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We gather around the Word (worship)
We grow in the Word (education)
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).



# **Abiding Word Evangelical Lutheran Church Wisconsin Synod**

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## Welcome!

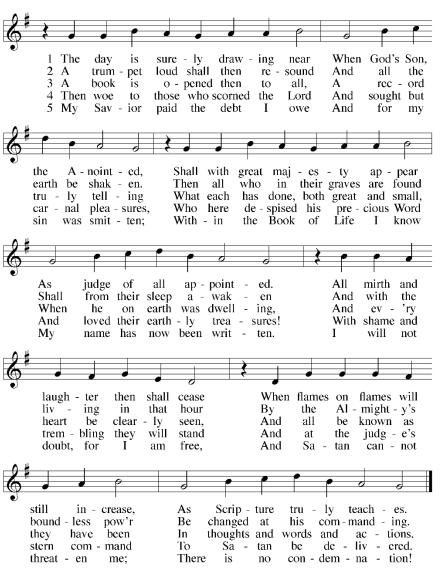
To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) Join us for coffee after the service. To allow for social distancing, please don't linger in front of the kitchen and bathroom.

## **Lutheran Worship**

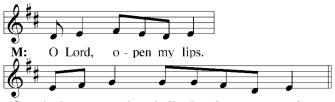
The Lutheran church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. Through the sermon, Lord's Supper, in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.

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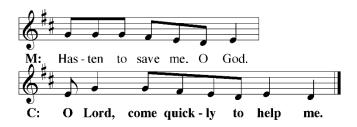
# The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation; We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation. Your saints are waiting patiently; Come soon, Redeemer; make us free From ev'ry evil. Amen.



C: And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen



Be seated

M:





Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

#### REFRAIN

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.

You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow,

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

#### REFRAIN

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

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.

#### REFRAIN

FIRST LESSON MALACHI 4:1,2

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.

SECOND LESSON HEBREWS 9:24-28

For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

GOSPEL JOHN 5:19-24

Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

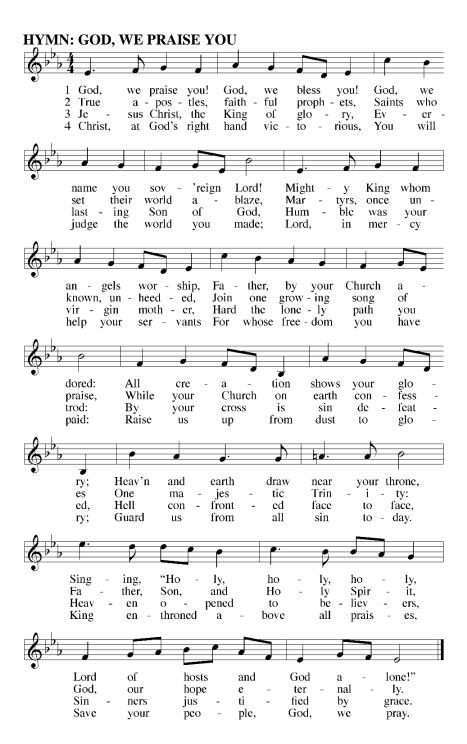
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# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



SERMON on MALACHI 4:1,2

NO SECOND CHANCES





M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



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

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Rejoicing in Christ's promise of an eternal kingdom prepared for those who are covered with His righteousness, we pray that we may remain faithful, and for all people that they may find eternal life in Christ Jesus.

We pray for the Church, built by Christ on His Word and blessed Sacraments, that we would never be ashamed of our Lord or any of His words, but joyfully confess Him and His full truth before all people.

We pray for pastors and missionaries, that mindful of our Lord's final coming to judge the living and the dead, they would hold fast to His Word and use it to feed His sheep and to call to repentance those who have fallen into error.

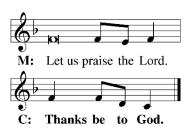
We pray for your saints who are hurting in any way. We ask you to help them set their minds on things above, that they may be prepared to receive Christ in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of their faith now and to life everlasting.

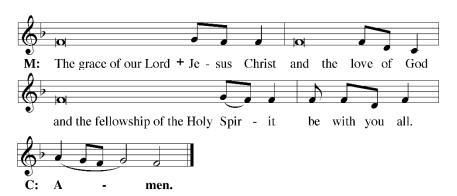
Gracious heavenly Father, through Your Son's death and resurrection, You have prepared for us an everlasting home. Deliver us from all the attacks of our sinful flesh, the devil, and our world, that trusting in Your Son by the work of the Holy Spirit, we may serve You the only true God, and on the last day be delivered from this sinful world into paradise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

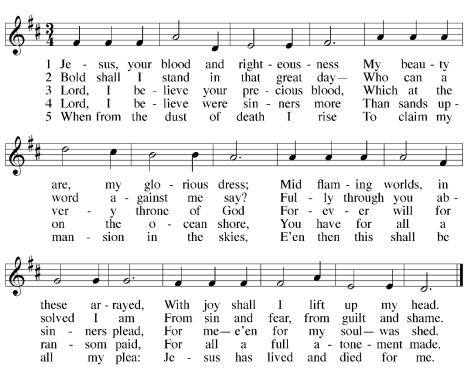
M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

## C: Amen.





# Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly! Your boundless mercy has for me, For me and all your hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.