

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Service of Light ~ Midweek Advent 3



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Anthem "Happy Birthday Jesus" / "Baby Jesus, We Love You"

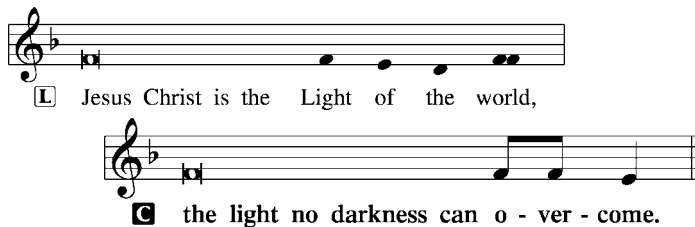
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Hymn Savior of the Nations, Come

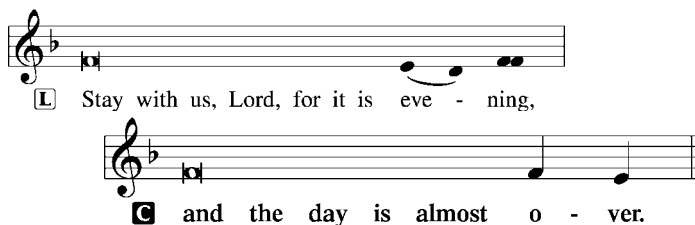
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Opening Versicles

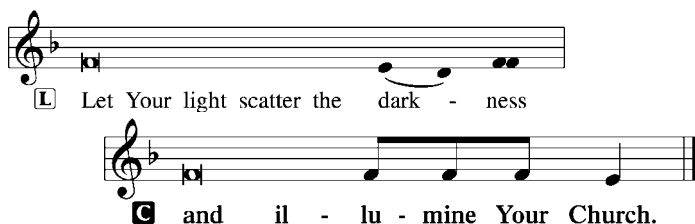
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L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



L Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,
C and the day is almost o - ver.



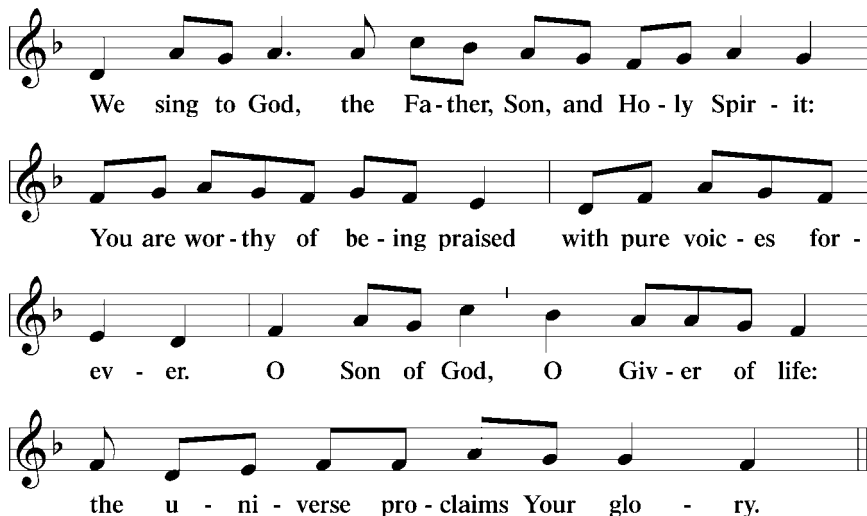
L Let Your light scatter the dark - ness
C and il - lu - mine Your Church.

Phos Hilaron ~ Hymn of Light

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L Joy - ous light of glo - ry:
C 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.



Thanksgiving for Light

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar 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 merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Psalms

Psalms 89:1–8

- P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- C For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;
in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."**
- P** You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
- C 'I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"**
- P** Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!
- C For who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD,**

P a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones,
and awesome above all who are around him?

C **O LORD God of hosts,**
who is mighty as you are, O LORD,
with your faithfulness all around you?

Prayer

P Let us pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever. **C Amen.**

✠ Readings ✠

First Reading

1 John 1:1–4

P A reading from 1 John, chapter 1.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

P O Lord, have mercy on us. **C Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18–25

P A reading from Matthew, chapter 1.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Hymn **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

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1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free;
2 Born Thy peo-ple to de - liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for-ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Sermon

Presentation of our Offerings to the Lord

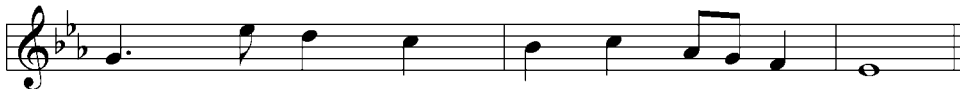
(As our offerings are brought forward, we sing the Canticle Hymn)



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it
 2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -
 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters
 4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -
 maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like
 those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -
 leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.
 light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
 tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.
 el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

Litany

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** 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:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Matthew our Synodical President and Nathan our District President, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Donald our President and Tony our Governor, for all 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:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**

- P** 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: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord: **C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord: **C Alleluia.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
(Silence for individual prayer may follow)
- P** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord: **C To You, O Lord.**

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.**

Lord's Prayer

- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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

- P** Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. **C Amen.**

Hymn

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

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1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

Serving Us in Worship

Organist:

Kim Woller

Elders: 11am: Rick Krause

6:30pm: Dale Wachholz

Ushers: 11am: From Congregation

6:30pm: O'Neil-Team 5

Acolyte: 6:30pm: Jionni Conto

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Evening Prayer from Lutheran Service Book

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