

# Lenten Midweek Service 2

## Holden Evening Prayer

March 4, 2026 6:30 PM

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



Our Lenten devotions this year are based on this theme: “We are buried with Christ in His death so that we might live with Him in His resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for Him. We contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ.”

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / CANDLES ARE LIT

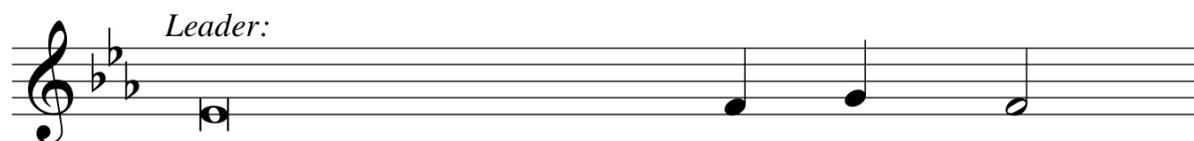
**OPENING HYMN** “My Song Is Love Unknown” LSB 430, sts. 1-4

### INVOCATION

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

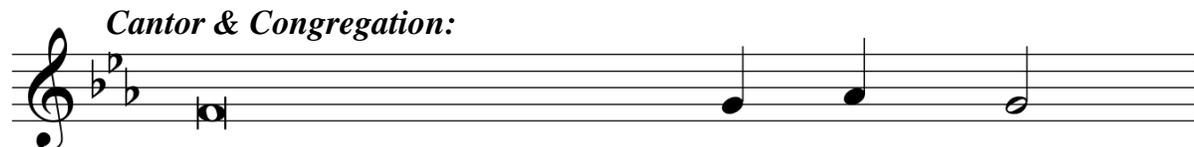
**Congregation: Amen.**

*(The following sentences are chanted responsively by; Cantor, Sierra Jacob; Leader, Steve Denninger, and the congregation.)*



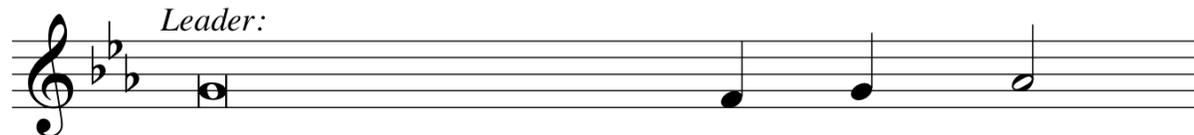
*Leader:*

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



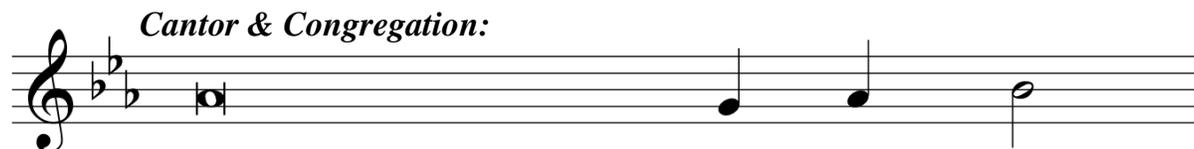
*Cantor & Congregation:*

the light no darkness can o - ver - come;



*Leader:*

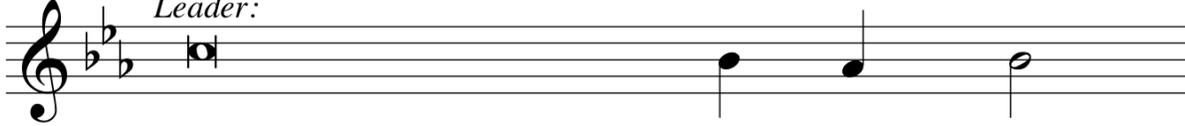
Stay with us now, for it is evening,



*Cantor & Congregation:*

and the day is al - most over.

*Leader:*



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*Cantor & Congregation:*



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.

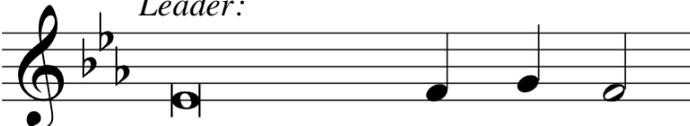
3. You who made the heaven's splendor, every dancing star of night,  
Make us shine with gentle justice, let us each reflect Your light.  
Mighty God of all creation, gentle Christ who lights our way,  
Loving Spirit of salvation, lead us on to endless day.

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### **EVENING THANKSGIVING**

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*Leader:*

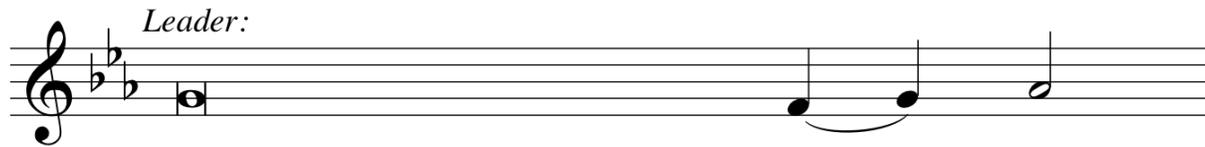


May God be with you all,

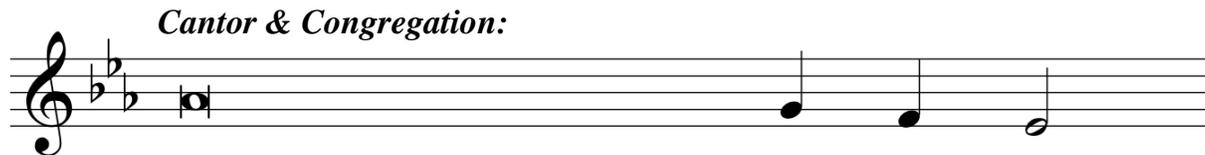
*Cantor & Congregation:*



and al - so with you;



Let us sing our thanks to ——— God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*(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 the 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**

**PASSION HISTORY READING: Mark 14:32-52**

<sup>32</sup>And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup>And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." <sup>35</sup>And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup>And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." <sup>37</sup>And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? <sup>38</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>39</sup>And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. <sup>40</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. <sup>41</sup>And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

**SECOND READING Hebrews 3:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup>who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup>For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup>(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things

<sup>43</sup>And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. <sup>44</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." <sup>45</sup>And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. <sup>46</sup>And they laid hands on him and seized him. <sup>47</sup>But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>48</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? <sup>49</sup>Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." <sup>50</sup>And they all left him and fled.

<sup>51</sup>And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, <sup>52</sup>but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

is God.) <sup>5</sup>Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup>but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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**GOSPEL READING Luke 12:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will

tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON HYMN “I’m But a Stranger Here” LSB 748, sts. 1-3****SERMON “DYING TO GREED, LIVING FOR THE TREASURES OF HEAVEN”**

*The Rev. Rex Longshore*

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**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 Cantor and 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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**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**     **“My Song Is Love Unknown”**     *LSB 430, sts. 5-7*

**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:*

A - men.

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