

EVENING PRAYER

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IN THE WEEK OF ADVENT I
November 30, 2022
7:00 p.m.

OPENING

Sit Prelude: "He Shall Feed His Flock", from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

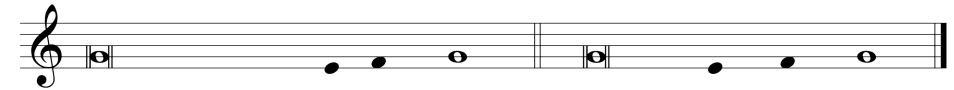
Stand Opening Sentences



Jesus Christ is the light of the world, **the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**



Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, **and the day is al - most over.**



Let your light scat - ter the darkness **and illu - mine your church.**

Thanksgiving for Light



☐ Joy - ous light of glo - ry: ☑ **of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther;**



heav - en - ly, ho - ly, bless - ed Je - sus Christ.



We have come to the set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



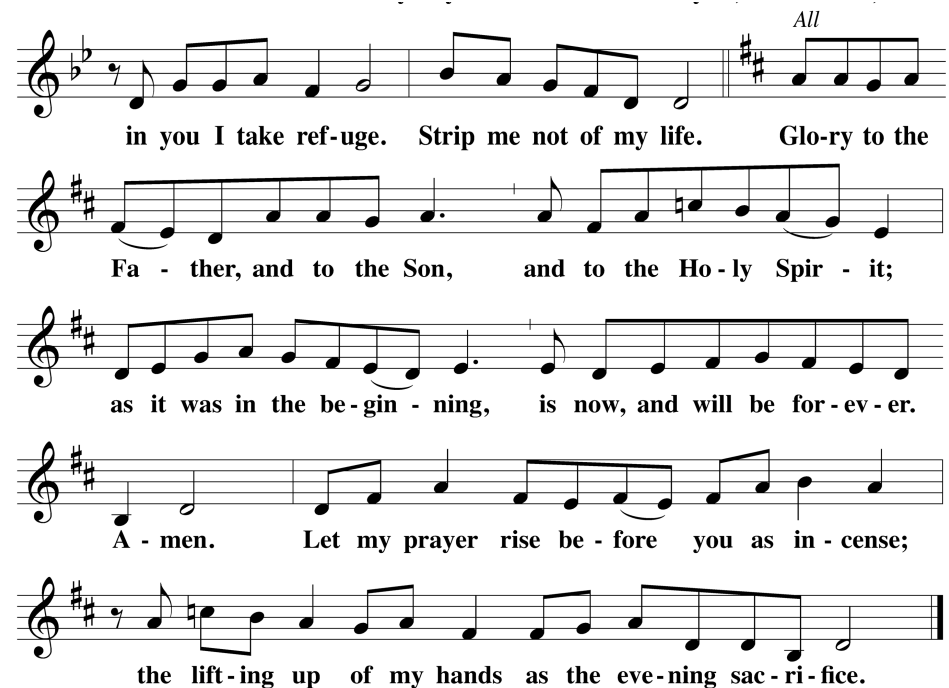
We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it: You are wor - thy of

be - ing praised with pure voic - es for - ev - er. O Son of God,
 O Giv - er of life: The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.
 ☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.
 ☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.
 ☐ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people
 Israel by a pil - lar of cloud by day and a pil - lar of fire by night:
 Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be a lamp
 to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer - ci - ful,
 and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and we, your crea - tures, glo - ri - fy you,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. ☑ A - men

PSALMODY _____

Sit Psalm 141

All
 Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.
Group One
 O Lord, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
 cry to you *All*
 Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.
Group Two
 Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.
Group One
 Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;
 let my not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil -
Group Two
 do - ers. But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God;



in you I take ref-uge. Strip me not of my life. *All* Glo-ry to the
 Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er.
 A - men. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

Silence ... Prayer

Psalm 122

Chanted Responsively

I was glad when they¹ said to me,
 "Let us go to the house¹ of the LORD."
Now our¹ feet are standing
within your gates,¹ O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built¹ as a city
 that is at unity¹ with itself;
to which the tribes go up, the tribes¹ of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name¹ of the LORD.

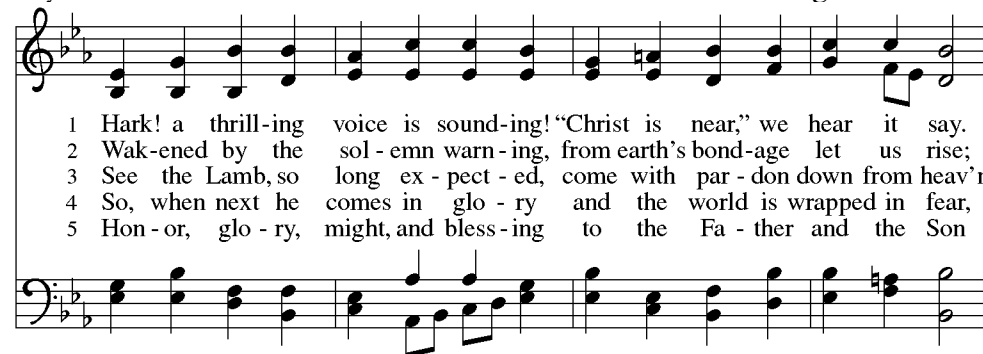
For there are the¹ thrones of judgment,
 the thrones of the¹ house of David.
Pray for the peace¹ of Jerusalem:
"May they pros-¹per who love you.

Peace be with-¹ in your walls
 and quietness with-¹ in your towers.
For the sake of my kindred¹ and companions,
I pray for¹ your prosperity.

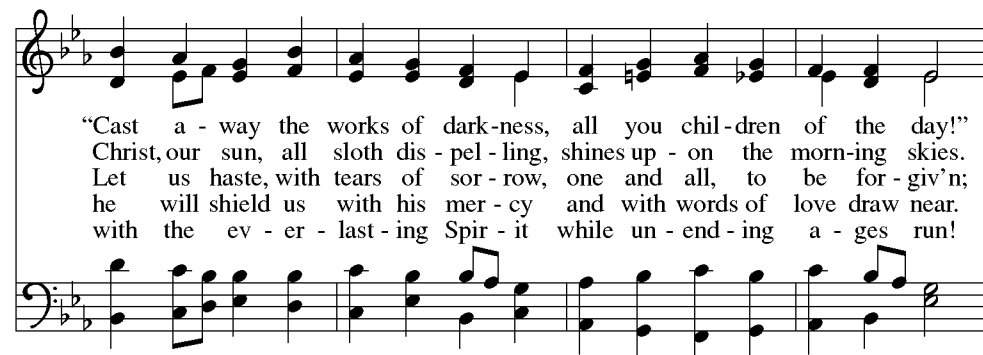
Because of the house of the¹ LORD our God,
 I will seek to¹ do you good."

Stand Hymn

Hark a Thrilling Voice is Sounding!



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
 3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don down from heav'n.
 4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
 Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
 he will shield us with his mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
 with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while un - end - ing a - ges run!

WORD _____

Sit Readings

Romans 13:11-14
 Saint Matthew 24:36-44

Meditation

Scriptural Dialogue

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
But in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Stand Gospel Canticle



My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir - it re-
joic-es in God my Sav-ior, for he has looked with fa - vor
on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er -
a - tions will call me bless - ed. The Al-might-y has
done great things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has
mer-cy on those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.
He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the
proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones,



and has lift - ed up the low - ly. He has filled the
hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way emp - ty.
He has come to the help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el,
for he has re-mem-bered his prom-ise of mer-cy, the prom-ise he
made to our fa - thers, to A - bra - ham and his chil - dren for - ev - er.
Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it
was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

Sit Litany

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

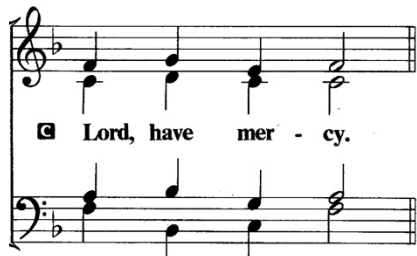


Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and
For the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us
pray to the Lord.



For our pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people,
let us pray to the Lord.



For our public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they
may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.



For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and
every place, let us pray to the Lord.



For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation,
those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from
the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.



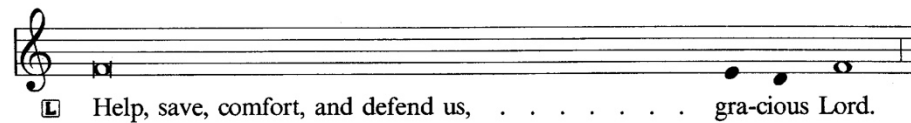
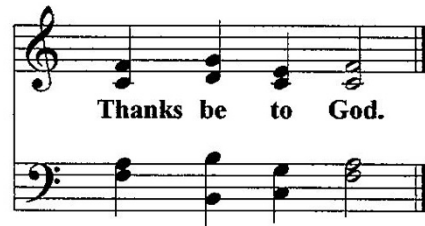
For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.



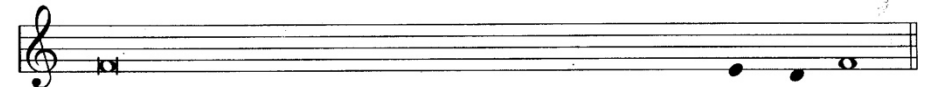
For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.



For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.



Silence for meditation



Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.



To you, O Lord.

PRAYERS

Stand Prayer of the Day

Prayer for Peace

Our Father

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**



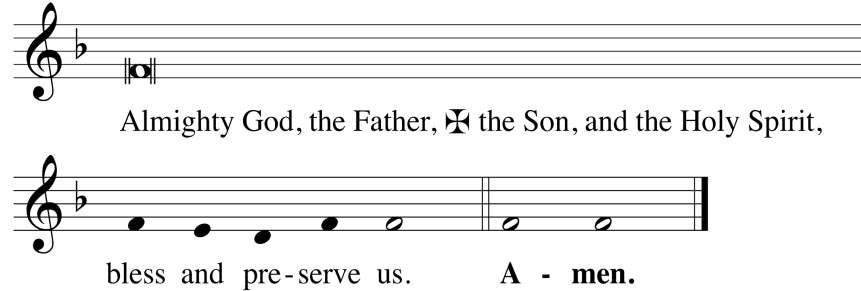
SENDING

Stand



Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Blessing



Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and pre-serve us. A - men.

Stephen Bouman, *Presiding Minister*
Liala Beukema and Craig Mueller, *Lectors*
Maia Surace and Terry Duchow, *Cantors*
Don Mead, *Organist*



The Altar

Looking toward the altar, the focus of attention in the chancel, we see on the frontal an unusual but fitting metaphor for our season. The hurricanes that inspired this image elicit the type of responses that should mark our Advent vigil. As a storm approaches, watchers acknowledge its power and track its passage, proclaiming to all the latest news. All those in the storm's path actively prepare for its coming. And as it approaches with awesome might and terrible power, all eyes are fixed on its progress. So are our eyes fixed on the coming King in our observance of Advent. We are ready! We are prepared! We watch and wait! Arising from the wind and the power of the central eye of this symbol are Hebrew letters in white – Psalm 80:2, a prayer of God's ancient people, their fervent cry for deliverance: "*Stir up your power and come to save us.*" The cry from the midst of distress links us through time and space to those who first heard the words of God's promise. This phrase is repeated in prayers throughout the season, an expression of our hope in the fulfillment of our longing.

Lakeview Lutheran Parish Christmas Services



SAINT LUKE CHURCH



Resurrection Lutheran
Church



Blue Christmas at HTLoop

Thursday, December 15

6:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity in the Loop
637 S. Dearborn Street

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4:30 p.m.

Holy Trinity in Lakeview

5:00 p.m.

Resurrection

7:00 p.m.

Lakeview

10:30 p.m.

Saint Luke Church

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

9:30 a.m.

Saint Luke Church
Holy Trinity
Resurrection (*Zoom only*)

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