

**SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER  
WITH THE  
ASSIGNMENT OF CALLS**



**THE FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER  
APRIL 28, 2026 · 7 P.M.**

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS**



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### **Welcome to the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus**

We are happy to have you here to sound the praise of God through music and His Word. We are blessed with a reverberant worship space that enhances those praises as they echo throughout the room. This also means that extra noises are also magnified. If it becomes necessary to quiet a distressed child, we encourage you to use the narthex as a place to do so. The narthex windows will allow you to see and participate until you and your child are able to join the assembly again. Thank you for your consideration of those around you.



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*In nomine Jesu*



**Prelude**

**Komm, Gott Schöpfer**

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

*As the processional hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross.*

**Processional Hymn**

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest**

LSB 498/499

Arranged by Carl Schalk (1929–2021)

The choir sings stanzas 2, 4, and 6.

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make  
Choir: 2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,  
3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's  
Choir: 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed

our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and  
the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the  
al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of  
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our

heav'n-ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.  
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.  
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide,  
No evil can with us abide.

Choir: 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.

△ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776–856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.  
Tune: *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, 1533, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug.

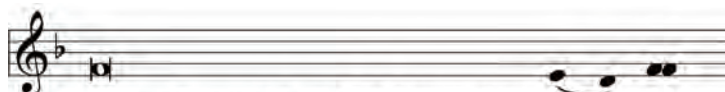
## SERVICE OF LIGHT



**L** Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.



**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.



**L** We are illumined by the brightness of His ris - ing.



**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.



**L** Death has no more dominion o - ver us.



**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alle - lu - ia.

### Phos Hilaron - *Hymn of Light*



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -  
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:  
 the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

### Thanksgiving for Light

☐ Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,  
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of  
 fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;  
 may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
 for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion  
 and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.  
 ☐ A - men.

*Sit*

# PSALMODY

## Psalm 141

Everyone sings the parts marked **C**; the pulpit side sings the parts marked **I**; the lectern side sings the parts marked **II**.

**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice  
when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips,  
**I** Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;  
let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.  
Strip me not of my life. **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.

Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**L** Let us pray.

*Silence for individual prayer.*

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C** Amen.



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me beside the still waters.  
He restoreth my soul.  
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me;  
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

KJV

## READINGS

### First Reading

Revelation 7:13–17

- L** A reading from Revelation, the seventh chapter.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.  
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.  
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

1 Our Pas-chal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sac-ri-ficed. O keep  
 2 Let all our lives now cel-e-brate The feast; let mal-ice die.  
 3 Let all our deeds, u-nan-i-mous, Con-fess Him as our Lord

The feast of free-dom gal-lant-ly; Let al-le-lu-ias leap:  
 Let love grow strong a-new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.  
 Who by the Spir-it lives in us, The Fa-ther's liv-ing Word.

*Refrain*  
 Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-  
 gain Sing al-le-lu-ia, cry a-loud: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–76.

Tune: Walter L. Pelz, 1926.

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## Second Reading

John 10:11–18

- L** A reading from the Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

*Silence for reflection on God's Word.*

- L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

## Sermon

Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB 709

The congregation is invited to sing stanzas 2 and 3 in harmony. The choir sings stanza 4.

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77  
Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent.

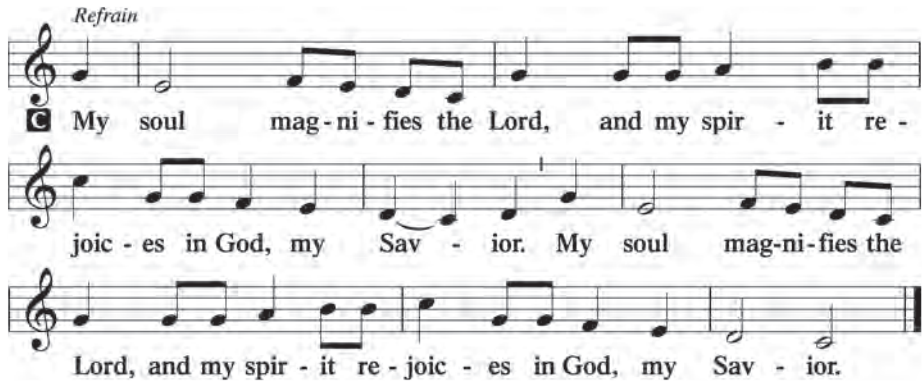
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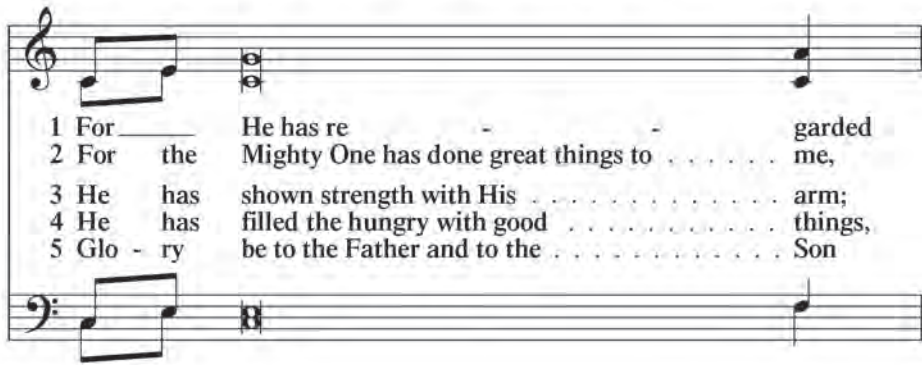
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## Magnificat

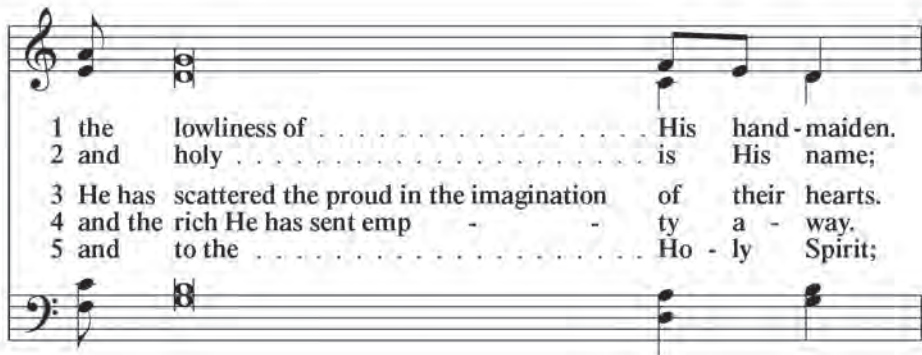
*Refrain*



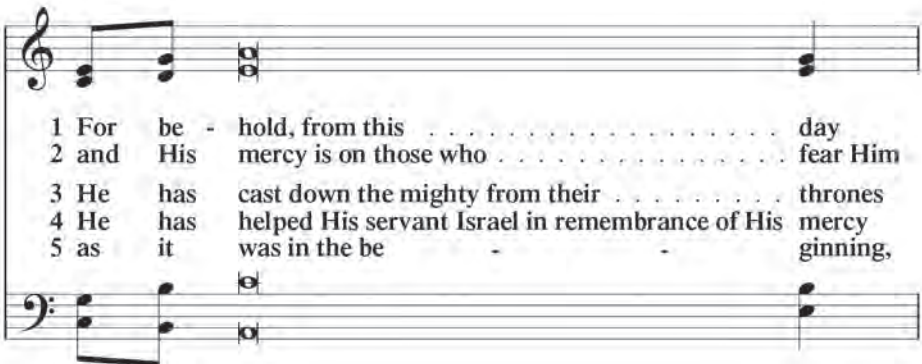
My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the  
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



1 For He has re - garded  
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,  
3 He has shown strength with His arm;  
4 He has filled the hungry with good things,  
5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.  
2 and holy is His name;  
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
4 and the rich He has sent empty a - way.  
5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this day  
2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him  
3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones  
4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
5 as it was in the be - ginning,

1 all generations will call me blessed.  
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*  
 3 and has exalt ed the lowly.  
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

## PRAYER

### Litany

*The congregation's response begins just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation. The last note of the response is hummed by all as each prayer bid is sung.*

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For Matthew, our Synod President, for all our District Presidents, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For Donald, our President, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this place, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

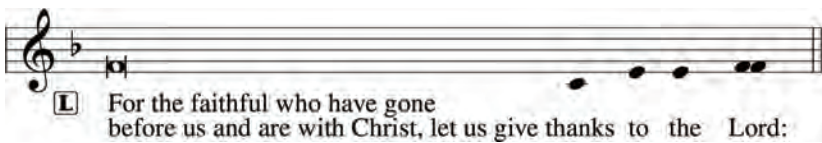
**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For all our ministerial and diaconal candidates and the congregations and places they will serve, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

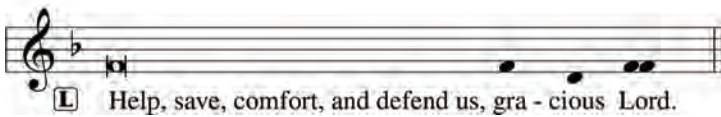
*The prayers then continue:*



**L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

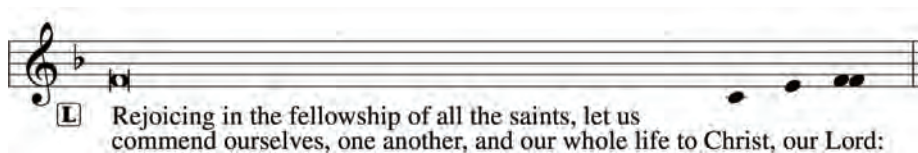


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



**C** To You, O Lord.

## Choral Prayer

Collect for Divine Guidance  
Music by Samuel Eatherton

Lord God,  
You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with good courage,  
not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us  
and Your love supporting us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## 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.
- C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

## Benedicamus and Benediction



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.



**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

**Recessional Hymn**

**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

LSB 793

Arranged by Donald Busarow (1934–2011)

The choir sings stanza 3.



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
 2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
 3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
 frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
 face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King,  
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847.  
Tune: John Goss, 1800–80.

**Postlude**

**Lauda Anima**

By David Cherwien

*Soli Deo Gloria*

## In the Lord's Service

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John Miller, trombone  
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