

Our Savior in the Psalms

a Lenten Midweek Series

IV. Psalm 80 - The Vine

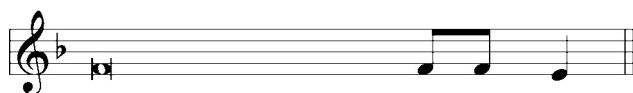
March 30th, 7:00 PM
Concordia Lutheran Church - Greenwood, IN

EVENING PRAYER

Service of Light

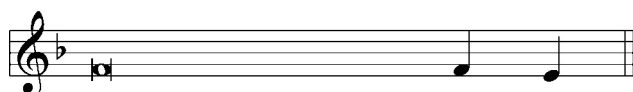
Stand

L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

L Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



C and the day is almost o - ver.

L Let Your light scatter the darkness



C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

PHOS HILARON *LSB 244*

L Joyous light of glory:



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



bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



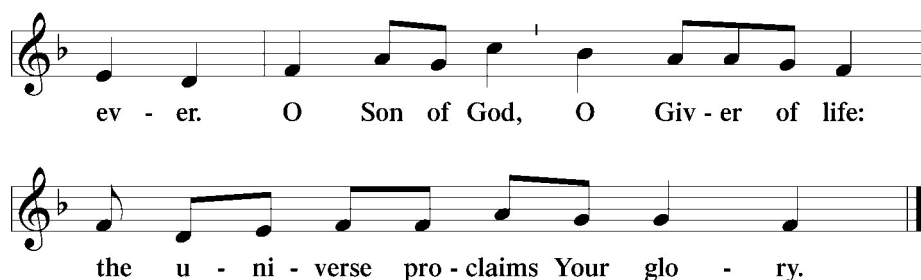
set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

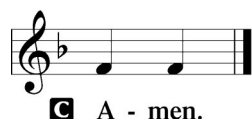


You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT *LSB 245*

L Blessed 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.



Sit

Psalmody

PSALM 141 *LSB 245*





(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.

(L) Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on 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.

(C) Amen.

Sit

Readings

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

C Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!

P Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

P You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

C You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

P Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.

P You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

C The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

P It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

C Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

P The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

C Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,

P the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

C They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!

P But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

C Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!

P Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

L O Lord, have mercy upon us
C Thanks be to God.

HOSEA 14: 1-2, 4-7

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity. Take with you words and return to the LORD; say to him, "Take away all iniquity; accept what is good, and we will pay with bulls the vows of our lips. I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon; his shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive, and his fragrance like Lebanon. They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow; they shall flourish like the grain; they shall blossom like the vine; their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.
C Thanks be to God.

JOHN 15: 1-6

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and

I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

L 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.

540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate *sts. 1, 3, 5*



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
 5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa - ther's

A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
 home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,

Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
 Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor

shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
 to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us

path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
 to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.

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SERMON

Stand



1 My soul re - joice - es, My spir - it voice - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the

great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He

fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion

bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the

ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the

sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring

Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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Prayer

Kneel/Stand

LITANY *LSB 249*

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers then continue:

- L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

- L** 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.**

COLLECT FOR PEACE

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *LSB 251*

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 252*

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION *LSB 252*

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be *sts. 1, 4–5*



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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