

Advent Midweek Service III

Holden Evening Prayer

December 16, 2020 5:30 PM

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



OPENING HYMN

“O Sing of Christ”

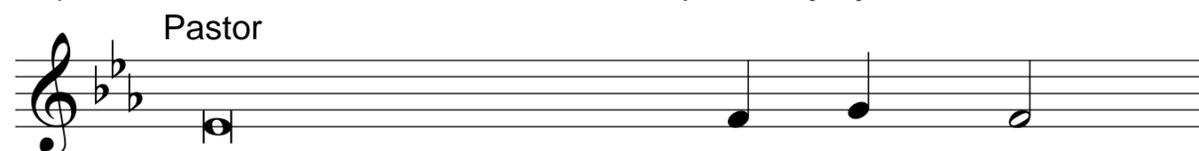
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INVOCATION

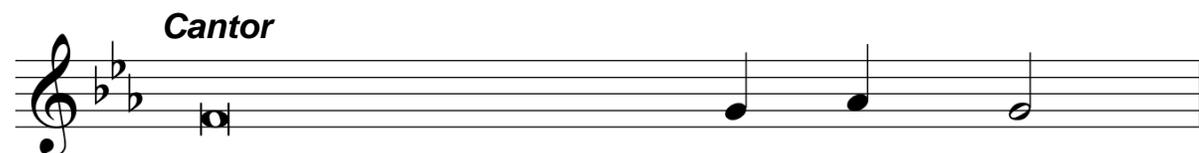
Pastor: We begin this evening in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

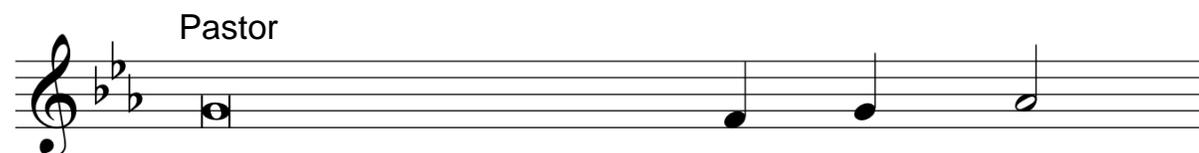
(The following sentences are chanted responsively by Pastor and Cantor, Sierra Jacob.)



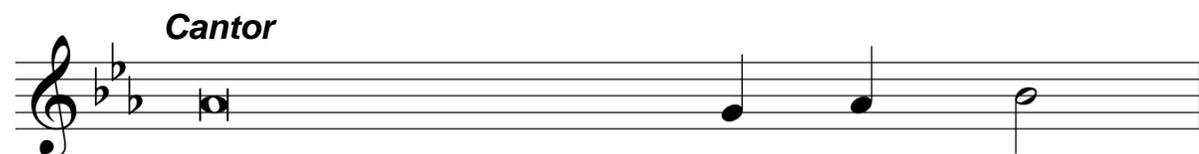
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



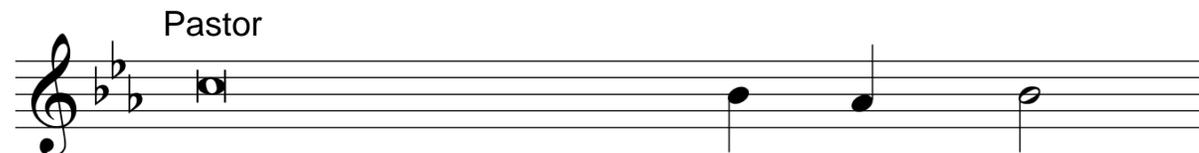
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



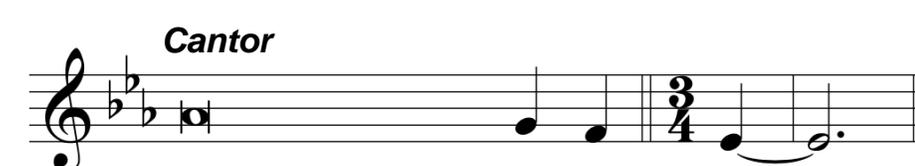
Stay with us now, for it is evening,



and the day is al - most over.



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



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.

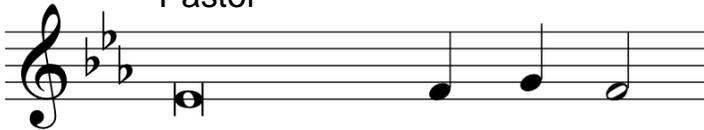
2. In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,
In the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear Your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,
Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

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

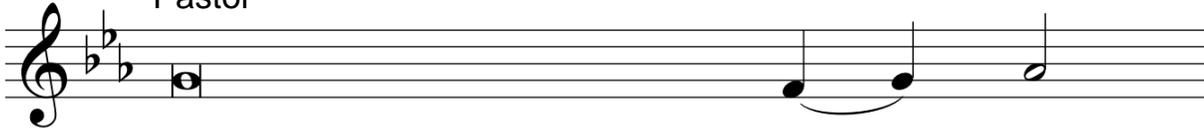


May God be with you all,

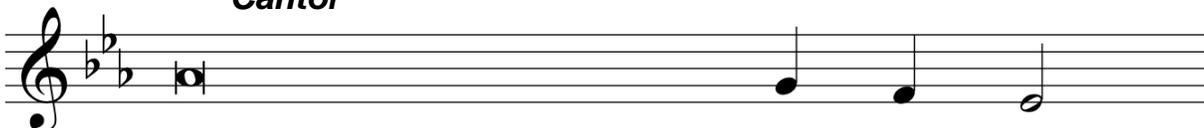
Cantor

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

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to

Genesis 12:1-8

go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD.

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

SECOND LESSON

²⁵Lest you be wise in your own conceits, I want you to understand this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”;

²⁷“and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now

Romans 11:25-36

been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Holly and the Ivy” *Judy Valentyn***THIRD LESSON**

⁴⁶And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

Luke 1:46-55

⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN**“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”**

LSB 765

SERMON “THE MIRACLE OF THE METHOD” *(Text: Romans 11:33)*
*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.”

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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

"Abide with Me"

LSB 878, vv. 1, 4, 6

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** * * *

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Preaching The Rev. Paul Rieger
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Cantor Sierra Jacob
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