



St. Mark's
Lutheran Church



**LENTEN SERVICE
AVAILABLE TO VIEW
MARCH 17th, 7:00 PM
PRERECORDED SERVICE
NO IN-PERSON SERVICE**

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SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: the Reverend James Mericle
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY: Karla Devine
SOLOIST: Rylee Birtja

WELCOME

Welcome to our midweek Lenten worship featuring the Holden Evening prayer and a message from 1 John.

**Holden Evening Prayer
Setting by Marty Haugen
1. SERVICE OF LIGHT
Procession**

Leader:



Jesus 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 within your peo - ple here. —

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Evening Hymn

All: a tempo

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. _____

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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.

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.

All: A - men.

2. PSALMODY, READING AND CANTICLES

Psalm 141

All:

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
fore you, the lift - ing up of my
hands as an of - fer - ing to you. —

Leader or Group One:

— O God, I call to you, come to me

All or Group Two:

O God, I

now; O hear my voice when I
 call to you, come to me now; O
 cry to you. Let my prayer rise
 hear my voice when I cry to you.
 up like in-cense be-fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be-
 lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to
 fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an
 you. Keep watch with-in me, God;
 of-fer-ing to you. Keep

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deep in my heart may the light of your love be
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the

burn - ing bright. ——— Let my prayer rise
light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. ——— All praise to the God of all— Cre-
of - fer - ing to you. All

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a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the
praise to the God of all- Cre - a - tor of life; all
Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise
praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.
up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
you.
of - fer - ing to you.

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(Silence for meditation)

Leader: May our prayers come before you. O God, as incense, an may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

All: Amen.

(Additional psalms and canticles may be sung or said. Silence for Meditation follows each psalm or canticle. A psalm prayer appropriate to each psalm follows the silence.)

READING 1 John 4:1 – 21, Testing and Abiding

Leader: The Light shines in the darkness

All: and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Annunciation

Luke 1:26-28,30-32, 38

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 I 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 the my God, I live to do your will" (immediately to "The Magnificat")

The Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

All:

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
 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.
 strong is your jus - tice strong your love,
 How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
 As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,
 hum - bling the proud of heart.
 kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

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3. LITANY AND PRAYERS

A *Repeat continuously*

(Hmmm)

B

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:

4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish-es all of cre-a-tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be-lov-ed who rest in your mer-cy:

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Leader:

Help us, com-fort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

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Leader: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

Final Blessing

Leader: Let us bless our God: *All:* praise and thanks to you.

Presider: 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.

All: A - men.



“I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Psalm 121:1-2).

Dear friends,

The last year has been full of changes and challenges for all of us. Now we are again witnessing a devastating disaster amid the ongoing pandemic. As neighbors in Christ, we have an opportunity to share God’s hope, healing and renewal with each other. Beginning Feb. 14, a polar vortex descended over the United States. Subfreezing temperatures and heavy snow swept across the country, impacting millions of people. The harsh conditions severely impacted Southern states, such as Texas, which lack the infrastructure to handle the freezing temperatures and record-setting snow and ice. This has led to power, food and water shortages throughout the region. At its peak, 4.5 million homes and businesses in Texas were without power. With bursting pipes and broken water systems, around 10 million Texans are facing water disruptions. As temperatures rise, melting ice and snow is expected to cause more water damage.

Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, the Southwestern Texas Synod, the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, and Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response. Congregations are already conducting relief efforts such as supplying water, food and generators to those in need and opening their doors to serve as shelters. Long-term recovery may include repairing water-damaged homes, disaster case management and supporting vulnerable populations.

Please give today. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose lives have been devastated by the severe storms in Texas. Gifts designated for “U.S. Severe Storms” will be used entirely (100%) for direct response.

Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by severe winter storms and subfreezing temperatures in Texas. Doing this we reflect Christ’s light and hope to our neighbors in their time of need. For updates on this and other disasters, follow Lutheran Disaster Response on **Facebook**.

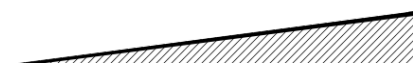
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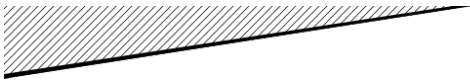
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