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*Mission Statement of
Apostles Evangelical Lutheran Church & Preschool
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*As God's disciples, we the men, women and children of
Apostles, are united in the preaching, teaching and sharing of
God's Word in its truth and purity. By God's grace, we will
nurture believers and joyfully spread the Word of God in our
community and throughout the world, all to His glory.*



SPEAK, LORD, I AM LISTENING **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

January 31, 2010

Prayer before worship

O Lord, with your word you called our entire universe into being in six days. With your word you drove out demons, healed the sick and quieted the storms. Use your word today to calm my fears, dispel my doubts and increase my trust in you! Speak, Lord, for you have the words of Life. Amen

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Praise

OPENING HYMN

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

(CW Supplement Hymn 770)

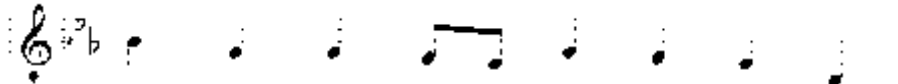
(The pastor will introduce the hymn by singing the first verse. The congregation is invited to join in for verse 2 and following.)



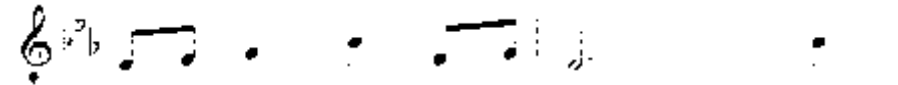
1 O Christ, who called the Twelve to
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve the
3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve on
4 O Christ, th' a pos-thes' Lord, the



rise and fol- low you, For -
truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
roads they'd nev - er true song, To
mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The
serve, tu - suf - fer, teach, pro - claim, The
call - er - fied and ris - en King To



ven - tures bold and new; Grant
ways ul' God re - vealed; In -
man - er reign of God; Send
whom the saints be - long, Though



us to hear your call to
stret - ch us now, we pray, By
us on ways where faith Tri -
gen - er a - tions pass, Our



risk se - cur - i - ty And,
your sem - pow'r ing Word, True
scends ti - mid i - ty, Where
trib - ute still we bring, Our

bound in heart and will to you, find
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both
 hymns a sac - ri - lice of praise. Our

per - fect lib - er - ty.
 light, their life, their Lord.
 life and min - is - try.
 lives an of - fer - ing.

(sung responsively)

L O Lord, o - pen my lips.

C And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

L Hasten to save me, O God.

C O Lord, come quickly to help me.


L Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

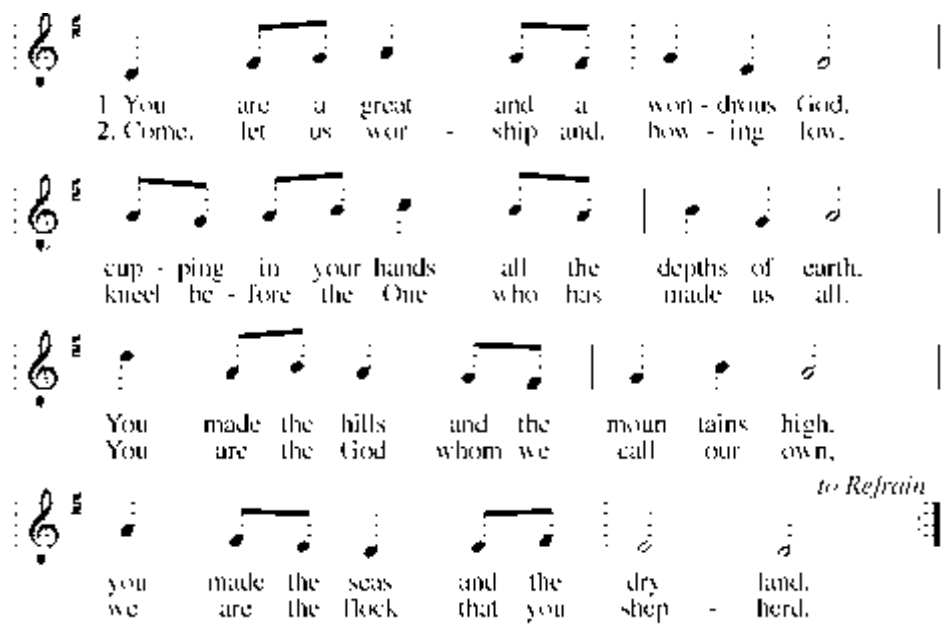
(The pastor will sing the verses and the congregation is invited to sing the refrain each time)

C: Refrain:



Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

P: Verses:



1 You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and bow - ing low,
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth,
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all,
You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,
to Refrain
you made the seas and the dry - land,
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

PSALM 63

(The pastor will sing the verses. The congregation is invited to sing the refrain after each verse)

Refrain:



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

P: O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

C: Refrain

P: For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

C: Refrain

P: On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

C: Refrain

LESSON

Luke 4:20-32

20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

23 Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

24 "I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. 25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. 27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed — only Naaman the Syrian."

28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. 29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. 30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

31 Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. 32 They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

THE SERMON ~ I Kings 17:7-16 ~

BE SECURE IN HOPELESSNESS

I. Live By Faith

II. Live By God

7 Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. 8 Then the word of the LORD came to him: 9 "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." 10 So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have

a drink?" 11 As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

12 "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread — only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it — and die."

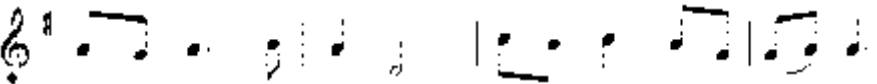
13 Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.

14 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: "The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land."

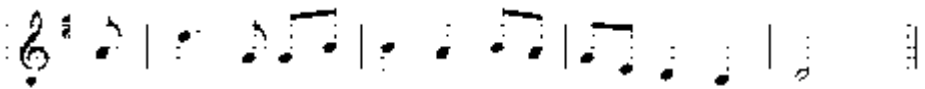
15 She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. 16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

(The pastor will introduce the refrain the first time and the congregation is encouraged to join in with the refrain and verses. All will join together for the final refrain)



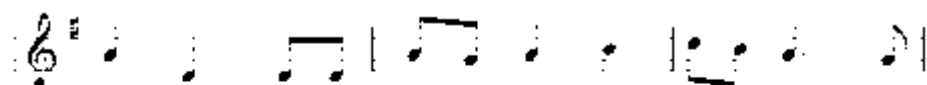
Refrain: You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Father ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



Verses:
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, We praise you, we
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry.



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim. We
 O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God.
 You be - came a man to set us free:



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets, We
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly,
 You have ris - en to free us:

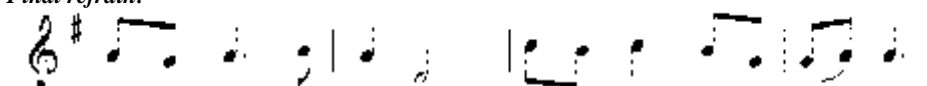


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church. We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
 bless - ed. *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

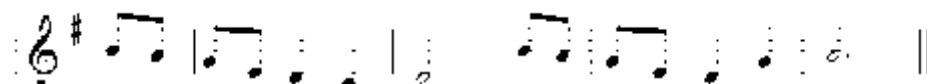
Final refrain:



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

OFFERING

Guests and visitors, please do not feel that we expect an offering from you; but we thank you if you wish to assist us in our efforts to carry out our ministry of the gospel.

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

LORD, HAVE MERCY

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
he mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.
O Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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
forever and ever. Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR GRACE

L. Let us praise the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

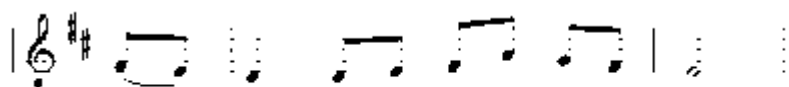
BLESSING

L. The Lord bless and keep you.

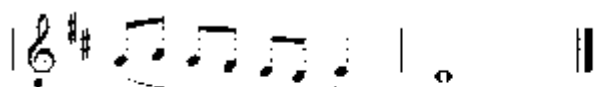
C A - - - men.

L. The Lord's face ever shine up - on you.

C A - - - men.



1. The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A men.

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CLOSING HYMN

Rock of Ages



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, ——— Let me
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands ——— Can ful -
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, ——— Sim - ply
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, ——— When mine



hide my - self in thee; ——— Let the wa - ter and the blood —
 fill they law's de - mands ——— Could my zeal no res - pite know, —
 to thy cross I cling; ——— Na - ked, come to thee for dress, —
 eye - lids close in death, ——— When I soar to worlds un - known, —



— From thy riv - en side which flowed ——— Be of
 — Could my tears for - ev - er flow, ——— All for
 — Help - less, look to thee for grace, ——— Foul, I
 — See thee on thy judg - ment throne, ——— Rock of



sin the dou - ble cure: ——— Cleanse me from its guilt and — pow'r
 sin could not a - tone; ——— Thou must save and thou a - lone.
 to the foun - tain fly ——— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I — die!
 A - ges, cleft for me, ——— Let me hide my - self in — thee!