

Welcome to Matins for **December 27th, January 3rd, and 8th in the season of Christmas - Epiphany**. The Service for Matins can be found on p131-141 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms for this morning are **Psalm 34 on page 231-2 and Psalm 108 on page 269**. The hymn is **LBW #231 or #69** .

PSALM 34 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

The pledge of new redemption and promise of eternal joy, prepared through | ages past,
has dawned for | us today.*

- ¹ I will bless the LORD | at all times;*
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.
- ² I will glory | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and rejoice.
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;*
let us exalt his | name together.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he | answered me*
and delivered me out of | all my terror.
- ⁵ Look upon him | and be radiant,*
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- ⁶ I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me*
and saved me from | all my troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the LORD encompasses | those who fear him,*
and he will de- | liver them.
- ⁸ Taste and see that the | LORD is good;*
happy are they who | trust in him!
- ⁹ Fear the LORD, you that | are his saints,*
for those who fear | him lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ The young lions lack and | suffer hunger,*
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
- ¹¹ Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

- ¹² Who among | you loves life*
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?
- ¹³ Keep your tongue from | evil-speaking*
and your lips from | lying words.
- ¹⁴ Turn from evil | and do good;*
seek peace | and pursue it.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,*
and his ears are open | to their cry.
- ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,*
to root out the remembrance of them | from the earth.
- ¹⁷ The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them*
and delivers them from | all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted*
and will save those whose spir- | its are crushed.
- ¹⁹ Many are the troubles | of the righteous,*
but the LORD will deliver him out | of them all.
- ²⁰ He will keep safe | all his bones;*
not one of them | shall be broken.
- ²¹ Evil shall | slay the wicked,*
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.
- ²² The LORD ransoms the life | of his servants,*
and none will be punished who | trust in him.

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PSALM 108 *(The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.)*

ANTIPHON

Lord, send out your light | and your truth
that | they may lead me.*

- ¹ My heart is firmly fixed, O God, my | heart is fixed; *
I will sing | and make melody.
- ² Wake up, my spirit; awake, | lute and harp; *
I myself will wak- | en the dawn.
- ³ I will confess you among the peo- | ples, O LORD; *
I will sing praises to you a- | mong the nations.
- ⁴ For your lovingkindness is greater | than the heavens, *
and your faithfulness reaches | to the clouds.
- ⁵ Exalt yourself above the heav- | ens, O God, *
and your glory over | all the earth.
- ⁶ So that those who are dear to you may | be delivered, *
save with your right hand and | answer me.
- ⁷ God spoke from his holy | place and said, *
"I will exult and parcel out Shechem; I will divide the val- | ley of Succoth.
- ⁸ Gilead is mine and Manas- | seh is mine; *
Ephraim is my helmet and Ju- | dah my scepter.
- ⁹ Moab is my washbasin, on Edom I throw down my san- | dal to claim it, *
and over Philistia will I | shout in triumph."
- ¹⁰ Who will lead me into | the strong city? *
Who will bring me | into Edom?
- ¹¹ Have you not cast us | off, O God? *
You no longer go out, O God, | with our armies.
- ¹² Grant us your help a- | gainst the enemy, *
for vain is the | help of man.
- ¹³ With God we will do | valiant deeds, *
and he shall tread our enemies | under foot.

ANTIPHON

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This hymn is sung on December 27 - St. John Day.

O Word of God Incarnate



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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This hymn is sung on January 3 and 8

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve



- 1 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je - sus' birth!
- 2 The lit - tle child in Beth - le - hem, he was a king in - deed!
- 3 He dwells a - gain in heav - en's realm, the Son of God to - day;
- 4 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais - es then I sing;
- 5 And so I love each Christ-mas Eve, and I love Je - sus too;



Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth.
For he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need.
and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray.
he o - pens now for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of the king.
and that he loves me ev - 'ry day I know so well is true.

Text: Marie Wexelsen, 1832–1911; tr. Peter A. Sveeggen, 1881–1959
Music: JEG ER SAA GLAD, Peder Knudsen, 1819–1863

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