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WELCOME to Lamb of God Lutheran Church!

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Liturgy from *Holden Evening Prayer*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (tolling of the bell)

"When peaceful stillness lay over all, and the night was half spent, your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from heaven's royal throne"

Wisdom 18:14-15

SERVICE OF LIGHT

PRAYER

P Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts to direct and rule us according to Your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen. Come Lord Jesus, come.

P Christ has died.

C Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

PROCESSION

Cantor All

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world; the light no darkness can o-ver come;

Cantor All

Stay with us now, for it is evening, and the day is al-most over.

Cantor All

Let your light scat - ter the darkness, and shine within your peo-ple here.

EVENING HYMN



1. Joy - ous light of heav-'nly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own face,
2. In the stars that grace the dark-ness, in the blaz-ing sun of dawn,
3. You who made the heav-en's splen-dor, ev-'ry danc-ing star of night,



you who sing cre - a - tion's sto ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race.
in the light of peace and wis-dom, we can hear your qui - et song.
make us shine with gen - tle jus-tice, let us each re - flect your light.

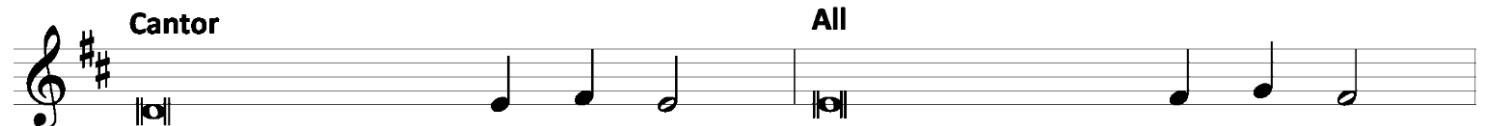


Now as eve ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to you,
Love that fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wear - y soul,
Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way,



God of day break, God of shad-ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
Love that bursts all chains a - sun-der, set us free and make us whole.
Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

EVENING THANKSGIVING



Cantor May God be **All** with you all, and al - so with you;



Cantor Let us sing our thanks to God, **All** It is right to give God thanks and praise.



Cantor Blessed are you, Cre - a - tor - of the u - ni - verse



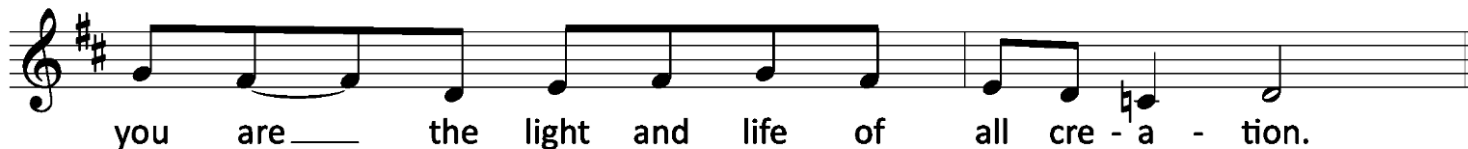
from old you have led your peo - ple by night and day May the



light of your Chirst make our dark-ness bright, for your



Word and your pres-ence are the light of our path - ways and

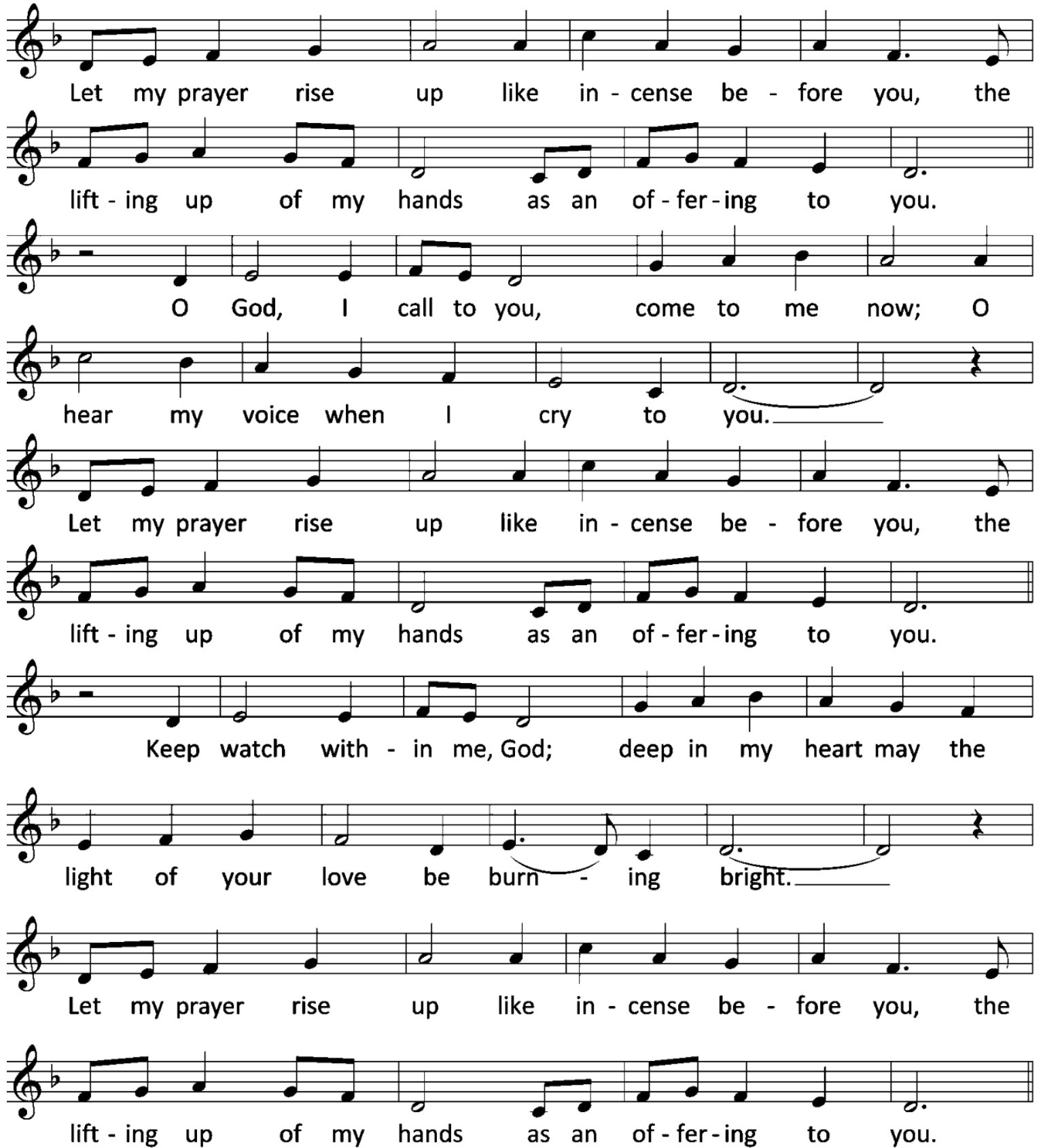


you are — the light and life of all cre - a - tion.



All
A - - - - - men.

PSALM 141



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.
O God, I call to you, come to me now; O
hear my voice when I cry to you.
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.
Keep watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the
light of your love be burn - ing bright.
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.

All praise to the God of all - Cre - a - tor of life; all
 praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.
 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.

P May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and 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.

C Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

December 1st – *Matthew 1:18–25*

¹⁸Now 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. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But 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. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
 and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P The light shines in the darkness.

C and the darkness has not overcome it.

December 8th – *Luke 2:8-20*

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

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

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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December 15th – *Matthew 2:13–18*

¹³When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

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HYMN

December 1st – LSB 359 “Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming”

December 8th – LSB 366 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

December 15th – LSB 370 “What Child is This”

SERMON

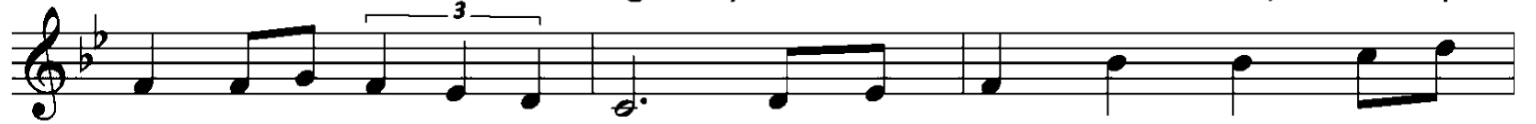
THE ANNUNCIATION

Cantor: 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 is 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 my God, I live to do your will."

MAGNIFICAT



1. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my
2. You have cast the might-y down from their thrones, and up -



spir - it re-joic-es in you, You have looked with love on your
lift - ed the hum-ble of heart, You have filled the hun - gry with



ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through. Great and might-y are
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part. Great and might-y are



you, O Ho - ly One, strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more
you, O Faith-ful One, strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one, hum-bling the proud of heart.
As you prom-ised to Sar - ah and A - bra-ham, kind-ness for - ev - er - more.



3. My soul pro-claims your great-ness, O God, and my spir-it re-joic-es in you,



You have looked with love on your ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.

LITANY & PRAYERS



Cantor:Refrain

All: Refrain

Cantor:In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

All: Refrain

Cantor:For peace and salvation, we pray to you:

All: Refrain

Cantor:For peace between nations, for peace between peoples:

All: Refrain

Cantor:For us who are gathered to worship and praise you:

All: Refrain

Cantor:For all of your servants, who live out your Gospel:

All: Refrain

Cantor:For all those who govern, that justice might guide them:

All: Refrain

Cantor:For all those who labor in service to others:

All: Refrain

Cantor:Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:

All: Refrain

Cantor:Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger:

All: Refrain

Cantor:For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:

All: Refrain

Cantor:Help us, comfort us, all of our days:



P 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.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

FINAL BLESSING



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

Choir: May God, Creator bless us and keep us, may Christ be ever light for our lives, may the Spirit of Love be our guide and path, for all of our days.

All:



A - men.

HYMN

December 1st – LSB 332 “Savior of the Nations, Come” v.1-2,6-8
December 15th – LSB 357 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” v.1,4,6-7

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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