



Devoted: Table Prayer, Part II

March 18, 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

THE LITURGY OF VESPERS

PRELUDE

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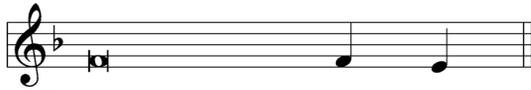
... Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

RINGING OF THE BELLS

*After the bells have rung, please stand and face the back.
The Paschal Candle, symbolizing Christ, is carried into the congregation.*

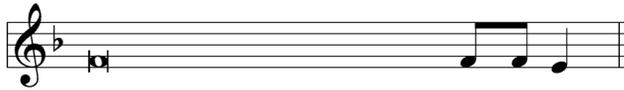
SERVICE OF LIGHT

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;



C now is the day of sal-va - tion.

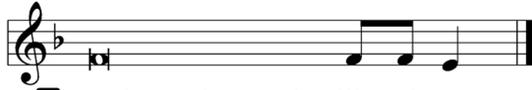
P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,



C that the light of Your face may shine on us.

*The opening responses
are sung a cappella,
(without organ
accompaniment).*

P: May your justice shine like the sun;



C and may the poor be lift - ed up.

P: Joyous light of glory:



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



bles - 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.

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.



C A - men.

Please kneel.

PSALMODY *Psalm 141*



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.

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 145:1-9*

P: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

C: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

P: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

C: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

P: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

C: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: The LORD is good to all,

C: and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Silence for reflection.

PSALM PRAYER

P: Loving Father, you are faithful in your promises and tender in your compassion. Listen to our hymn of joy, and continue to satisfy the needs of all your creatures, that all flesh may bless your name in your everlasting kingdom, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray"

... LSB #773

LESSON Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹"When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵"And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in num-

ber, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CATECHISM Daily Prayer: Returning Thanks

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LESSON Mark 14:22-26

²²And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." ²³And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. ²⁵Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." ²⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN "For the Fruits of His Creation"

... LSB #894

SERMON "Table Prayer: Returning Thanks"

VERSICLES

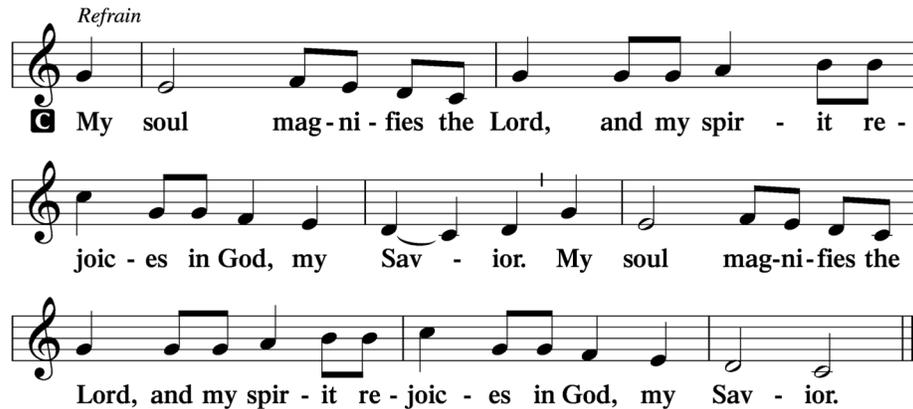
P: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

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

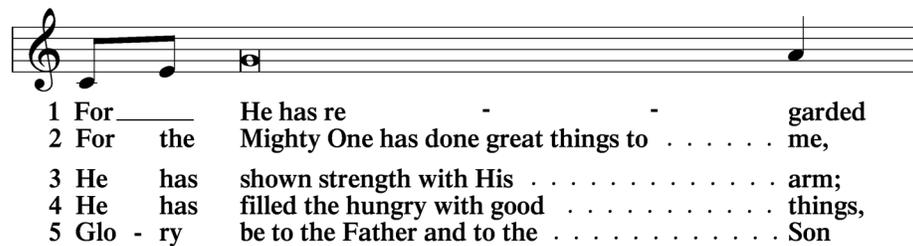
Please stand.

MAGNIFICAT

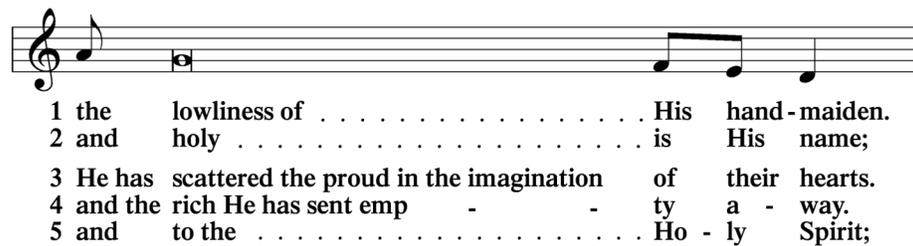
Refrain



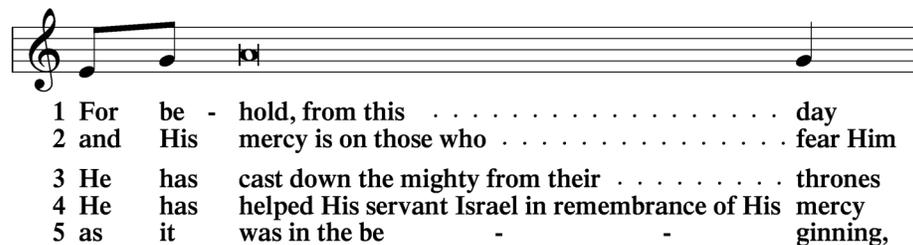
My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir-it re-joic-es in God, my Sav-ior.



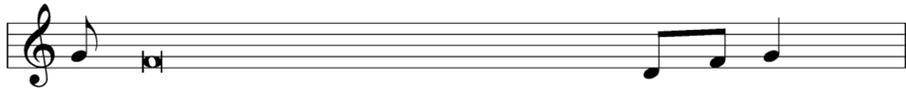
1 For He has guarded
2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
3 He has shown strength with His arm;
4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
5 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son



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.

BENEDICAMUS

L: Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.



C A - men.

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

“Toccata pour Grand Orgue”

... Gaston Bélier (1863-1938)

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Serving at Worship

Presiding: The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson

Organist: Kantor Jacob Drengler

Acolyte: Jayda Beilke

Ushers: Jack Johnson, Eulalia Ray, Tessa Wash

Church Offerings may be placed in the wall-box to the left of the chapel chancel.

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