

Mid-week Advent Service - 3

December 17, 2025, 6:30 p.m.



Faith Lutheran Church
Green Bay, Wisconsin

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- congregation stands.



- congregation sits.



- congregation kneel or sit as you are able.



- congregation sings.

Congregation responds in **bold** print.

Prelude

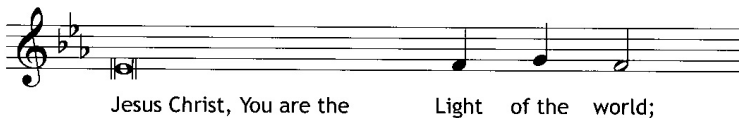
EVENING PRAYER

(adapted from *Holden Evening Prayer*)

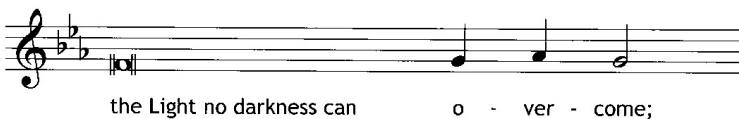


Service of Light

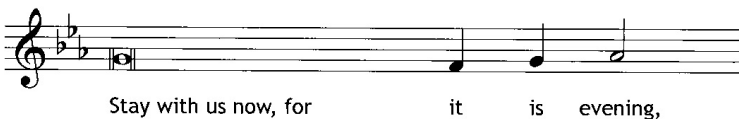
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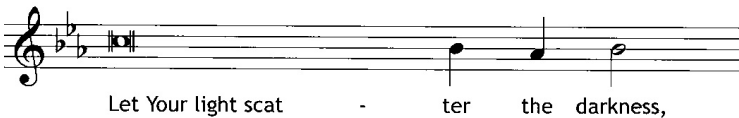
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EVENING HYMN



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, of 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. _____

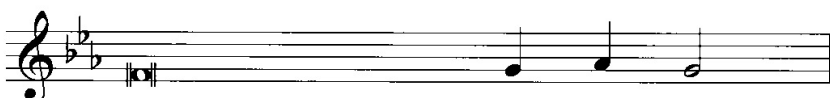
EVENING THANKSGIVING

Leader:



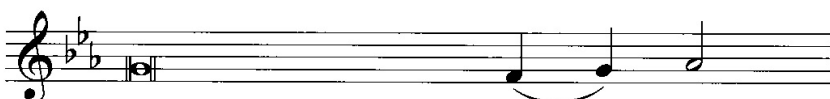
May God be with you all,

Congregation:




and al - so with you;

Leader:




Let us sing our thanks to God,

Congregation:



It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old You have led Your people Israel 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.



A - - - men.



PSALMODY

Incense Psalm



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



call 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 Spi-rit 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._____

Leader: 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.

ALL: Amen.

PSALM 84:1-5, 8-12 (Read responsively)

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
**my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
**at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor.
**No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.**

O Lord of hosts,
blessed is the one who trusts in you!

**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.**

READING

1 John 4 and 5

Test the Spirits

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

God Is Love

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Overcoming the World

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Testimony Concerning the Son of God

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

That You May Know

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

O Lord, have mercy on us.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN: **"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" - LSB #334, stanzas 1, 4, 5**



1. O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
4. Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.
5. Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Can - not His love e - rase;



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
Your guilt the Lord will par - don And cov - er by His grace.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with in my breast
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace
He comes, for you pro - cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n.



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
In love, all love ex - cell - ing, Our lost and fal - len race.
His chil - dren thus se - cur - ing E - ter - nal life in heav'n.

HOMILY: Vicar David Scarborough

Offering

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The Annunciation

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

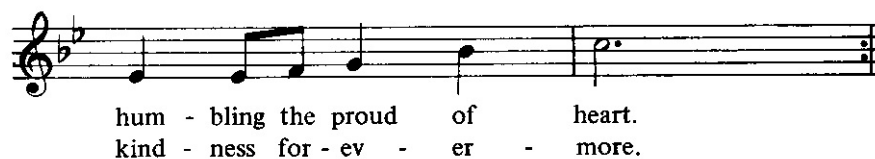
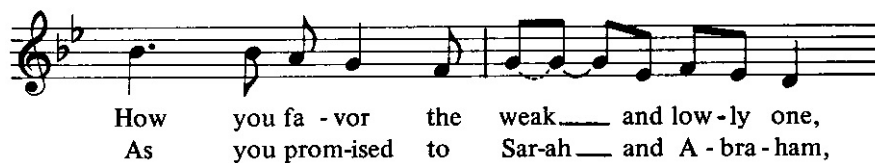
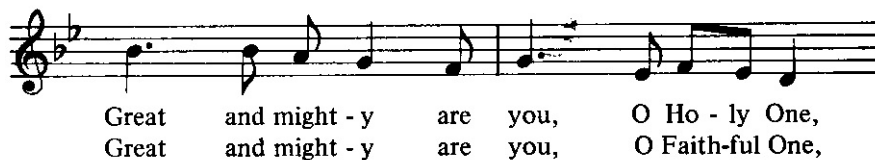
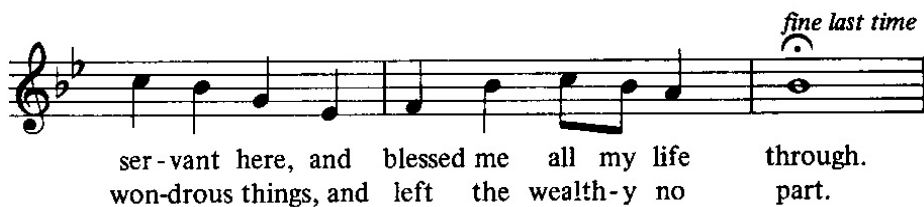
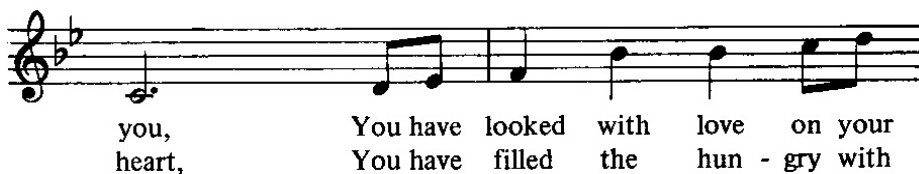
An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

MAGNIFICAT (Mary's Song - 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





LITANY AND PRAYERS

Antiphon:



- For peace and salvation, we pray to You:
- For peace between nations, for peace between peoples, we pray to You:
- For all Your servants who live out Your gospel, we pray to You:
- For all those who govern, that justice might guide them, we pray to You:
- For all those who labor in service to others, we pray to You:
- Grant weather that nourishes all of creation, we pray to You:
- Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from danger, we pray to You:
- For all the beloved who rest in Your mercy, we pray to You:
- Help us, comfort us, all of our days, we pray to You:
- Keep us, hold us gracious God, we pray to You:

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in Your love and teach us to pray:

**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.**

BLESSING



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



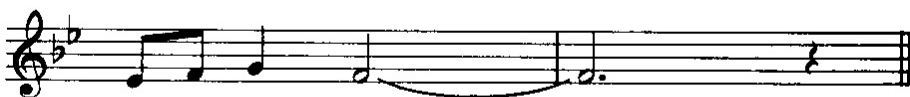
May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. _____



A - men.

HYMN: “Once He Came in Blessing” - LSB #333

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Advent and Christmas Season Service Schedule

Christmas Eve Services (Wednesday, Dec 24)

1:00 pm Festival Service with Adult Choir

4:30 pm Service with Children's Choir

7:00 pm Festival Service with Handbells

10:00 pm Vigil Service

Christmas Day Service (Thursday, Dec. 25)

10:00 am Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve (Wednesday, Dec. 31)

6:30 pm New Year's Eve Service with Holy Communion