

Welcome to Matins for **Wednesday (Week 4)**. The Service for Matins can be found on p131-141 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). The Psalms for this morning are **Psalm 23 on page 225 and Psalm 147:1-12 on page 287**. The hymn is **#534**.

**PSALM 23** (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

*The LORD | is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not | be in want.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down | in green pastures\*  
and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He re- | vives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

ANTIPHON

*The LORD | is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not | be in want.*

**PSALM 147:1-12** (*The cantor will speak / sing the antiphon. The psalm will be spoken / sung in unison.*)

ANTIPHON

*How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!\*  
How pleasant it is to honor | him with praise!

<sup>2</sup>The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem;\*  
he gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.

<sup>3</sup>He heals the | brokenhearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>He counts the number | of the stars\*  
and calls them all | by their names.

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and might- | y in power;\*  
there is no limit | to his wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts | up the lowly,\*  
but casts the wicked | to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD | with thanksgiving;\*  
make music to our God up- | on the harp.

<sup>8</sup>He covers the heav- | ens with clouds\*  
and prepares rain | for the earth;

<sup>9</sup>he makes grass to grow up- | on the mountains\*  
and green plants to | serve mankind.

<sup>10</sup>He provides food for | flocks and herds\*  
and for the young ravens | when they cry.

<sup>11</sup>He is not impressed by the might | of a horse;\*  
he has no pleasure in the strength | of a man;

<sup>12</sup>but the LORD has pleasure in | those who fear him,\*  
in those who await his | gracious favor.

ANTIPHON

*How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!*

# Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

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