

St. Mark's Lutheran Church



LENTEN SERVICE AVAILABLE TO VIEW FEBRUARY 24, 1:00 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

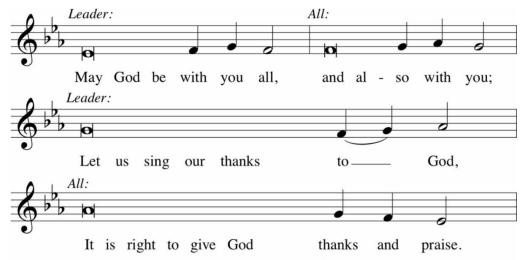


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Evening Hymn



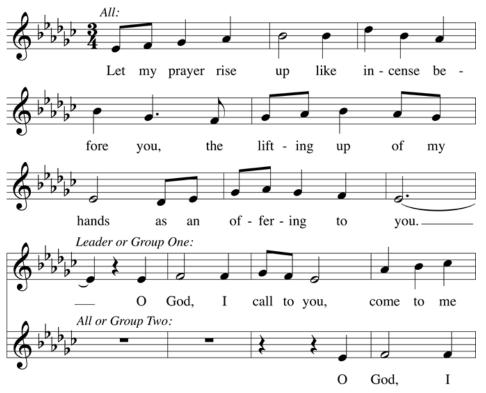
Evening Thanksgiving



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.



2. PSAMODY, READING AND CANTICLES Psalm 141



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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 my 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 1:1-10 The Light Overcomes the Darkness

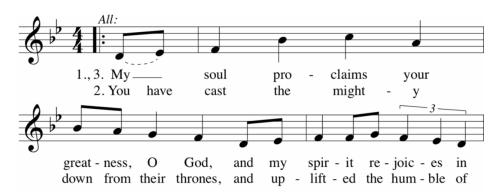
Leader: The Light shines in the darkness

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





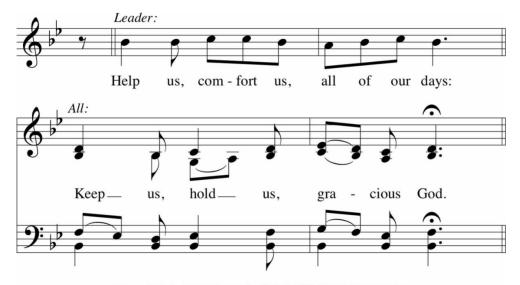
3. LITANY AND PRAYERS



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: 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



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"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.

With gratitude for your partnership,

The Rev. Daniel Rift

Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Funding Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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