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Sunday 10:00 AM; Wednesday 7:00 PM

WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the narthex.

DOORS ARE LOCKED after the service begins. If you need to exit the building, please let an usher know, and they'll wait at the door to let you back inside.

*Sharing the caring CHRIST,
...here, there, and everywhere*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

We give You thanks, O God, for in the beginning You called light into being, and You set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In every age, You call imperfect people to be bearers of Your light, bright with Your wisdom, aflame with Your righteousness, like the stars forever. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ, kindled in the stable, magnified on the cross, and reflected in the lives of Your holy people. With them, and with all Your creatures we give You glory, through Your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Lift Up Your Heads (LSB 341)



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest; Where Christ the
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

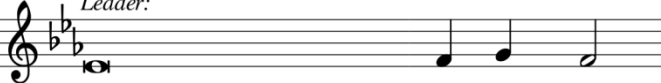


To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: August Lemke, 1820-1913

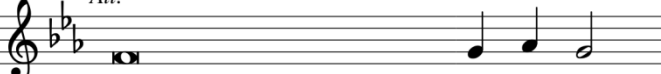
OPENING SENTENCES

Leader:



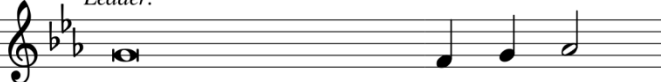
Je - sus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:



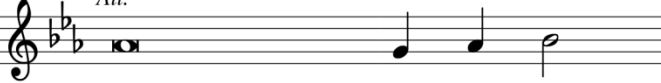
the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:



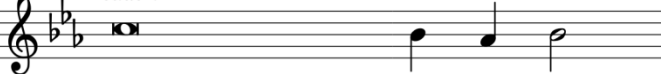
Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:




and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:



and shine with-in your peo-ple here.

EVENING HYMN: Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1. Joy - ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry



glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect Your light. Might - y

eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

light our hearts a - new.
 free and make us whole.
 on to end - less day.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: When God sent His Son into the world,

C: He came as Light into darkness.

P: Indeed, the world was shrouded in the darkness of sin.

C: And with sin comes a hatred of light.

P: Jesus came as God's Wonderful counselor,

C: But today, as then, sinners do not want counsel.

P: Sinners want to go their own way. Then let us go before God to confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

P: Lord Jesus,

C: Wonderful Counselor, I confess that I have not always heeded Your Word. I have ignored it, avoided it, and even intentionally rejected it. Rather than heeding Your will, I chose my own instead. Forgive me. Shine Your Light in me, and banish the darkness from my heart. Amen.

P: In this season of Advent, we celebrate that the Light has come and *still is coming*. This night, Christ shines His light in us once more by forgiving our sin, and guiding us with His counsel. Hear this Word from me as from the Counselor Himself: I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

PSALM 111

P: Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**C: Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

P: Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**C: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

P: He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

**C: The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

P: He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

C: Holy and awesome is his name!

P: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C: His praise endures forever!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and ever-living God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let Your fatherly hand ever guide us and Your Holy Spirit ever be with us to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word that we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 1:1-7

The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:

To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight,
to receive instruction in wise dealing,
in righteousness, justice, and equity;
to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth—
Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,
to understand a proverb and a saying,
the words of the wise and their riddles.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: The Word of the Lord endures forever.

EPISTLE

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: The Word of the Lord endures forever.

THE ANUNCIATION AND MAGNIFICAT

Leader: 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."



1. 3. My___ soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might - y down from their thrones, and up



spir - it re-joic-es in you, You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum-ble of heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

fine last time



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more. How you fa - vor the
strong is your jus - tice, strong your love, As you prom - ised to



weak___ and low - ly one, hum - bling the proud of heart.
Sar - ah___ and A - bra - ham, kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:29-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For as Jonah became a sign to the people of

Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: The Word of the Lord endures forever.

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (LSB 357, stzs 1-3, 5, 7)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy
 5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen thy
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst
 wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that
 hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.
 vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: French, 15th cent.

OFFERING

(Please stand)

EVENING THANKSGIVING

Leader:

May God be with you all,

All:

and al - so with you;

Leader:

Let us sing our thanks to— God,

All:

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



LITANY

At the beginning and following each petition, the congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.

- P: In peace, in peace, we pray to You:
P: For peace and salvation, we pray to You:
P: For peace between nations, for peace between peoples:
P: For us who are gathered to worship and praise You:
P: For all of Your servants who live out Your gospel:
P: For all those who govern, that justice might guide them:
P: For all those who labor in service to others:
P: Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:
P: Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger:
P: For all the beloved who rest in Your mercy:

Refrain:



P: Help us, comfort us, all of our days:

Final Refrain:



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LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Christ, Mighty Savior (LSB 881)



1 Christ, might - y Sav - ior, Light of all cre - a - tion,
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting,
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer,
4 Give heed, we pray You, to our sup - pli - ca - tion,
5 Though bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vig - il,



You make the day - time ra - dian - t with the sun - light
Mir - ror of day - break, pledge of res - ur - rec - tion;
Joy - ful - ly chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise You,
That You may grant us par - don for of - fens - es,
For - ev - er rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus,



And to the night give glit - ter - ing a -
While in the heav - ens choirs of stars ap -
With all cre - a - tion join - ing hearts and
Strength for our weak hearts, rest for ach - ing
In light or dark - ness wor - ship - ing our



dorn - ment, Stars in the heav - ens.
pear - ing Hal - low the night - fall.
voic - es Sing - ing Your glo - ry.
bod - ies, Sooth - ing the wea - ry.
Sav - ior Now and for - ev - er.

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