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Schedule

9:30 AM Adult Bible Study
10:30 AM Divine Service

Today's Hymns

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+ Psalm

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9

1Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

2Great are the works | of the Lord,*
studied by all who de- | light in them.

3Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

4He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;*
the Lord is gracious and | merciful.

5He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

6He has shown his people the power | of his works,*
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.

7The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;

8they are established forever and | ever,*
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.

9He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*

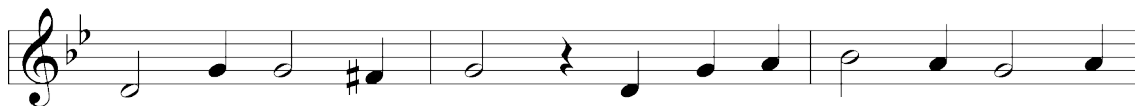
Holy and awesome | is his name!

10The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!

719 | Leave All Things to God's Direction



1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me
 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for
 3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,
 4 My God has all things in His keep-ing; He is the



both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
 me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -
 too, de - sires to save. There-fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
 ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter



fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for-tress
 grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
 na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
 weep-ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -



and my rock is He: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.
 preme must ev - er be: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.
 done e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.
 dures e - ter - nal - ly: What pleas-es God, that pleas - es me.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.**

Service of the Word

+ INTROIT

Psalms 19:1, 4-6; Antiphona



Shower, O heavens, | from above,*
and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;*
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.*
In them he has set a tent | for the sun,

which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,*
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.

Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of them,*
and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit;*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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and let the clouds rain down | righteousness;

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit;*
let the earth cause them | both to sprout.

+ Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ **OLD TESTAMENT READING**.....*Deuteronomy 18:15-19*

“The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the Lord said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ GRADUAL

Psalm 145:18, 21



**The Lord is near to all who | call on him,*
to all who call on | him in truth.**

**My mouth will speak the praise | of the Lord,*
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and | ever.**

+ THE EPISTLE *John 1:19-28*

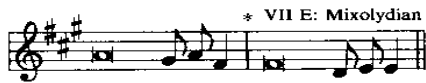
This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.” So they said to him, “Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, “Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

+ **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**.....p. 190

Psalm 40:17b



You are my help and my de- | liverer;*
do not delay, | O my God!

+ **TRIPLE ALLELUIA-** page 190

- P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the First chapter.
- G** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL**.....*Luke 1:39-56*

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- G** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from

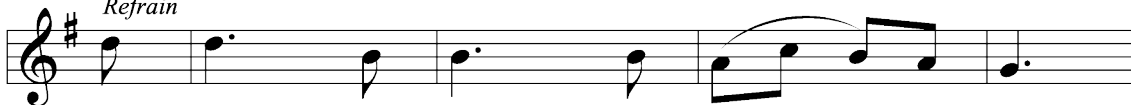


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

5 O come, Thou Key of David,
come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on
high,
And close the path to misery.
Refrain

6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on
high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of
night,
And death's dark shadows put to
flight. Refrain

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Refrain

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

Tune: French, 15th cent.

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+ Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Offertory LSB 192

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

+ Offering

Stand

+ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

682 GOD OF THE PROPHETS, BLESS THE PROPHETS' SONS



1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph - ets' sons;
 2 A - noint them proph - ets, men who are in - tent
 3 A - noint them priests, strong in - ter - ces - sors they,
 4 A - noint them kings, yes, king - ly kings, O Lord.
 5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of Your cross;



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.
 To be Your wit - ness - es in word and deed,
 For par - don and for love and hope and peace,
 A - noint them with the Spir - it of Your Son.
 Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.



Each age its sol - emn task may claim but once;
 Their hearts a - flame, their lips made el - o - quent,
 That, through their plead - ing, guilt - y sin - ners may
 Theirs not a jew - eled crown, a blood - stained sword;
 In - spired by You, may they count all but loss



Make each one no - bler, strong - er than the last.
 Their eyes a - wake to ev - 'ry hu - man need.
 Find Je - sus' mer - cy and from sin re - lease.
 Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a king - dom won.
 And stand at last with joy be - fore Your face.

Text: Denis Wortman, 1835–1922, alt.

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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Service of the Sacrament

+ Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

+ Sanctus

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

+ 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.

+ The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

+ Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

+ Distribution

+ **Distribution Hymn:** 355 *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
 When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,
 When will our hearts behold Your
 dawn?

O Sun, arise; without Your light
 We grope in gloom and dark of
 night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
 Grim death looms fierce before our
 eyes.

O come, lead us with mighty hand
 From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises
 bring
 And sing to You, our Savior King;
 There shall we laud You and adore
 Forever and evermore.

Text: Friedrich von Spee, 1591–1635; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–67, alt.

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349 Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51

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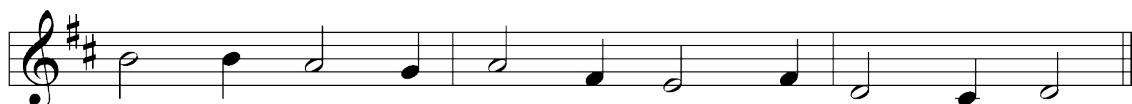
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Stand

+ Nunc Dimittis

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

+ **Thanksgiving**

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

+ **Salutation**

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

+ **Benedicamus**

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

+ **Benediction**

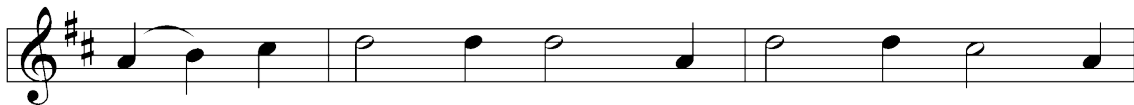
LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

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