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## Worship Services from *Book of Hymns*: Ideas for Congregational Celebrations of WELS 150

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Dear Readers:

I recently found an old hymnal called *Book of Hymns*. It was published by Northwestern Publishing House in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the “Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States.” No date is given for the book’s publication, but a chart disclosing the dates for Easter starts at 1913 and runs through 2000 (many hymnals in the first half of the 20th. century only calculated Easter through 2000). Likely the hymnal was published around the time of the first World War, when anti-German sentiment was at a fevered pitch. This sentiment would re-ignite during the Second World War when the Synodical Conference introduced *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

I have received requests from several people asking if I knew of any orders of service used in the WELS in 1850, requests no doubt fueled by the WELS Sesquicentennial observance in the year 2000. However, any service used in 1850 is likely in German and not in English.

This issue will share the two orders of service found in *Book of Hymns*. Form I is shorter in length, probably similar to the Matins used today. Form II is the longer and more “high church” order.



*Book of Hymns* also has a Communion setting that can be used with either orders of service, either after the hymn following the sermon or at the end of the service proper.

I added *Book of Hymns*' Order of Evening Service (Vesper) for those wishing an evening observance of the synod or a congregational anniversary. The Summer 1993 issue of *Praise Today* relates how Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran in Mankato, Minnesota, used the Ascension evening service to commemorate the 75th. Anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). You may want to consider this for the upcoming Ascension festival.

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# Order of Morning Service

Form I.

I. HYMN.

II. ALTAR SERVICE.

I. *Minister:* Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*Congregation.*

A - - - men.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics 'A - - - men.' written below the notes.

E. *Minister:* CONFESSION OF SIN.

*Congregation:*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in G major and 4/2 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics 'O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-' written below the notes.

way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!

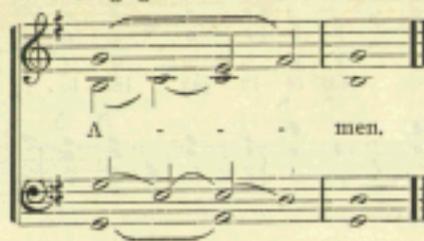
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Order of Morning Service - Form L.

3. Minister: ABSOLUTION.

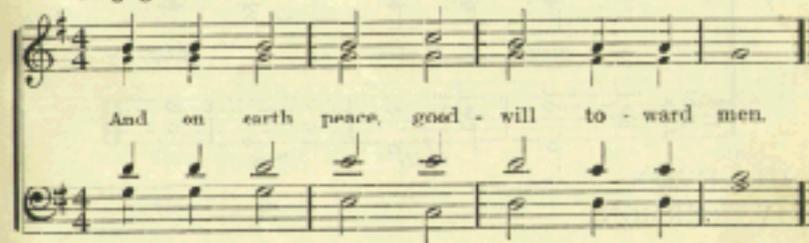
*Congregation:*



A - - - men.

4. Minister: Glory be to God on high.

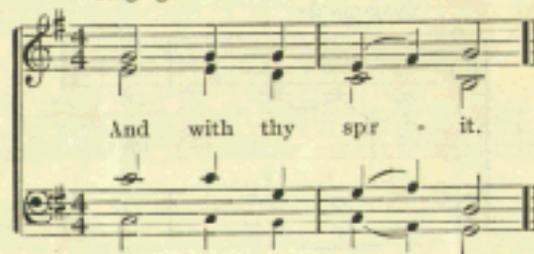
*Congregation:*



And on earth peace, good - will to - ward men.

5. Minister: The Lord be with you.

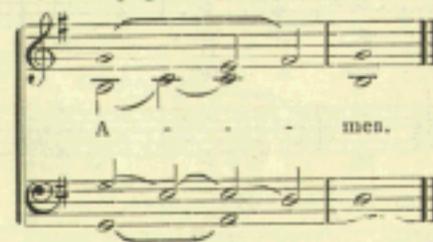
*Congregation:*



And with thy spr - it.

6. Minister: COLLECT.

*Congregation:*



A - - - men.

Order of Morning Services—Form I.

7. Minister: SCRIPTURE LESSON.

Congregation:

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

Musical notation for the congregation's response, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!' written below the notes.

8. Minister: CHANT.

Congregation:

A - men, A - men, A - - men.

Musical notation for the congregation's response, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - men.' written below the notes.

III. HYMN.

IV. SERMON.

V. HYMN.

VI. ALTAR SERVICE.

Minister: COLLECT.

Congregation:

A - - - - men.

Musical notation for the congregation's response, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'A - - - - men.' written below the notes.

Minister: BLESSING.

Congregation:

A - men, A - men, A - - men.

Musical notation for the congregation's response, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - men.' written below the notes.

VII. HYMN or DOXOLOGY.

For Evening and Shorter Services, omit II, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8.

# Order of Morning Service

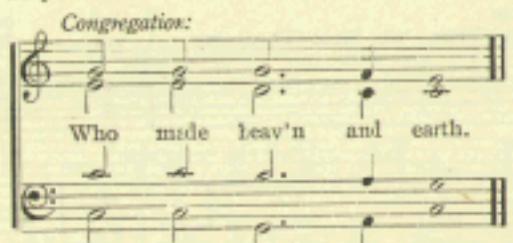
## Form II.

### I. HYMN.

### II. ALTAR SERVICE.

*Minister:* Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

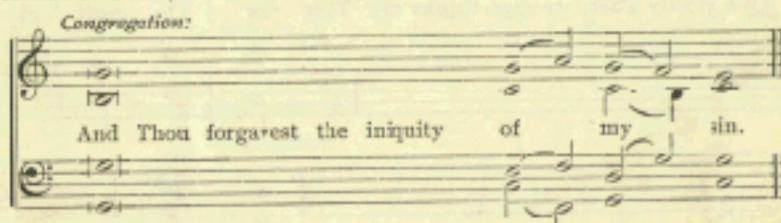
*Congregation:*



Who made heav'n and earth.

*Minister:* I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

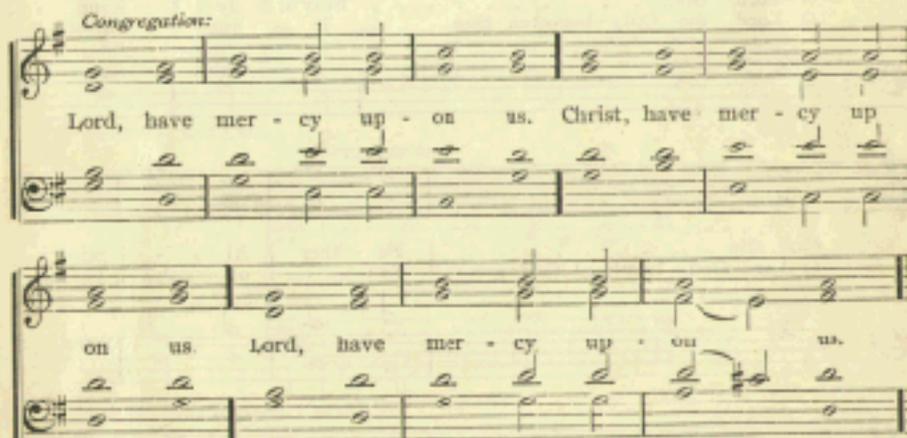
*Congregation:*



And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

*Minister:* CONFESSION OF SINS.

*Congregation:*



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Minister:* ABSOLUTION.

*Congregation.*



A - - - men.

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Order of Morning Service - Form II.

Minister. Glory be to God on high!

Congregation:

Glory be to . . . We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we God on high: wor - ship Thee, high: Thee, |

And on earth . . . We glorify Thee, we give thanks to peace, good will toward men. Thee for Thy great glory. ||

O Lord God, . . . O Lord, the Only begotten Son, . . . hear'n - ly King, Je - sus Christ, |

God the . . . O Lord God, Lamb of God, . . . Fa - ther Al - mighty. Son . . . of the Father.

That takest away the . . . Thou that takest away the . . . Thou that sittest at the right hand of sin of the world, have mercy sin of the world, re . . . God the Father, have mercy

Order of Morning Service—Form II.

up - on | ceive our | prayer. | up - on | us. | For Thou | only art | holy, | Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy | Ghost,

Thou | Art most high in the | glory of | God the | Father. | A - - men.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation:

And with thy spir - it.

Minister: COLLECT.

Congregation:

A - - men.

Minister: SCRIPTURE LESSON.

Congregation:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

Order of Morning Service—Form II.

Minister and Congregation:

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

OF THE NICENE CREED.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who, for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the Resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

III. HYMN.

IV. SERMON.

V. HYMN. (*or Offertory*), during which the offerings are gathered and brought to the Minister, who places them on the Altar.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS and GENERAL PRAYER, ending with the Lord's Prayer, said by Minister and Congregation:

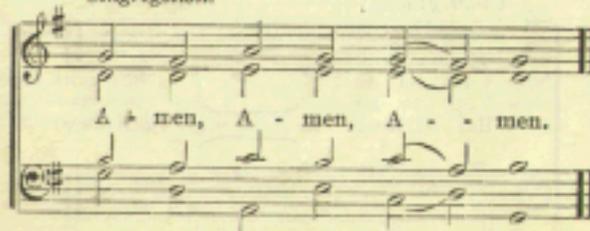
THE LORD'S PRAYER.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

VII. CLOSING HYMN, or DOXOLOGY.

VIII. BENEDICTION.

Congregation:



# Communion.

*The Communion Service begins when the Minister, after the General Prayer, etc (Morning Service, Form I, 17, or Form II, 5), instead of the Lord's Prayer says a special prayer for the communicants. Then follows:*

## I. HYMN.

*Instead of the Hymn, the following Offertory may be sung:*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence:

And take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me

the joy of Thy sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it.

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## II. CONSECRATION.

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:*

And with thy spir - it.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "And with thy spir - it." are written below the upper staff.

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

*Congregation:*

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "We lift them up un - to the Lord." are written below the upper staff.

*Minister:* Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*Congregation:*

It is meet and right so to do.

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*Minister:* It is truly meet, right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God.

*Here shall follow the Proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed, or else immediately shall follow, Therefore, with angels, etc.*

Commuter

Congregation and Choir:

SANCTUS

Traditional

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of Sab - a - oth;

Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho -

san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He, that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Communion

*Minister:* 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.

*Congregation:*

For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the

glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

*Minister:* CONSECRATION.

*Congregation:*

AGNUS DEI

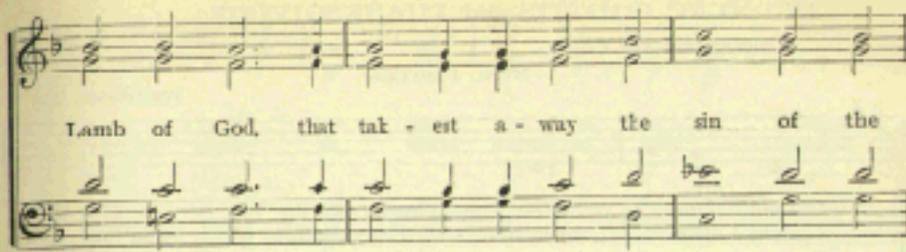
Braunschweig, 1528

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the

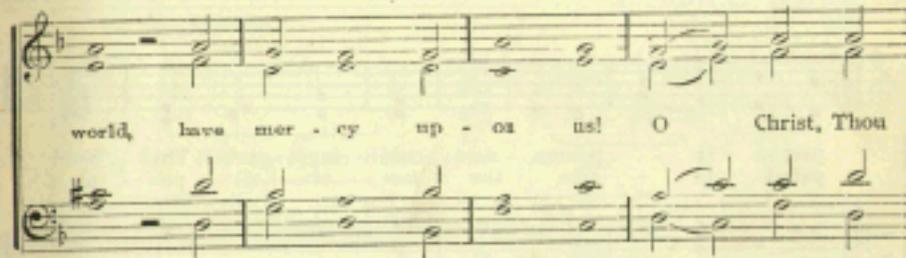
sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, Thou

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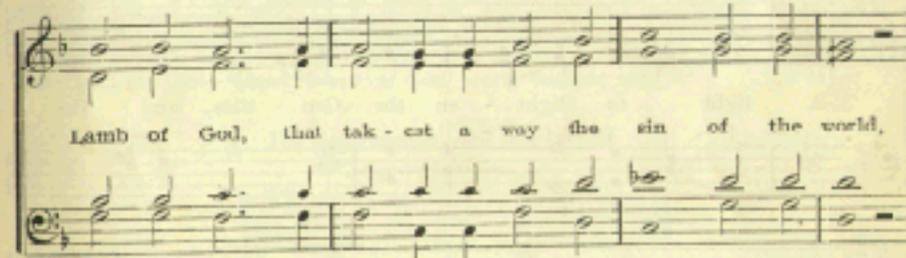
Communion



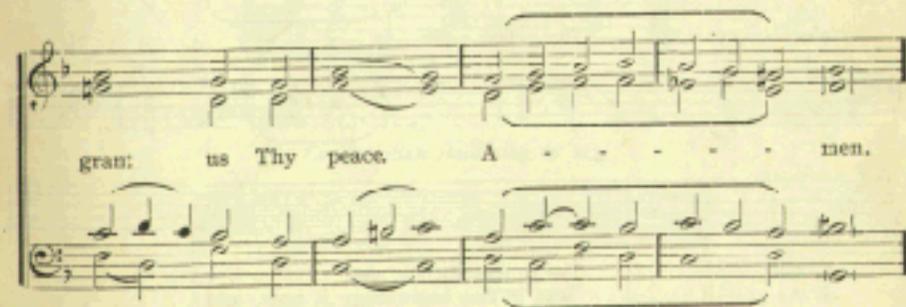
Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, Thou



Lamb of God, that tak - est a way the sin of the world,



grant us Thy peace. A - - - - - men.

III. DISTRIBUTION and HYMN.

Communion

IV. NUNC DIMITTIS and THANKSGIVING.

Congregation and Choir:

NUNC DIMITTIS

Fiserman, 153

1. Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - - - - -  
2. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast pre-

parted in peace: ac - cord - ing to Thy Word.  
before the face of all peo - ple.

3. A light to light - en the Gen - tiles, and the

gle - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - - - - - ra - el.

4. Glo - ry be to the Father, and  
5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and

Communion

to the Son, and to the Ho - y Ghost:  
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

The musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

*Minister:* O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

*Congregation:*

And His mercy en-dureth for - ev - er.

The musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

*Minister:* We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee, that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith towards Thee and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, ever our God, world without end.

*The Congregation shall sing or say:*

A - men.

The musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

*Minister:* BLESSING.

*The Congregation shall sing or say:*

A - men, A - men.

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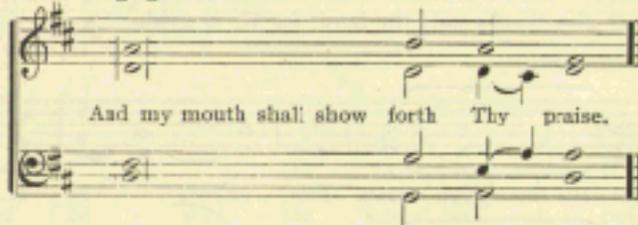
# Order of Evening Service

## Hesper

- I. HYMN.
- II. ALTAR SERVICE.

*Minister:* O Lord, open Thou my lips.

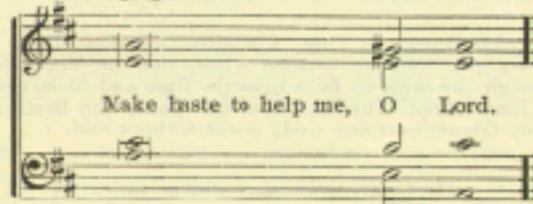
*Congregation:*



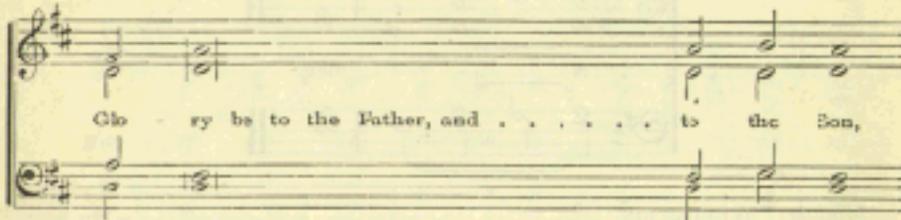
And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

*Minister:* Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

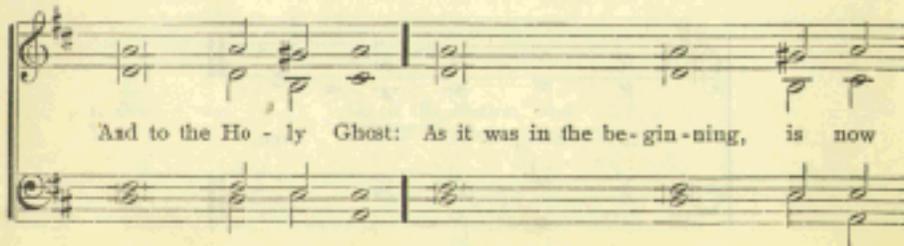
*Congregation:*



Make haste to help me, O Lord.



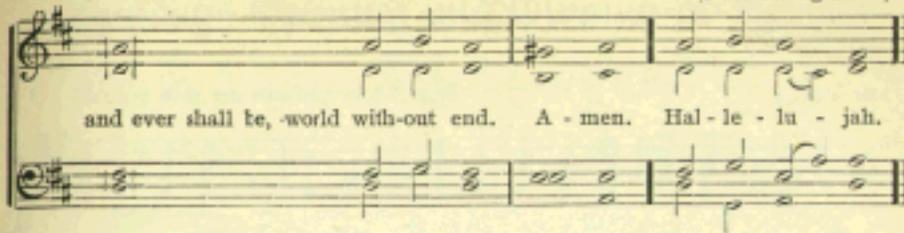
Glo - ry be to the Father, and . . . . to the Son,



And to the Ho - ly Ghost: As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now

Order of Evening Service—Vesper

(Omit during Lent.)



and ever shall be, world with-out end. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Minister: SCRIPTURE LESSON.

III. HYMN.

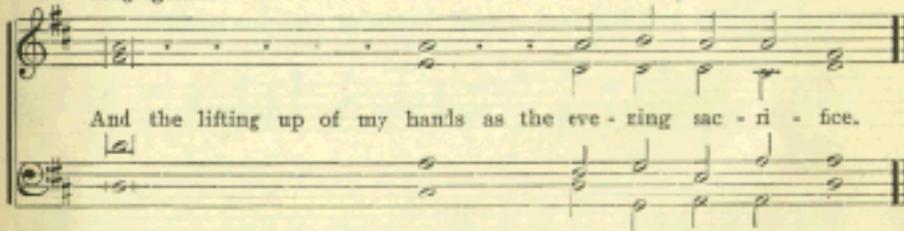
IV. SERMON.

V. HYMN.

VI. ALTAR SERVICE.

Minister: Let my prayers be set forth before Thee as incense:

Congregation:



And the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ring sac - ri - fice.

Minister: COLLECT.

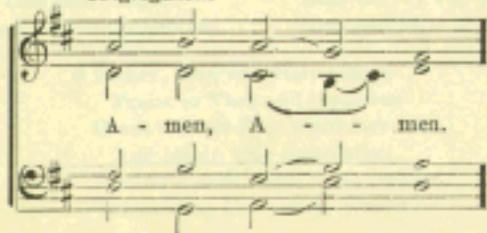
Congregation:



A - - - men.

Minister: BENEDICTION.

Congregation:



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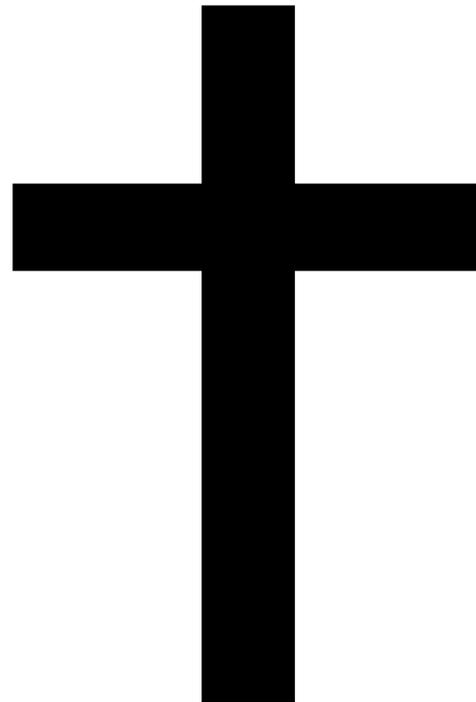
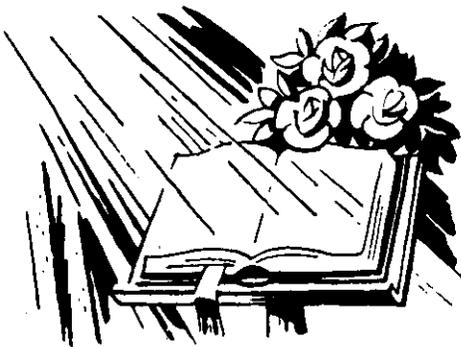
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Feel free to share with me anything special you do to observe a synod or congregational anniversary. The following anniversary services have been shared in the pages of *Praise Today*:

- ELS 75th. Anniversary at Mt. Olive, Mankato, MN (Summer 1993)
- Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Yakima, WA (January/February 1999)
- Salem's 110th. Anniversary Service, Milwaukee, WI (September/October 1999)

Anniversary hymns featured in *Praise Today* are found in the March/April 1999 (page 8).