

✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #330

"I Come to Thee, O Blessed Lord"

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

C  Amen.

P O Lord, open Thou my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

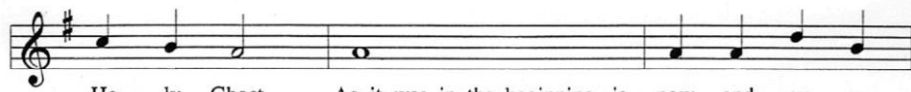
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



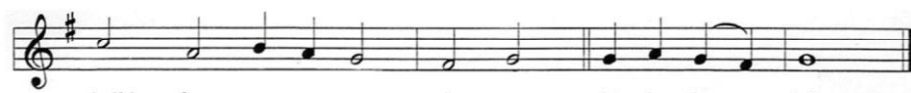
C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



shall be: for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Sins

P "God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desires that sinners repent, turn from their wicked ways, and live."

Ezek. 33:11

C "Teach me, and I will be silent; make me understand how I have gone astray."

Job 6:24

P "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."

Rom. 3:10-12

C “I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.” Ps. 51:3-4

P Jesus declared: “I am the resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” John 11:25-26

C “Yes, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” John 11:27

Absolution of Sins

P “The Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.” “In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”

C **Thanks be to God!** 2 Sam. 12:13; Eph. 1:7

Response Tune of WS #761

C *♩ My soul rejoices, My spirit voices— Sing the greatness of the Lord! For God my Savior Has shown me favor— Sing the greatness of the Lord! With praise and blessing, Join in confessing God, who is solely Mighty and holy— O sing the greatness of God the Lord! His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!*

His arm now baring, His strength declaring— Sing the greatness of the Lord! The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters— Sing the greatness of the Lord! Oppression halted; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy— O sing the greatness of God the Lord! Here is the token All that was spoken, To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling— O sing the greatness of God the Lord!



Revelation 12:7-12

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon.

And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that

ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world-- he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. ¹² Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Choir

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Hymn: TLH #56

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"



Romans 8:33

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

"The Silence of Satan"

Hymn: TLH #106:1-4, 6

"The People That in Darkness Sat"

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Luther's Evening Prayer

C In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

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 His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: TLH #85:13-15 “From Heaven Above to Earth I Come”



Finger Food Potluck will be held after the service this evening.

Caroling Sunday – Please be sure to bring a potluck dish and your singing voices on Sunday! After the service, we will be caroling at various locations, first sitting down for a potluck before we go.

Christmas Eve Service – Tuesday, Dec. 24th @ 6:30 pm

Christmas Day Service – Wednesday, Dec. 25th @ 9:30 am

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