

Advent Midweek Service II

Holden Evening Prayer

December 9, 2020 5:30 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Faribault, MN 55021



OPENING HYMN “It Came upon the Midnight Clear” *LSB 366, vv. 1, 4*

INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin this evening in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

(The following sentences are chanted responsively by Pastor and Cantor, Sierra Jacob.)

Pastor

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

Cantor

the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Pastor

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

Cantor

and the day is al - most over.

Pastor

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

Cantor

and shine within your peo - ple here. —

EVENING HYMN *(sung to the tune of LSB 445)*

1. Joyous light of heavenly glory, loving glow of God's own face,
You who sing creation's story, shine on every land and race.
Now as evening falls around us, we shall raise our songs to You,
God of daybreak, God of shadows, come and light our hearts anew.

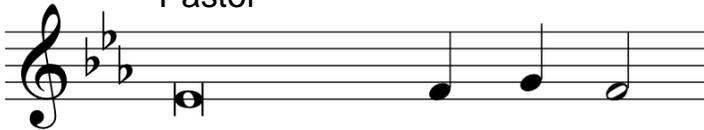
2. In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
In the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear Your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

3. You who made the heaven's splendor, every dancing star of night,
Make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect Your light.
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,
Loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

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EVENING THANKSGIVING *(sentences to be chanted by Pastor and Cantor)*

Pastor

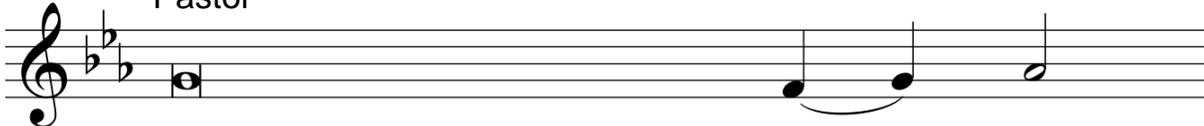


May God be with you all,

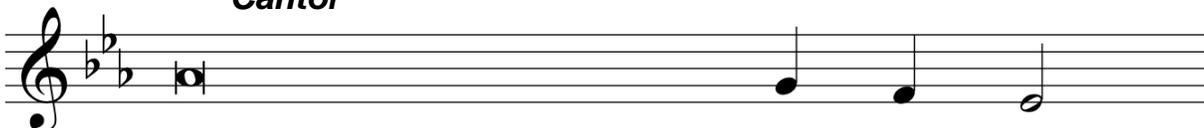
Cantor

and al - so with you;

Pastor



Let us give our thanks to — God,

Cantor

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PSALMODY Psalm 141 *(sung by Pastor and Cantor)*

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

O God, I call to you, come to me now;
O hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Keep watch within me God;
deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

All praise to the God of all— Creator of life;
all praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

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Pastor: Together, let us pray:

All: Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in Your great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

FIRST LESSON

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his

Hebrews 1:1-4

power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it

Acts 2:14-36

is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

(continued...)

and your sons and your daughters
shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
¹⁸even on my male servants and female
servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹And I will show wonders in the
heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes, the
great and magnificent day.
²¹And it shall come to pass that
everyone who calls upon the name of
the Lord shall be saved.”
²²“Men of Israel, hear these words:
Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to
you by God with mighty works and
wonders and signs that God did through
him in your midst, as you yourselves
know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up
according to the definite plan and
foreknowledge of God, you crucified and
killed by the hands of lawless men.
²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs
of death, because it was not possible for
him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says
concerning him,
“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not
be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my
tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to
Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸You have made known to me the
paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with
your presence.’
²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with
confidence about the patriarch David
that he both died and was buried, and
his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being
therefore a prophet, and knowing that
God had sworn with an oath to him that
he would set one of his descendants on
his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke
about the resurrection of the Christ, that
he was not abandoned to Hades, nor
did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus
God raised up, and of that we all are
witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at
the right hand of God, and having
received from the Father the promise of
the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this
that you yourselves are seeing and
hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into
the heavens, but he himself says,
“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your
enemies your footstool.’
³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore
know for certain that God has made him
both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom
you crucified.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “A Christmas Hallelujah” ~Sandy Johnson

THIRD LESSON

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people.

¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Luke 2:8-20

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN

"God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

LSB 583

SERMON "THE MIRACLE OF THE MESSAGE" (*Text: Hebrews 1:1,2*)

The Rev. Paul Rieger

ANNUNCIATION (*Cantor – Sierra Jacob*)

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth
to a woman whose name was Mary.

The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you.

You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus,
the Chosen One of God Most High."

And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

THE MAGNIFICAT (*Cantor – Sierra Jacob*)

1. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One, strong is your kindness evermore.
How you favor the weak and lowly one, humbling the proud of heart.

2. You have cast the mighty down from their thrones, and uplifted the humble of heart,
You have filled the hungry with wondrous things, and left the wealthy no part.
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One, strong is your justice, strong your love,
As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness forevermore.

3. My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you,
You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.

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TITHES AND OFFERING**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH****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.**

CLOSING HYMN **“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”** *LSB 883, vv. 1,2,4*

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

FINAL BLESSING *(to be chanted)*

Pastor



Let us bless our God:

Cantor



praise and thanks to you.

Pastor



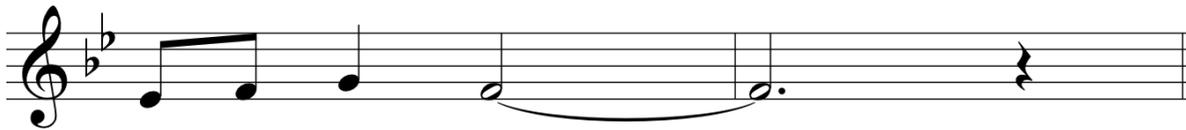
May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

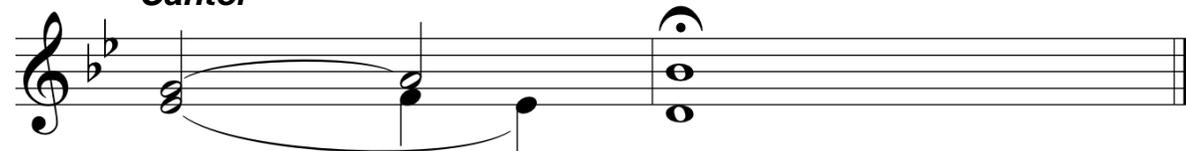


Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. _____

Cantor



A - men.

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

Leading Worship

Preaching The Rev. Paul Rieger

Worship Assistant Steve Zimmerman

Cantor Sierra Jacob

Music Barbara Mrosko, Organist;
Sandy Johnson, Special Music

Radio Broadcast Todd Voge