

OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OUR MISSION

“The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith;
help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life;
and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus’** name.”

GUESTS AND MEMBERS – WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

We’re happy that you’ve joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.
We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better,
trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word
and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

We like to know you worshiped with us today. Please sign the Friendship Pad located on
the aisle side of the pew and pass it along to others in the pew.

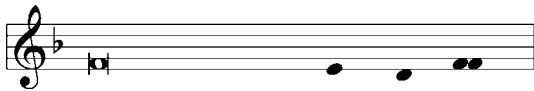
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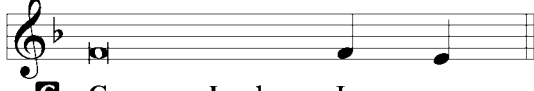
ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE OF LIGHT

The theme of light was central to the Early Church's development of prayer for both morning and evening. Each day began as a thanksgiving to God for His new day of grace, evidenced by the rising sun. And each day concluded with a renewed thanks for the day now past and with preparation to close one's eyes in the confidence that another day would soon dawn. This focus on light became especially prominent in the Early Church's practice, as lights were lit in preparation for the prayer that ended each day. While clearly a practical task, the action of lamplighting soon took on powerful symbolic overtones. As the Church gathers in the evening, she does so in the confidence that Christ, the "sun of righteousness" (Malachi 4:2), bring light to those who "sit in darkness and in the shadow of death" (Luke 1:79). The various texts in the Service of Light forcefully testify to the conviction that Jesus, the light of the world, is our "joyous light," the very glory of the Father.

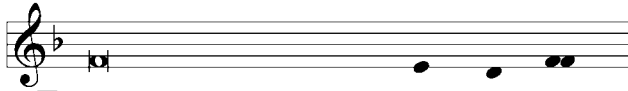
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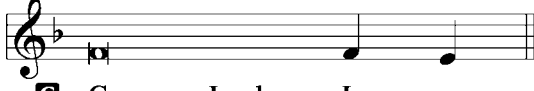
L The Spirit and the Church cry out:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



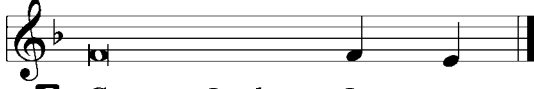
L All those who await His ap - pear - ance pray:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.



L The whole cre - a - tion pleads:



C Come, Lord Je - sus.

HYMN OF LIGHT

LSB 244

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.
 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

LSB 245

P: Blessèd 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 A - men.

PSALM

Psalm 127; antiphon: v. 1

P: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

P: It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

C: Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

P: Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

C: Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

OFFICE HYMN

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

LSB 350

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-25 (Pew Bible pg. 2)

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:22-33 (Pew Bible pg. 978)

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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.

SERMON HYMN

“O Father, All Creating”

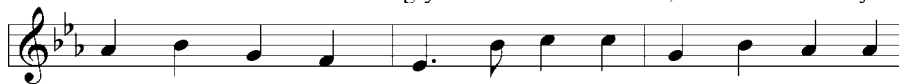
LSB 858

SERMON

“Marriage”



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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Tithes and offerings are collected in the offering box in the Narthex and brought forward. If you have a tithe or offering to share, you may still place it in the offering box following worship.

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 synod president, for Michael, 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 Joseph, our president, 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 ... 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: Thanks be to God.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

(Silence for individual prayer.)

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.

PRAYER

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 251

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

LSB 252

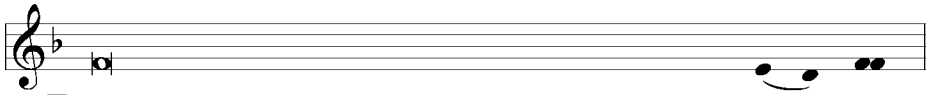


♩ Let us bless the Lord.



♩ Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN “Lord, When You Came as Welcome Guest” *LSB 859*



1 Lord, when You came as wel - come guest
2 Now give Your pres - ence from a - bove
3 Pre - serve the vow these two shall make,
4 Your dai - ly mer - cies let them share,



To Ca - na's wed - ding feast, The brid - al pair, di -
That these, by vow - ing true, May show their pledge is
This cir - cle round their life, This gold - en ring that
All threats of harm de - stroy; By this their vow di -



vine - ly blest, Found all their joy in - creased.
like the love Be - tween the Church and You.
none may break Which makes them hus - band, wife.
vide their care And dou - ble all their joy.

- 5 **On all who thus before You kneel, Your joyous Spirit pour,
That each may wake the other's zeal, To love You more and more.**
- 6 **O grant them here in peace to live, In purity and love,
And after this life to receive, The crown of life above.**

Serving Us Today

Guest Pastor - Rev. Timothy Fitzner

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