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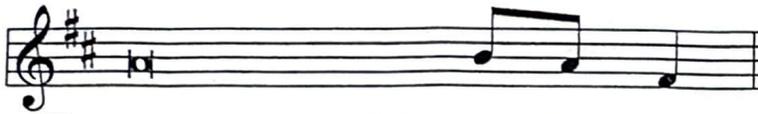
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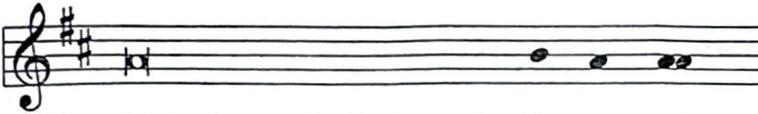
Psalmody



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



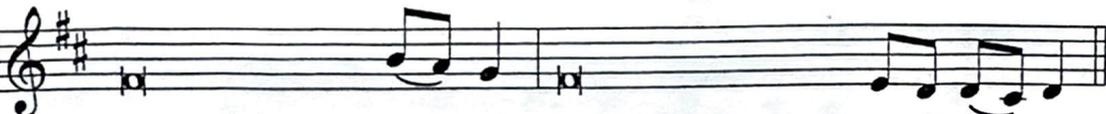
L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



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.



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

Psalm 84

- ¹How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!
- ²My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts | of the LORD;*
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the | living God.
- ³Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King | and my God.
- ⁴Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!
- ⁵Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.
- ⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca
they make it a | place of springs;*
the early rain also covers | it with pools.
- ⁷They go from | strength to strength;*
each one appears before God in | Zion.
- ⁸O LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of | Jacob!
- ⁹Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!
- ¹⁰For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.
- ¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield;
the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk up- | rightly.
- ¹²O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

OAR 284 Lord and Savior, Do You Hear Us



1 Lord and Sav - ior, do You hear us? Have You turned Your
2 Then, Your Fa - ther's will ac - com-plished, And Your blood for
3 When dis - tress and trou - ble grieve us, Bring - ing ill - ness,
4 In the world, Lord, You have told us There is trou - ble



face a - way? Do You know the pain we suf - fer
sin - ners shed, To Your Fa - ther's hands com - mit - ted,
storm, or loss, May we, pa - tient - ly en - dur - ing,
to en - dure. Fill our doubt - ing hearts with cour - age,



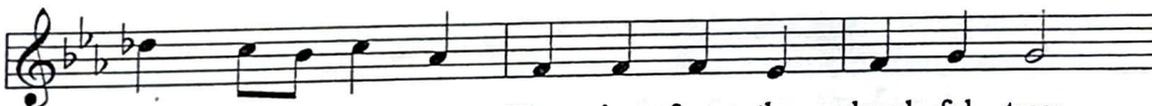
And the fear we face each day? Yet You, Lord, have
You, dear Sav - ior, bowed Your head. Dy - ing, trust - ing
Bear with faith - ful - ness the cross. As we, Lord, re -
For in You our hope is sure. As with Your dis -



known our sor - row; You have shared our grief and pain.
in Your Fa - ther, Know - ing You would con - quer death,
ceive Your mer - cy, May we then Your mer - cy share,
ci - ples sail - ing On the wind - y, storm-tossed sea,



As the Lamb for sin - ners slain, You cried out in
You gave up Your fi - nal breath. May we al - so,
Giv - ing com - fort, hope, and care. For this work may
You a - woke and heard their plea, Still - ing storm and



si - lent dark - ness, Hang - ing from the dread - ful tree:
though un - see - ing, Trust our Fa - ther to ful - fill
we be nour - ished, As our hearts to love are stirred,
wind and wa - ter, Bid our fear and sor - row cease

“Why have You for - sak - en Me?”
 Ev - 'ry pur - pose of His will.
 By Your Sup - per and Your Word.
 With Your qui - et Word of peace.

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Readings

Reading

Lamentations 3

Jeremiah

- ¹I am the man who has seen affliction
under the rod of his wrath;
- ²he has driven and brought me
into darkness without any light;
- ³surely against me he turns his hand
again and again the whole day long.
- ⁴He has made my flesh and my skin waste away;
he has broken my bones;
- ⁵he has besieged and enveloped me
with bitterness and tribulation;
- ⁶he has made me dwell in darkness
like the dead of long ago.
- ⁷He has walled me about so that I cannot escape;
he has made my chains heavy;
- ⁸though I call and cry for help,
he shuts out my prayer;
- ⁹he has blocked my ways with blocks of stones;
he has made my paths crooked.
- ¹⁰He is a bear lying in wait for me,
a lion in hiding;
- ¹¹he turned aside my steps and tore me to pieces;
he has made me desolate;
- ¹²he bent his bow and set me
as a target for his arrow.
- ¹³He drove into my kidneys
the arrows of his quiver;

¹⁴I have become the laughingstock of all peoples,
the object of their taunts all day long.
¹⁵He has filled me with bitterness;
he has sated me with wormwood.
¹⁶He has made my teeth grind on gravel,
and made me cower in ashes;
¹⁷my soul is bereft of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness is;
¹⁸so I say, "My endurance has perished;
so has my hope from the LORD."
¹⁹Remember my affliction and my wanderings,
the wormwood and the gall!
²⁰My soul continually remembers it
and is bowed down within me.
²¹But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.
²⁸Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;
²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;
³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
cast off forever,
³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve the children of men.
³⁴To crush underfoot
all the prisoners of the earth,

³⁵to deny a man justice
in the presence of the Most High,
³⁶to subvert a man in his lawsuit,
the Lord does not approve.
³⁷Who has spoken and it came to pass,
unless the Lord has commanded it?
³⁸Is it not from the mouth of the Most High
that good and bad come?
³⁹Why should a living man complain,
a man, about the punishment of his sins?
⁴⁰Let us test and examine our ways,
and return to the LORD!
⁴¹Let us lift up our hearts and hands
to God in heaven:

Stand

⁴²“We have transgressed and rebelled,
and you have not forgiven.
⁴³“You have wrapped yourself with anger and pursued us,
killing without pity;
⁴⁴you have wrapped yourself with a cloud
so that no prayer can pass through.
⁴⁵You have made us scum and garbage
among the peoples.
⁴⁶“All our enemies
open their mouths against us;
⁴⁷panic and pitfall have come upon us,
devastation and destruction;
⁴⁸my eyes flow with rivers of tears
because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.
⁴⁹“My eyes will flow without ceasing,
without respite,
⁵⁰until the LORD from heaven
looks down and sees;
⁵¹my eyes cause me grief
at the fate of all the daughters of my city.

Sit

⁵²“I have been hunted like a bird
by those who were my enemies without cause;
⁵³they flung me alive into the pit
and cast stones on me;
⁵⁴water closed over my head;

I said, 'I am lost.'

⁵⁵I called on your name, O LORD,
from the depths of the pit;

⁵⁶you heard my plea, 'Do not close
your ear to my cry for help!'

⁵⁷You came near when I called on you;
you said, 'Do not fear!'

⁵⁸"You have taken up my cause, O Lord;
you have redeemed my life.

⁵⁹You have seen the wrong done to me, O LORD;
judge my cause.

⁶⁰You have seen all their vengeance,
all their plots against me.

⁶¹"You have heard their taunts, O LORD,
all their plots against me.

⁶²The lips and thoughts of my assailants
are against me all the day long.

⁶³Behold their sitting and their rising;
I am the object of their taunts.

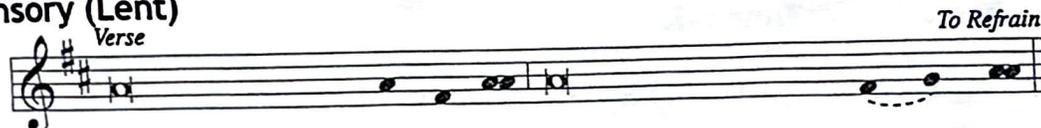
⁶⁴"You will repay them, O LORD,
according to the work of their hands.

⁶⁵You will give them dullness of heart;
your curse will be on them.

⁶⁶You will pursue them in anger and destroy them
from under your heavens, O LORD."

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)



- 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.

448 O Darkest Woe (stanzas 3-5)

Offering

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie



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

Lord's Prayer

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.

Collect of the Day

P O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - - men.

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.



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Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.

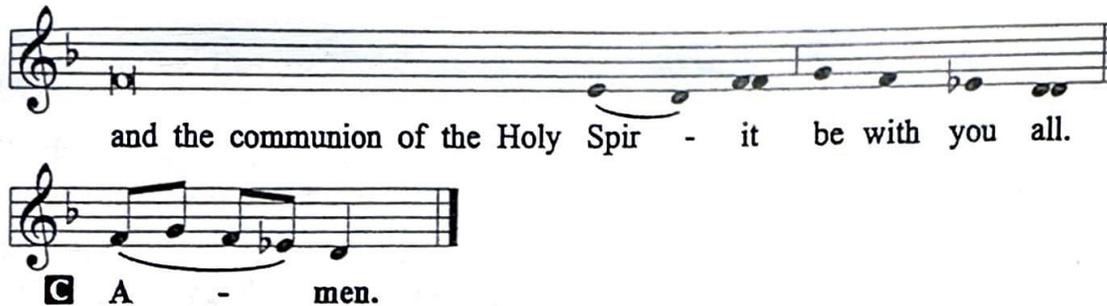


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction



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



809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Now Enrolling Students for 2026/2027 School Year at Immanuel Lutheran School, Okawville.

Preschool -8th Grade

March 15th during the PTL Breakfast

March 19th 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Please call 618-243-6142 or stop by the school office with any questions.

Grandparent's Day is Friday, March 13th 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. with early dismissal at 12:20 p.m.

The PTL Pancake Breakfast is Sunday, March 15 7:30 – 12:00. Please call the school office or see any ILS/Wee Care student for tickets. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door.

Scholastic Book Fair is March 15th – March 19th in the ILS gym. The book fair will be open for everyone Sunday, March 15th at the PTL Pancake Breakfast, Wednesday, March 18th 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 19th 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.