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# PASTORAL WELCOME/RINGING OF THE BELL

## OPENING HYMN

### *Not All the Blood of Beasts* LSB 431



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Jew - ish al - tars slain  
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our sins a - way;  
3 My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,  
4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den Thou didst bear  
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the curse re - move;



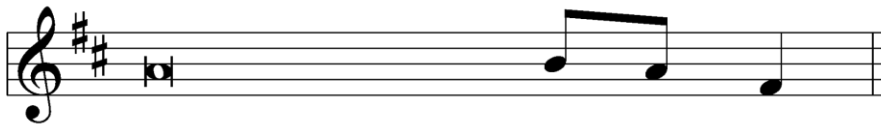
Could give the guilt - y con - science peace Or wash a - way the stain.  
A sac - ri - fice of no - bler name And rich - er blood than they.  
While as a pen - i - tent I stand, And there con - fess my sin.  
When hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there.  
We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice And sing His bleed - ing love.

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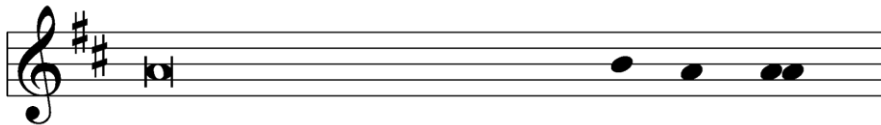
## MATINS



**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.

## PSALMODY

## *Psalm 32*

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

**Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.** *(ESV)*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Amos 4:6-13*

<sup>6</sup>“I gave you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, yet you did not return to me,” declares the Lord. <sup>7</sup>“I also withheld the rain from you when there were yet three months to the harvest; I would send rain on one city, and send no rain on another city; one field would have rain, and the field on which it did not rain would wither; <sup>8</sup>so two or three cities would wander to another city to drink water, and would not be satisfied; yet you did not return to me,” declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup>“I struck you with blight and mildew; your many gardens and your vineyards, your fig trees and your olive trees the locust devoured; yet you did not return to me,” declares the Lord. <sup>10</sup>“I sent among you a pestilence after the manner of Egypt; I killed your young men with the sword, and carried away your horses, and I made the stench of your camp go up into your nostrils; yet you did not return to me,” declares the Lord. <sup>11</sup>“I overthrew some of you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a brand plucked out of the burning; yet you did not return to me,” declares the Lord. <sup>12</sup>“Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!” <sup>13</sup>For behold, he who forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what is his thought, who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth— the Lord, the God of hosts, is his name! *(ESV)*

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *(ESV)*

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**C Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 15:11-24*

<sup>11</sup> [Jesus] said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I



# SERMON HYMN

## Today Your Mercy Calls Us LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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## SERMON “RETURN TO THE LORD, WHO DOES CALLING YOU TIRE OF CALLING YOU” AMOS 4:6-13

# PRAYERS

## KYRIE



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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Remember us in Thy kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## THE COLLECTS



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with your spir - it.

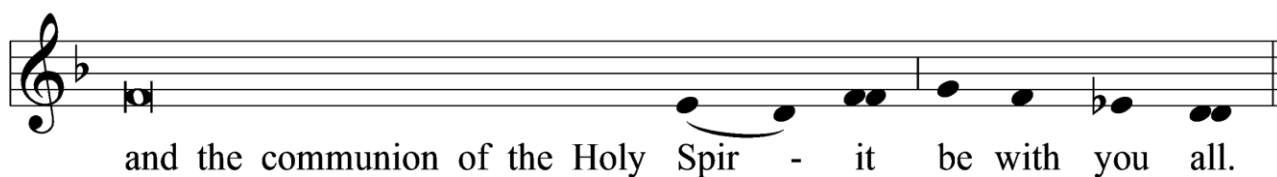
*The Pastor prays, concluding after each collect either:*

... through Jesus Christ, our Lord OR

... one God, now and forever.



## BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION



# CLOSING HYMN

## *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive* LSB 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
5 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scar - let  
7 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Al - so I have



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
my trans - gres - sion, It shall be as white as snow  
been for - giv - en; And when I this earth must leave,



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
By Thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion; For these words I  
I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
now be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
Him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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# POSTLUDE

## SILENT PRAYER

*You may remain in the chapel and pray as long as you desire. You may depart as soon as you are prepared to do so. God's blessings on you until He gathers us again by His Spirit to receive His divine gifts and praise His holy Name.*

## **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

*Please join us for the Worship Services and other Spiritual Programs. Attendance at Worship and other events **in The Chapel** is determined by Official Government Regulations for Health Care Facilities. **This Schedule is subject (and likely) to change at any time.***

### **Offerings**

*Your gifts and offerings in support of the ministry of the Gospel at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are welcome and appreciated. Please place them in the basket at the entrance to the chapel as you arrive or leave.*

*Those interested in membership in The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are asked to speak with the pastor.*

***Portals of Prayer** daily devotional booklets for the current and upcoming quarter in regular or large print are available in the Chapel for personal spiritual growth.*

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