

# The Lutheran Church of the Atonement

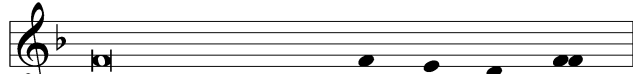
## 12/16/2020 The Third Midweek Advent Service

### Service of Light

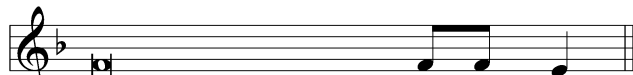
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#### Versicles

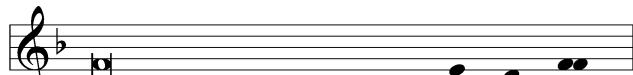
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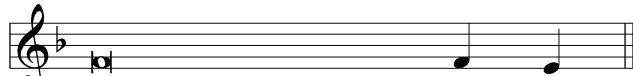
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



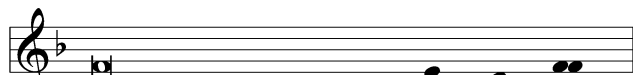
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**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

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**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - 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

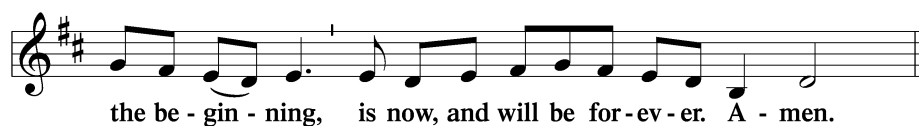
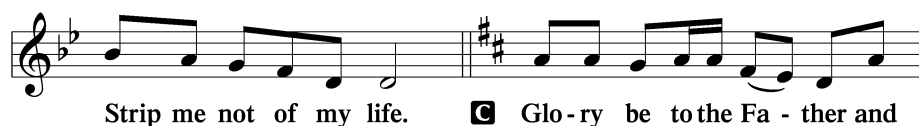
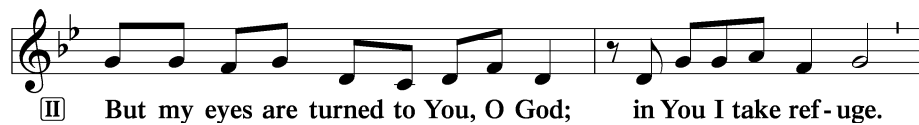
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**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u-ni-verse,  
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of  
 fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;  
 may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
 for You are mer-ci-ful, and You love Your whole cre-a-tion  
 and we, Your creatures, glo-ri-fy You, Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it.  
**A** A-men.

*Sit*

## Psalmody

## Psalm 141





### Psalm Prayer

L 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.**

### 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



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.

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## Readings

### Reading

*Luke 2:7–15*

<sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

### Reading Response

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

John 3:16–17

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## Final Reading Response

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- L 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

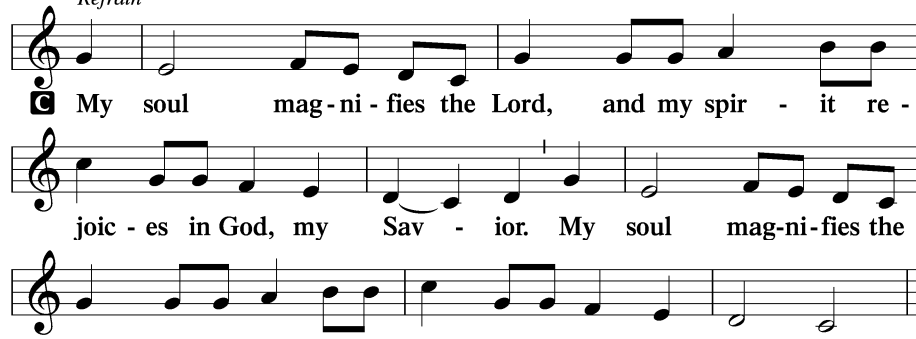
## Canticle

Stand

## Magnificat

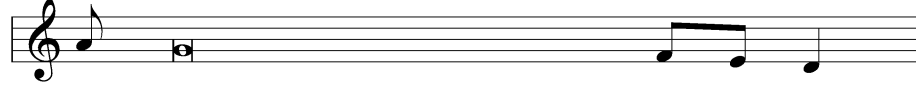
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*Refrain*

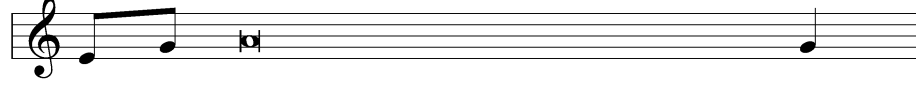


My soul mag-ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
 joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni - fies the  
 Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

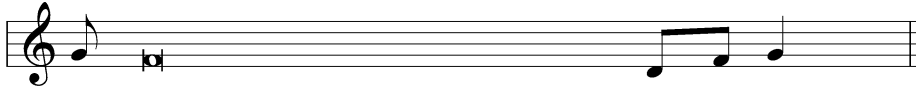
- 1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - garded  
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,  
 3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;  
 4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,  
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son



1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand - maiden.  
 2 and holy . . . . . is His name;  
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day  
 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him  
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones  
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
 5 as it was in the be - ginning,



1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessèd.  
 2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*  
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.  
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - men. *Refrain*

*Sit*

## Offering

## Prayer

*Kneel/Stand*

### Litany

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- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L 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.**  
 L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For *[names of synodical and district presidents]*, 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.**  
 L For *[name of president or monarch]*, 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.**  
 L 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.**  
 L 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.**  
 L 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.**  
 L For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**  
 L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:  
 C **Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers then continue:*

- L For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:  
 C **Alleluia.**  
 L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*

- L 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

- L 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

*LSB 251*

- L 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.**

*Stand*

### Benedicamus

*LSB 252*

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

### Benediction

*LSB 252*

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

### Hymn to Depart

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