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Deliver Us From Evil

*"Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;
preserve me from violent men" (Psalm 140:1).*



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South & East Pastors Conference
May 9–10, 2023 | Frankenmuth, Mich.

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Speaker

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Paul Snyder received his bachelor's degree from Concordia College—River Forest (now Concordia University Chicago). He began serving Concordia Plans in 1982. In 1998 he became focused on benefit education, helping workers with pre-retirement planning and financial education. Coming from a family of church workers, Paul wants those serving the church to be financially well so they can focus on their ministries.

Note: All sessions & meals will be in the Composer Rooms
 Exhibits and Breaks will be held in the Composer Rooms' Lobby

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

- 9-10 a.m. Registration and Coffee/Juice – St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- 10-11:30 a.m. Divine Service – St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Registration – Composers Rooms' Lobby – Bavarian Inn Lodge
- 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch
- 11:30-5:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open
- 1-2 p.m. **Session 1 – Dr. Robert A. Kolb | Martin Luther's Deepening the Definition of Sin**
- 2-2:30 p.m. Church Extension Fund – Mr. James R. Saalfeld, Mr. John H. Bates, & Mr. Andrew O. Sohn
 CUA – Rev. Dr. Ryan R. Peterson | Wellspring – Mr. David M. Gehm
- 2:30-3 p.m. Break
- 3-4 p.m. President's Report | Rev. David A. Davis
- 4-5 p.m. **Session 2 – Dr. Robert A. Kolb | Whatever Happened to Sin?**
- 5-5:15 p.m. Devotion | Rev. Daniel A. Potts
- 5:15-9 p.m. Bar Open | *Sponsored by Michigan District Church Extension Fund*
- 6 p.m. Dinner and Gemütlichkeit

Wednesday, May 10, 2023


- 8-9 a.m. Breakfast
- 8-11 a.m. Exhibit Hall Open
- 9-9:15 a.m. Morning Devotions | Rev. Richard A. Zeile
- 9:15-9:20 a.m. CAN Council | Compassion Ministry
- 9:20-11 a.m. **Session 3 - Dr. Robert A. Kolb | Preaching and Pastoral Care in a Sinful World/Q & A**
- 11-11:15 a.m. Itinerarium/Closing Devotion | Rev. Bryan K. Schindel & Rev. Daniel C. Howard
- 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m. Optional Session/Boxed Lunch – "I'm Ready for Retirement ... OR Am I?" – Paul Snyder
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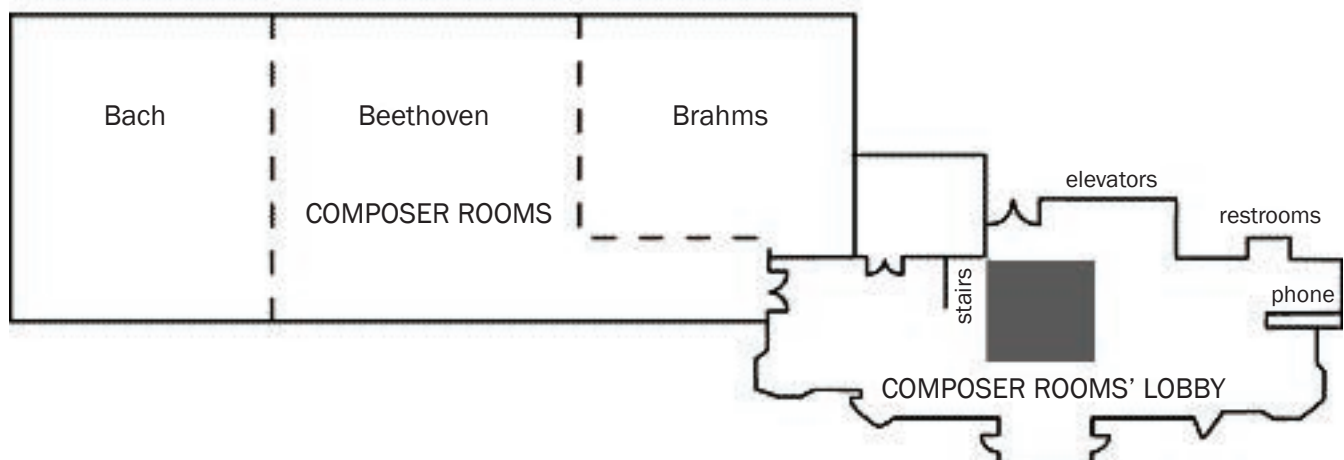
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Session 1: Martin Luther's Deepening the Definition of Sin

As with other terms in medieval theology, Luther turned to Scripture to deepen the understanding of sin, defining the original sin as the doubt of Adam and Eve in Eden that makes all their descendants "natural" doubters. All other sins stem from the doubt that divides human creatures from their Creator and His Word. Luther analyzed the actual sins that stem from that original sin through a grid which examined human life in its vocational structure according to His commands. He aimed at mortifying the flesh and actively combatting sin in his own life and the lives of his hearers and readers.

- I. Martin Luther's optimism about human life.
- II. Luther's personal confrontations with evil
 - A. Luther and his own death
 - B. Luther faces the deaths of loved ones
 - C. Luther on the defeat of death
 - D. Luther confronts the exploitation by bankers and courtiers
 - E. Luther's concerns about sin in the lives of hearers/readers
- III. Luther faces God's law and God's wrath
 - A. Luther on the goodness of the law
 - B. Luther's use of the law to instruct
 - C. Luther and the law's accusing and crushing force
- IV. Luther faces Satan
 - A. Luther's new emphasis on Satan (after 1521)
 - B. Satan's attacks on human well-being: human beings as victims
 - C. Luther faces "the white devil" of heresy and of despair
 - D. Luther takes seriously Satan's super-human powers
- V. Luther defines original sin as doubt
 - A. The Hebrew words for sin:

1. Pescha (פֶּשַׁע)
 2. Aon (עוֹן)
 3. Hattaa (חַטָּא)
 4. Rascha (רָשָׁע)
- B. The Greek words for sin:
1. Sin (Αμαρτία)
 2. (Αδικία)
- C. The nature of doubt
- D. The desire and need to “be God himself”
- E. The sin of pious reliance on one’s own performance
- VI. The whole Christian life is a life of struggle against evil (or repentance)
- A. Luther combats actual sins in Wittenberg: the example of the seventh commandment
 - B. Mortification of the flesh
 - C. Romans 7 and the *simul justus et peccator, simul penitens et fidens*
 - D. Luther on guilt and shame
 - E. Luther on fear
 - F. The fragility of the sinful psyche, its impact, and its consolation

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Session 2: Whatever Happened to Sin?

Societies always define behavior that is out of bounds because it threatens social order. Scripture gives us God's definition of sin within the larger context of its description of evil, and His definition is the standard by which we can probe the distress of our hearers and the disruptions they experience in their lives. Sin is defined by God's law as well as human laws; it is the opposite of righteousness or proper human identity. Idolatry, the worship of false gods, stands at the heart of our sinfulness.

- I. Societal definition of sins through societal need
 - A. At some point of frequency, "sin" becomes tolerable in public discourse.
 - B. Material prosperity/security breeds space for erratic living that is intolerable in hard-pressed societies.
 - C. Luther's conscience = worldview, perception of reality.
 1. Desire for control of life is a part of that conscience.
 2. Possibilities for individual control increase with material prosperity, enabling the "I did it my way" mentality.
- II. Doubt of God's Word
 - A. Not simply absence of the good but active defiance of God's lordship
 - B. Why need a God at all?
 1. Human life as formed by trust, schalom (Erik Erikson)
 2. The PRISM of life: identity, security, meaning, presence, respect.
 3. Turned in upon the self and the creation of gods in our own image
 - C. Four kinds of gods:
 1. human
 2. divided divine power: multiple objects of trust
 3. impersonal divine Spirit
 4. personal, speaking Creator
 - D. Perversion of language as tool of Satan (George Orwell's 1984)
 - E. Idols formed from God's blessings
 - F. Idols formed in defiance of God's order

G. Christian “burn-out” as the grounds of apostasy

III. The kinds of evils our people experience

A. The ease of doubt in the face of materialism and individualism: the failure of the message of convince

1. In a world totally touched by human hands, getting our hands on the right toys is all we need for a good life.
2. Syncretism> making gods in our own image with a mix and match religion.
3. Individualism produces tolerance of all idols: if I can stand on my own two feet, I do not need to have any one else to provide firm footing.
4. “My rights” and “my freedom” destroy community and the need for God.
5. Angry Father as God has been replaced by a neglectful, absent, disengaged Father image of God. He makes no difference.
6. The rise of suicides and depression reveals holes in the American façade.

B. Challenges of theodicy:

1. How is evil at all possible if God is good and almighty?
2. Why are some saved and not others?
3. Why do particular evils happen to good people?
4. Why is the church such a mess?
5. Why can I not master this particular sin?
6. External evils from nature and the larger society and the neighbor: the reactions of fear and shame.

C. Internal evils over which we seem to have no control: the reactions of fear and shame

1. Addictions
2. Alienation, loneliness
3. Meaninglessness
4. Illness and death

D. Internal evils over which we seem to have some control: the reaction of guilt and fear of consequences

1. Little slip-ups that we should have avoided

2. Deliberate acts violating our self-chosen standards or imposed standards

IV. Contemporary views of evil

A. Hannah Arendt (1906-1975), *Eichmann in Jerusalem*, 1963

1. Radical evil: the determination to do harm
2. Banal evil: the erosion of goodness

B. Ted Peters (1941-), *Sin, Radical Evil in Soul and Society*, 1994

1. Anxiety: The fear of loss
2. Unfaith: when trusting becomes difficult
3. Pride: making myself number one
4. Concupiscence: lusting after what they have
5. Self-justification: looking good while scapegoating others
6. Cruelty: enjoying my neighbor's suffering
7. Blasphemy: Satanic rituals and the destruction of the inner soul

V. The larger web of evil in our time

A. Systemic evil and group guilt

1. Being caught in larger system of exploitation that we do not notice, take for granted (imperialism, economic manipulation)
2. My guilt and my suffering consequences: the blessing of sharing the company of sufferers

B. Situations in which there are no good choices: determining the lesser of two evils

Session 3: Preaching and Pastoral Care in a Sinful World

The gospel of Jesus Christ comes as a message of liberation for both the perpetrators and the victims of sin and evil. How do we preach to those sinners in our congregations, who are also the righteous people of God, pronounced sinless in absolution and empowered by the Holy Spirit to practice righteousness? How do we cultivate a life of mortifying the flesh and defeating sinful habits and practices in the lives of our people? How do we comfort and strengthen those locked in conflict with addictions, fears, brokenness, and outright desire to defy certain of God's commands?

- I. The kinds of evil we most encounter
 - A. We dare no longer discount actual Satanic/demonic encounters
 - B. Individualism as the U.S.-American creed: *incurvatissimus in se*
 1. Vince Lombardi and the Houston Astros
 2. "my rights" or "my opportunities to love and serve"?
 - C. Materialism and its lure: Luther's mammon
 - D. Naming idols for what they are:
 1. Who is being served here?
 2. Why do I find the idol attractive?

- II. The uses and functions of the law
 - A. The distinction of uses and functions/impacts
 - B. Curbing is necessary in a God-forsaking culture
 - C. Accusing and crushing functions of the law
 - D. The necessity of instruction in a materialistic, individualistic culture

- III. Atoning "motifs" in Luther as a means of dealing with evil and the experience of evil
 - A. Vicarious satisfaction: Christ garnishes our paychecks
 - B. Rebirth or new creature: *creatio ex nihilo* of sin and evil
 - C. Christ as Lord of the world and conqueror of evil
 - D. Liberation/freedom: the presence and power of Christ in daily life
 1. Freedom from oppression in the face of evils of all kinds

2. Freedom for the truly good human life
 - E. Reconciliation and adoption
 - F. Cleansing, purifying
- IV. Preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins in the struggle of the righteous, sinful believer.
- A. Mortification of the flesh:
 1. Addressing both sins of commission and sins of omission: analysis of their appeal, why we desire to do them (out of pleasure or fear), the source of their power.
 2. Addressing the fundamental doubt of God and His Word.
 3. Demonstrate what God's will is and why it satisfies, or gives schalom.
 4. Cultivate specific alternative ways of life.
 - B. Gospel motivation: the faith that trusts God's absolving Word wants to be free to live the truly human life. Trust > character > disposition > attitudes > action.
 - C. The whole life of the Christian is a life of repentance.



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You can also sign up to meet with a Financial Educator for a 30-minute one-on-one prior to the event or immediately following the event.

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June 29, 2023 | 10 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
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Tuesday Evening Devotion

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

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



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



bless - 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.

Reading: Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. There are many who say, “Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!” You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

LSB 666 st. 1



I O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.

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Devotional Reflection: Psalm 4 ~ Rev. Dr. Daniel Potts

(The Devotion continues with The Litany on page 18.)

Wednesday Morning Devotion

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

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

C in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.

L My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C and with Your glory all the day.

L O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**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.**

Reading: Matthew 6:16–21

[Jesus said:] “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Apostles' Creed

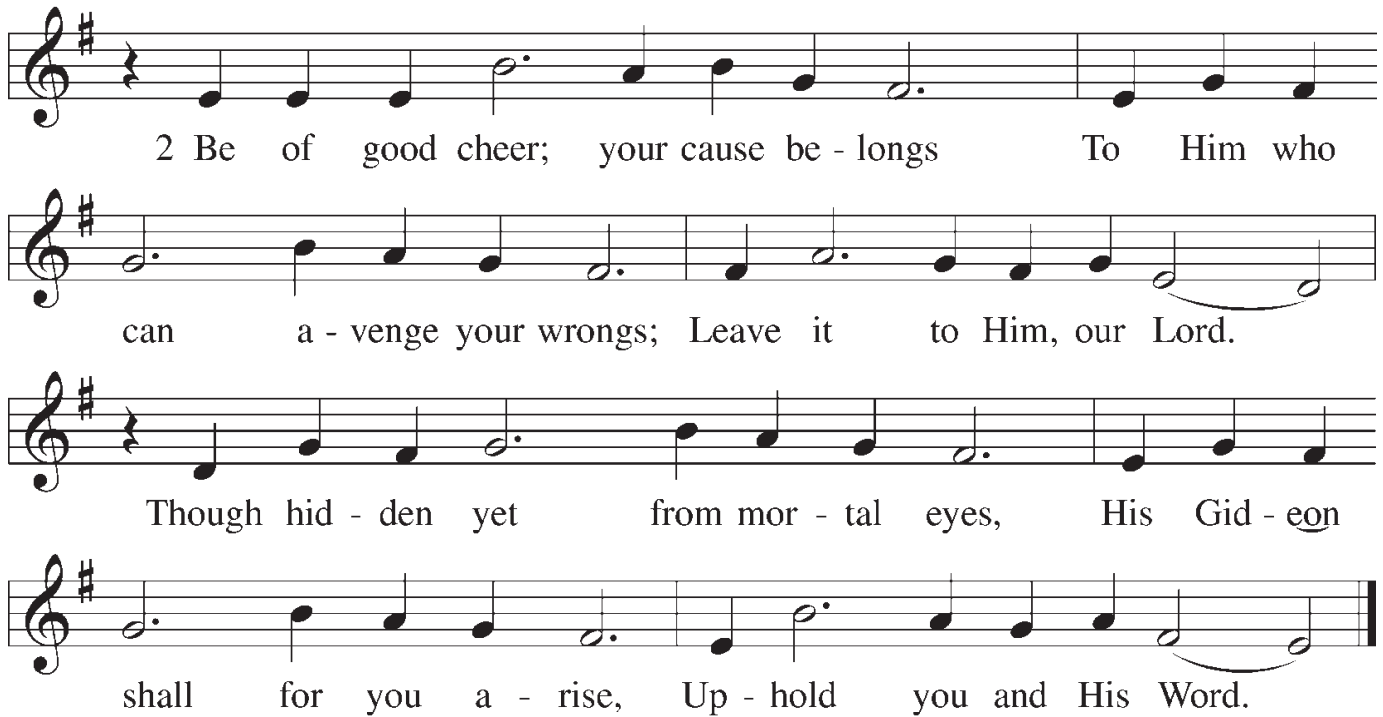
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Hymn: O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

LSB 666 st. 2



2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
 can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.

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Devotional Reflection: Matthew 6:16–21 ~ Rev. Dr. Richard Zeile*(The Devotion continues with The Litany on page 18.)*

Wednesday Noon Devotion

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

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Versicles

L Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;

C hear me and answer me.

L Evening, morning, and noon

C I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.

L Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;

C He will never let the righteous fall.

**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.**

(A hymn, canticle, or psalm may be sung or spoken.)

Reading: 1 John 1:5–2:2**1 John 1:5–2:2**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

LSB 666 sts. 3–4

3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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The Litany



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy.



L O Christ,



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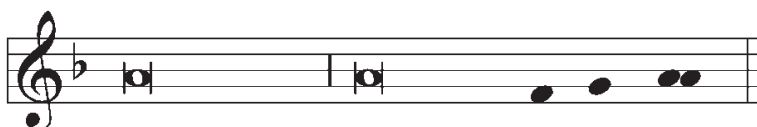
C hear us.



L God the Fa - ther in heaven,



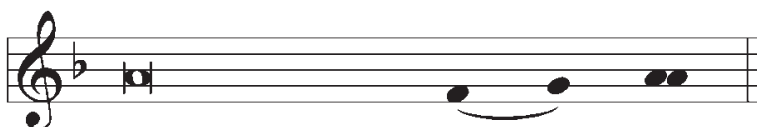
C have mer - cy.



L God the Son, Redeemer of the world,



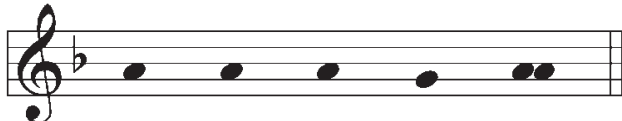
C have mer - cy.



L God the Holy Spir - it,



C have mer - cy.



L Be gra - cious to us.



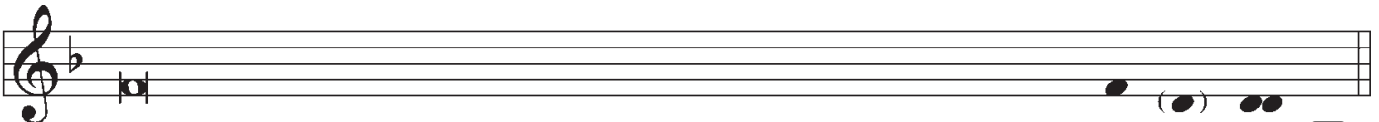
L Be gra - cious to us.



C Spare us, good Lord.



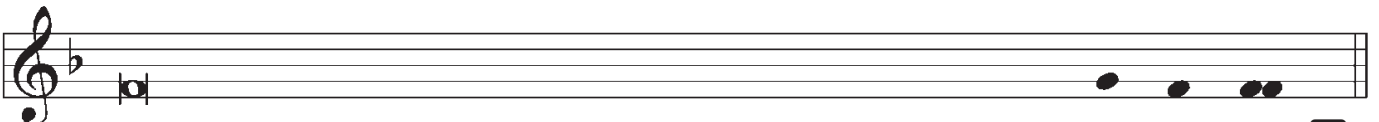
C Help us, good Lord.



L From all sin, from all error, from all e - vil; **C**
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and e - vil death; **C**
 From pestilence and famine;
 from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from re - bel - lion; **C**
 From lightning and tempest;
 from all calamity by fire and water; and from ever - last - ing death: **C**



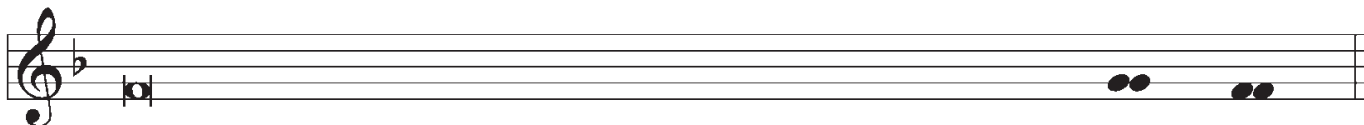
C Good Lord, de - liv - er us.



L By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy na - tiv - i - ty; **C**
 By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
 by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your
 cross and passion; by Your precious death and bur - i - al; **C**
 By Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
 and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Com - fort - er: **C**



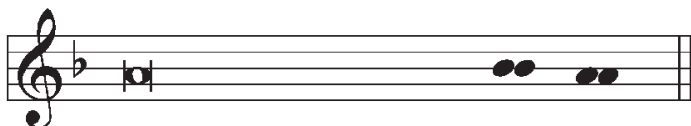
C Help us, good Lord.



L In all time of our tribulation; in all time
of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment:



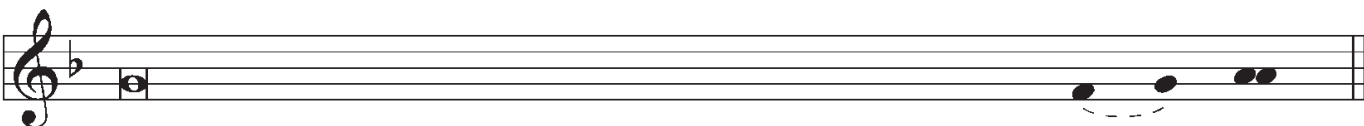
C Help us, good Lord.



L We poor sinners im - plore You



C to hear us, O Lord.



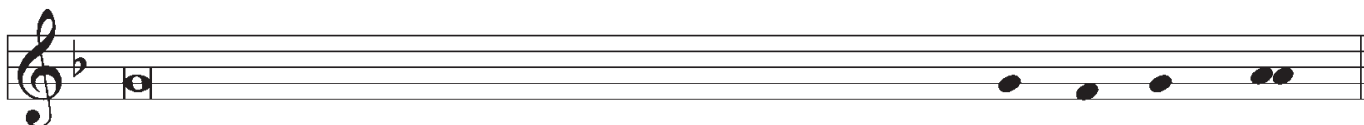
L To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church;
to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your
Church in the true knowledge and understanding
of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy liv - ing; **C**

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense;
to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are de - ceived; **C**

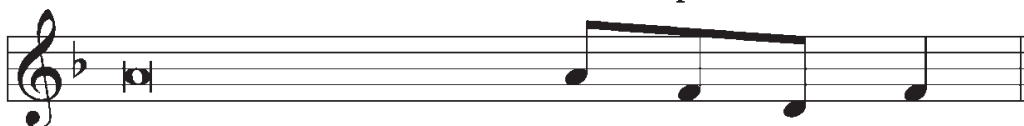
To beat down Satan under our feet;
to send faithful laborers into Your harvest;
and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spir - it: **C**



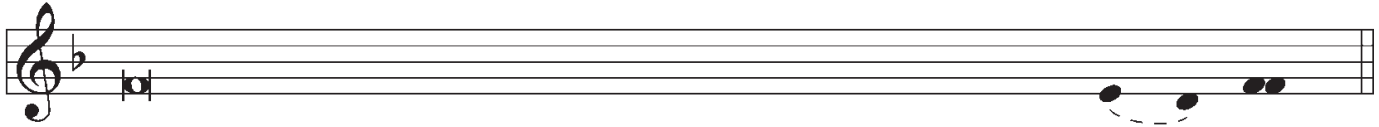
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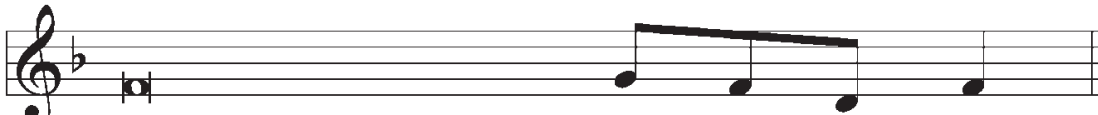
L To raise those who fall and to strengthen those
who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the dis - tressed:



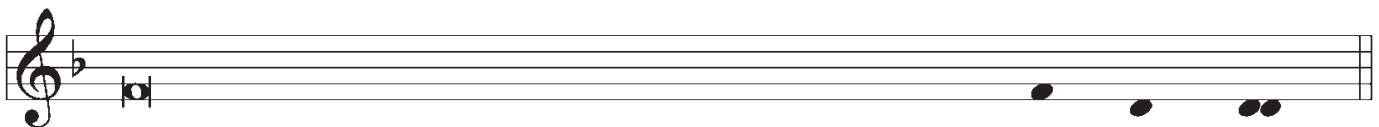
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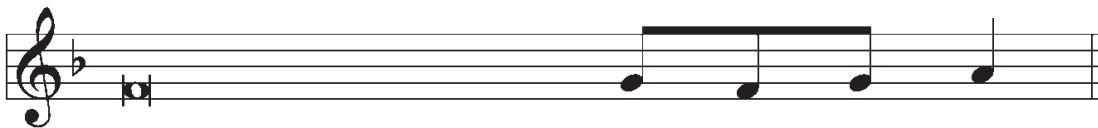
L To give to all peoples concord and peace;
 to preserve our land from discord and strife;
 to give our country Your protection in every time of need; **C**
 To direct and defend our *president/queen/king* and all in
 authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our peo - ple; **C**
 To watch over and help all who are in danger,
 necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who trav - el; **C**
 To grant all women with child, and all mothers
 with infant children, increasing happiness in
 their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and pro-vide for them; **C**
 To strengthen and keep all sick persons and
 young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all: **C**



C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.



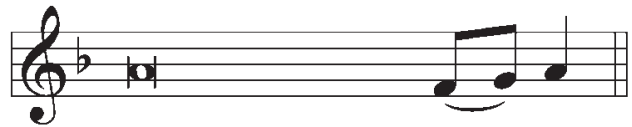
L To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers
 and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our
 use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:



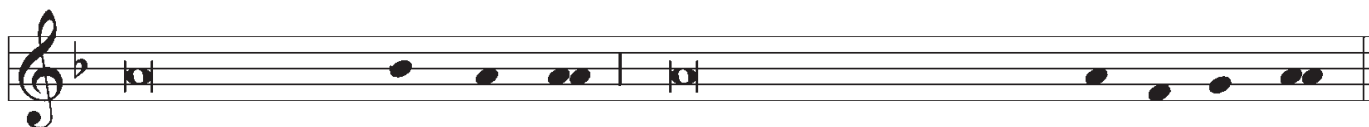
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L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,



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L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



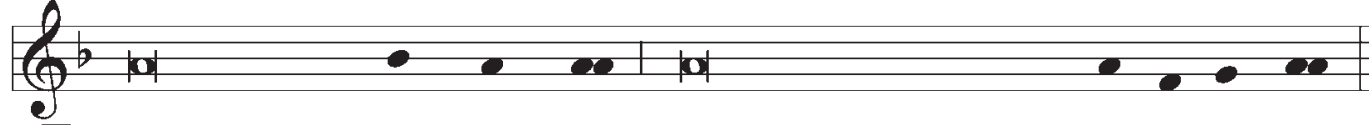
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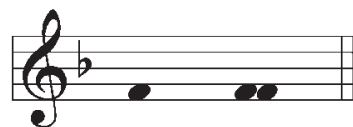
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L Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,



C grant us Your peace.



L O Christ,



C hear us.



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy.



L O Christ,



C have mer - cy.



L O Lord,



C have mer - cy. A - men.

Lord's Prayer


Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as
 it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly
 bread; and for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give
 those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -
 to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
 For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -
 ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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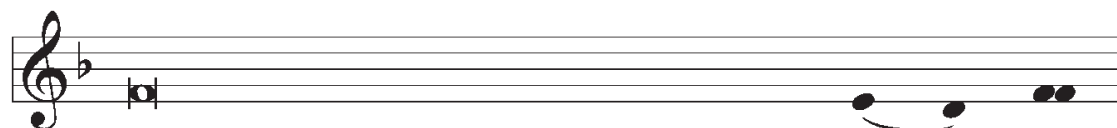
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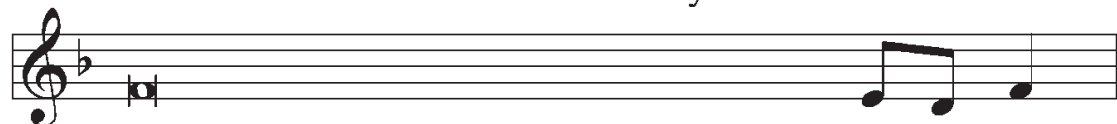
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Tuesday Evening Devotion Closing



L Call on Me in the day of trou - ble.



C I will deliver you, and you will glor - i - fy Me.

L Spare us, O Lord, and mercifully forgive us our sins. Though by our continual transgressions we have merited Your chastisements, be gracious to us. Grant that all these punishments which we have deserved may not come upon us, but that all things may work to our everlasting good; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

L Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your name's sake.

C Amen.

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

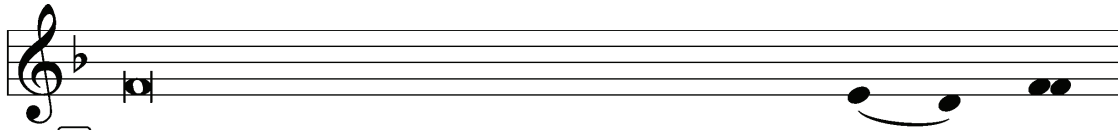
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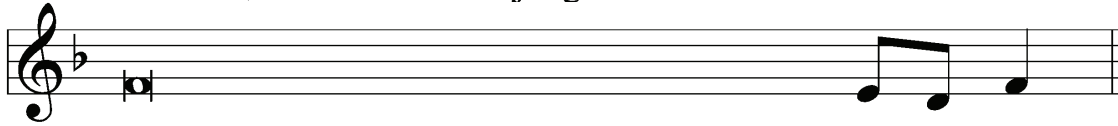
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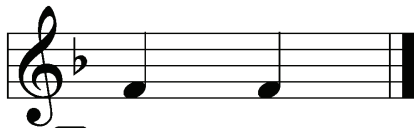
Wednesday Morning Devotion Closing

L O Lord, enter not into judgment with Your ser - vant.



C For in Your sight shall no man living be jus - ti - fied.

L Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

L Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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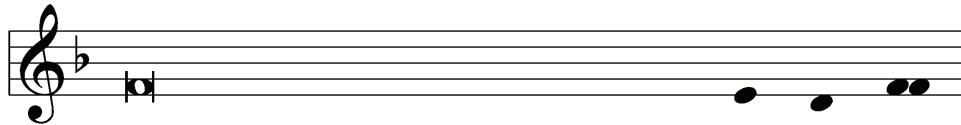
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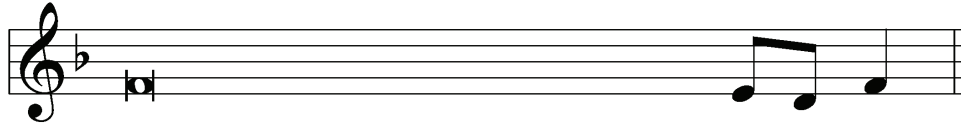
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Wednesday Noon Devotion Closing

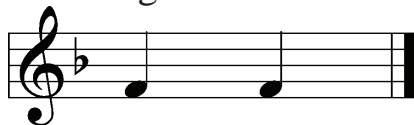


L O Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.



C Do not reward us according to our in-iq - ui - ties.

L O God, merciful Father, You have promised to hear the prayers of all who in repentance call out to You. Graciously hear us so that all evils which beset us may be of no avail, that we, Your servants, may evermore give thanks to You in Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

L Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts to direct and rule us according to Your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

L Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray.

C Amen.

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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May

- 10-11 Circuit Visitors Conference
St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- 15-16 West Pastors Conference
Inn at Harbor Shores, St. Joseph
- 22 Board of Directors Listening Event MW Region
St. Paul, Hamburg
- 23 Board of Directors
St. Paul, Hamburg
- 24-25 Intentional Interim Ministry Conference
Michindoh, Hillsdale

June

- 2-4 Junior High Gathering
Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth
- 3 State Track Meet
Valley Lutheran High School, Saginaw
- 9-12 Synodical Convention Floor Committees
17 Synodical Delegates' Pre-Convention Meeting
St. Luke, Haslett
- 19-21 FLAME
Ann Arbor Regent, Ann Arbor
- 25-28 High School Gathering
Mission Point Resort, Mackinac Island

July

- 17-21 Special Friends Camp
Camp Copneconic, Fenton
- 29-Aug 3 LCMS National Convention
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 31-Aug 2 Higgins Lake Conference
Ralph A. MacMullan Conf. Center, Roscommon

August

- 8 Early Childhood Directors Day
St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
- 9 Early Childhood Educators Conference
St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

September

- 5-6 Emeriti Pastors Conference
Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth
- 25-28 Intentional Interim Conference
Michindoh, Hillsdale

October

- 16 Board of Directors Listening Event Metro East
St. John, Fraser
- 17 Board of Directors
St. John, Fraser

November

- 19-21 Professional Church Workers Conference
DeVos Center, Grand Rapids

May 2024

- 14-15 South and East Pastors Conference
Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth

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