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

BENEDICTION

P: May the Almighty God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—
gather us from among the nations.

All: That we may give thanks to his holy name and glory in his praise!

Please sit

HYMN “Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow” *LSB 880 (stanzas 1-5)*

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * ***

Everyone is invited to enjoy soup supper tonight following the service. Serving Cream of Potato Soup and Chicken Gnocchi Soup. All proceeds will go to the Trinity Youth.

| <u>Leading Worship</u> | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Pastor The Rev. Peter Gueldner | Leader Steve Denninger |
| Cantor Sierra Jacob | Soundboard Chrysteena Saehler |
| Elder Mark Prieve | Worship Assistant Rich Delaske |
| Music Barbara Mrosko, Organist; | |
| Duet: Karen Archambault & Emma Olson; Lisa Olson, Accompanying | |



- ✠ **PALM SUNDAY— March 23, 5:30 p.m. & March 24, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**
(8:00 a.m. live streamed and KDHL 920AM; 10:30 a.m. live streamed)
- ✠ **MAUNDY THURSDAY— March 28, 7:00 p.m. with Holy Communion**
(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)
- ✠ **GOOD FRIDAY—March 29, 7:00 p.m.:** *(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)*
- ✠ **EASTER VIGIL—March 30, 5:30 p.m. with Holy Communion**
- ✠ **EASTER SUNDAY—March 31, 8:00 a.m.**
Festival Service with Holy Communion *(live streamed and KDHL 920AM)*
- ✠ **EASTER SUNDAY—March 31, 10:30 a.m.**
Connection Service (contemporary) with Holy Communion *(live streamed)*

Join us for Easter Breakfast on March 31, 9-10:30 a.m.!

Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, fruit and beverage. Free will offering

March 31, 10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt/Scavenger Hunt