

Advent Midweek Service III  
Holden Evening Prayer  
December 17, 2025 6:30 PM

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



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

## HOPE FOR THOSE WHO ARE WATCHING

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ONLY ALTAR CANDLES ARE LIT

OPENING HYMN “Hark the Glad Sound” LSB 349, sts. 1-4

Please stand

### INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin our service in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: Advent is a time to awaken our spiritual senses.

People: **We stand in awe of Your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

Pastor: Grant us vision to behold Your glory.

People: **We stand in awe of Your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

Pastor: Quiet us so we may hear Your still, soft voice.

People: **We stand in awe of Your deeds, O Lord, repeat them in our day!**

Pastor: For all of us eagerly watching for Your glory in our midst,

People: **Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

*(The three Advent candles are lit.)*

Pastor: We now light three candles. The first candle reminds us of those who find themselves in a season of waiting, resting in hopeful anticipation for God to act. The second candle is for anyone feeling weakened and wearied by the circumstances of life. We echo the cry of scripture to renew their strength and increase their power. The third candle awakens our spiritual senses, challenging us to embrace the glory of God, as we await our Savior's promised coming.

Please sit

**ADVENT HYMN “Christ, Be Our Light”**

*(Congregation and Leaders sing Chorus and Verses together.)*

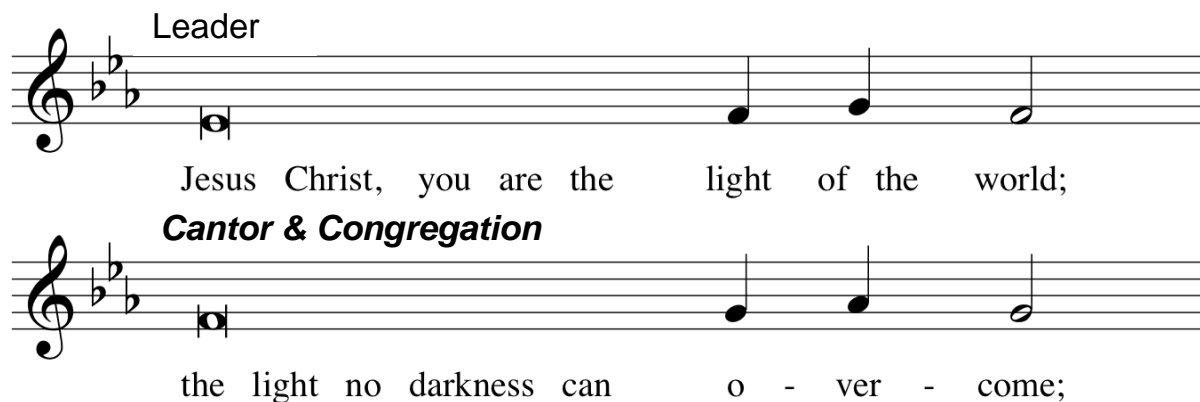


Christ, be our light! Shine in our  
hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
Church gath - ered to - day.

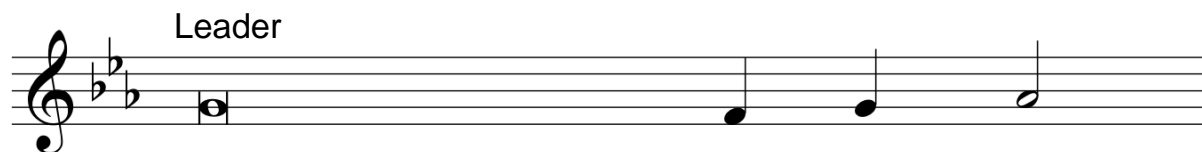
5. Many the gifts, many the people  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another  
Making Your kingdom come. (Chorus)

**EVENING PRAYER**

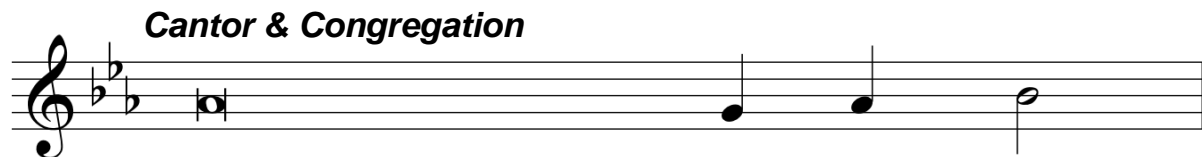
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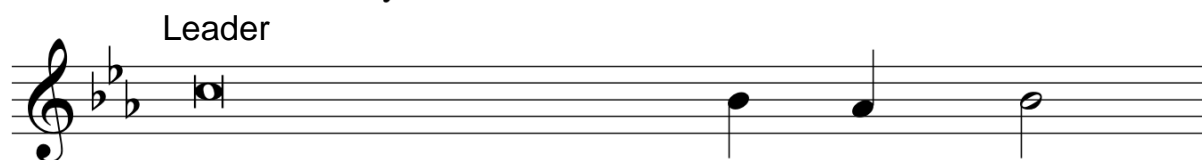
**Leader**  
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;  
**Cantor & Congregation**  
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



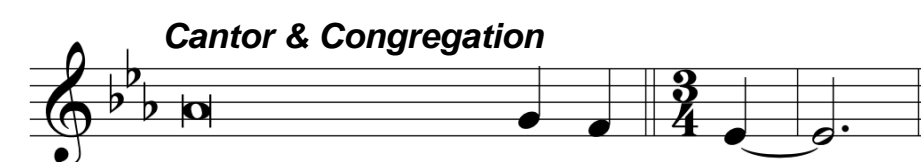
Stay with us now, for it is evening,



and the day is al - most over.



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

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### **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.

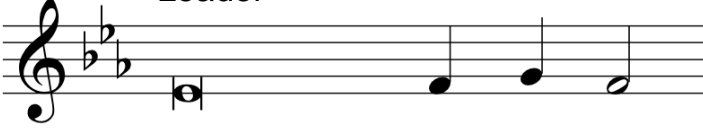
2. In the stars that grace the darkness, in the blazing sun of dawn,  
In the light of peace and wisdom, we can hear Your quiet song.  
Love that fills the night with wonder, love that warms the weary soul,  
Love that bursts all chains asunder, set us free and make us whole.

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***(The following sentences are chanted responsively by the Leader, the Cantor, and the congregation.)*

**Leader**



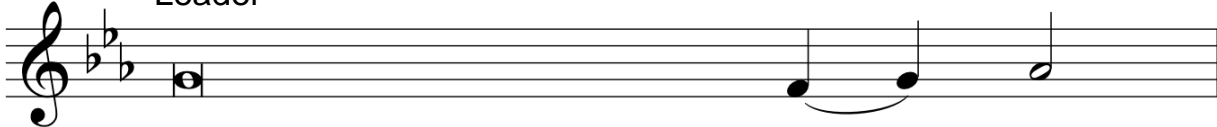
May God be with you all,

**Cantor & Congregation**



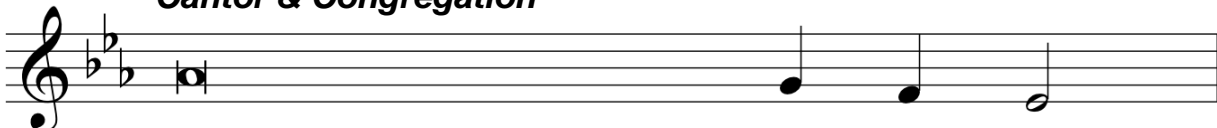
and al - so with you;

**Leader**



Let us sing our thanks to — God,

**Cantor & Congregation**



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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*(Sung by Leader)* Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

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**PSALMODY Psalm 141** *(sung by Leader, Cantor and Congregation)*

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    *Psalm 85:1-4, 9-11***

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.

<sup>3</sup>You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

<sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation toward us!

<sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON    *Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11***

<sup>1</sup>The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me to  
bring good news to the poor; he has  
sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives, and  
the opening of the prison to those who  
are bound, <sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the  
LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance  
of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup>to  
grant to those who mourn in Zion—to  
give them a beautiful headdress instead  
of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of  
mourning, the garment of praise instead  
of a faint spirit; that they may be called  
oaks of righteousness, the planting of  
the LORD, that he may be glorified.

<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former

devastations; they shall repair the ruined  
cities, the devastations of many  
generations.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my  
soul shall exult in my God, for he has  
clothed me with the garments of  
salvation; he has covered me with the  
robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom  
decks himself like a priest with a  
beautiful headdress, and as a bride  
adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its  
sprouts, and as a garden causes what is  
sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD  
will cause righteousness and praise to  
sprout up before all the nations.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Please stand****GOSPEL LESSON     *Luke 1:39-56***

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

<sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

<sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will

call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." <sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**Please sit****SERMON HYMN     "My Soul Rejoices"     LSB 933, sts. 1-2****SERMON     *The Rev. Rex Longshore*****TITHES AND OFFERING     "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"     *Emilia, Pianist*****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** *(Sung by the congregation)*

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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**Please stand**

**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.

**Please sit**

**CLOSING HYMN** "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" LSB 900, sts. 1-6

**FINAL BLESSING** *(to be chanted)*

Leader




Let us bless our God:

**Cantor & Congregation**



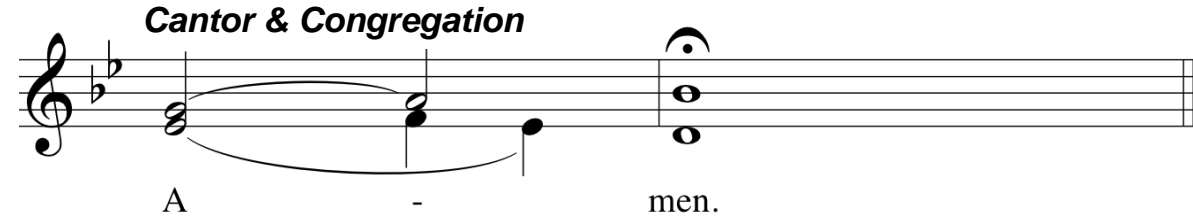
praise and thanks to you.

Leader



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 & Congregation**



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