

Devoted: Morning Prayer

February 25, 2026 A.D. + 6:30 p.m. + Zion Lutheran Church + Wausau, Wisconsin

Midweek Preaching Series:

DEVOTED: Praying Day by Day

Every Wednesday in Lent + 12:15 and 6:30 PM

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Lord, teach us to pray. With our Lord, we will seek a deeper and more focused practice of daily prayer. Our guide will be Holy Scripture and the Daily Prayers provided in the Small Catechism. They teach us to mark morning, evening, and mealtime with remembrance of Holy Baptism, the Word of God, petition, and thanksgiving.

February 18: Practicing Your Righteousness

February 25: **Keep Me This Day: Morning Prayer**

March 4: **Keep Me This Night: Evening Prayer**

March 11: **Table Prayer: Asking for a Blessing**

March 18: **Table Prayer: Returning Thanks**

March 25: **Keep Watch with Me**



P: Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Please kneel.

PSALMODY *Psalm 141*



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice

when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

II Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

I Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in
the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.
Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Silence for reflection.

P: Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

PSALMODY *Psalm 91*

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

P: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

C: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

- P: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- C: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.**
- P: You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge—
- C: no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.**
- P: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- C: On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- P: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- C: “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.**
- P: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
- C: With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”**

Silence for reflection.

PSALM PRAYER

- P: Lord Jesus Christ, when tempted by the devil, you remained true to your Father, who commanded his angels to watch over you. Guard your Church from the plague of sin, so that we may remain faithful to you until the day when we enjoy the fullness of your salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
- C: Amen**

HYMN “Evening and Morning”

... LSB #726

LESSON Genesis 1:1-5, 14-19

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of

God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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LESSON Mark 1:32-39

³²That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "With the Lord Begin Your Task"

... LSB #869

SERMON "Keep Me This Day: Morning Prayer"

VERSICLES

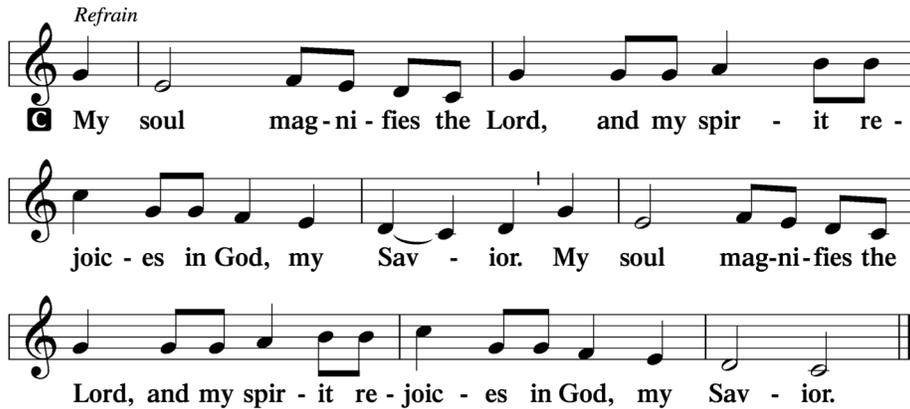
P: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

C: But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

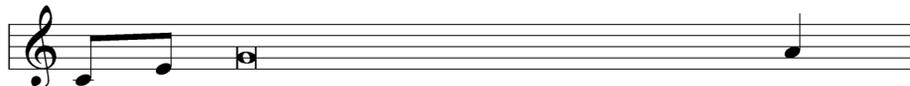
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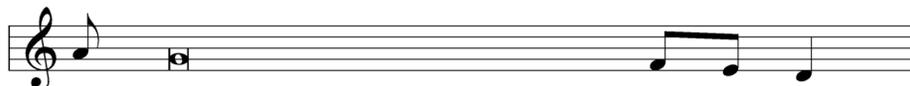
Refrain



My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.



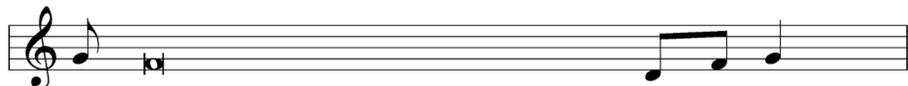
1 For — He has re - garded
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
3 He has shown strength with His arm;
4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
2 and holy is His name;
3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.
5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this day
2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
5 as it was in the be - ginning,



- 1 all generations will call me blessèd.
2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
3 and has exalt - - ed the lowly.
4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

Please kneel.

LITANY

Each petition will end with "let us pray to the Lord," to which the congregation responds,



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: *(silence for meditation)*

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.



C To You, O Lord.

EVENING PRAYER



P: I thank you, my heavenly | Father*,

C: 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 com - | mend 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

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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**

Please stand.

HYMN "Abide with Me"



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

POSTLUDE

"Introduction-Choral" and "Menuet Gothique" from *Suite Gothique*, op. 25
...Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

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