

MID-WEEK 3
ADVENT SERVICE

DECEMBER 18, 2024

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Mary's Song



**“ And the angel answered
and said to her,
“The Holy Spirit will come
upon you, and the power
of the Highest will
overshadow you;
therefore, also, that Holy
One who is to be born will
be called the Son of God.”
(Luke 1:35)**

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this evening. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

AS WE GATHER The weeks of Advent are a time for faithful listening. For centuries before the coming of Jesus, specially chosen messengers of God brought hope to God's people with words of encouragement. An often-heard prophetic voice is that of Isaiah, who told of the fulfillment of God's promises to His faithful people. In chapter 12 of Isaiah, we hear the prophet exclaim: "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation" (12:2). As the season of Advent progresses, we hear more and more voices announcing that God's plan of salvation is being fulfilled. John the Baptist calls out in the wilderness, telling us to repent of our sins as we prepare for the coming of the Savior. With Mary, we hear the message of the angel Gabriel, announcing that God is coming in person and that His coming will be a great blessing to all people. With joyful anticipation, we listen for the message of the coming salvation and respond with songs of praise.

OPENING HYMN

O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild

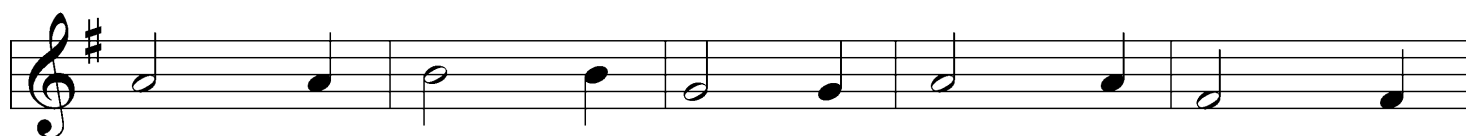
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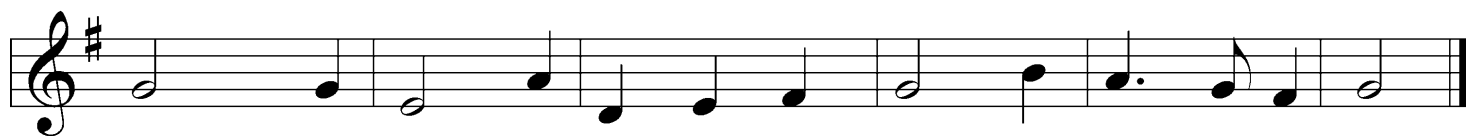
1 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! For
2 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! With
3 O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild! Joy



sin - ners You be - came a child. You came from
God we now are rec - on - ciled. You have for
fills the world which sin de - filed. What - e'er we



heav - en down to earth In hu - man flesh through
all the ran - som paid, Your Fa - ther's righ - teous
have be - longs to You; O keep us faith - ful,



hu - man birth. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
an - ger stayed. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!
strong, and true. O Je - sus so sweet, O Je - sus so mild!

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The lighting of three Advent candles on the Advent wreath occurs during the singing of the hymn.

Please Stand

+ VESPERS +

PSALM

Psalms 27:1, 4, 7-8, 13-14

P The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

C **One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

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to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

P Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

C **When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You, “Your face, Lord, I will seek.”**

P I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

C **Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty Father, by the advent of Your Son into the world the kingdom of heaven is open to all who believe in Him: grant us Your Holy Spirit so that we may believe in Him with our whole heart and so serve Him in our daily lives, that when He comes again we may, together with Mary, our Lord’s mother; the prophets of old; and all of the faithful, by Your mercy be gathered together into the Kingdom that abides eternal in the heavens; through Your mercy, O God, who lives and reigns forever, world without end.

C **Amen.**

Please Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 7:13–14

(The rule of the Son of Man)

13 “I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. 14 Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His

dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *Colossians 3:12–17*

(The Word of Christ dwells in His thankful people.)

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 1:46–56*

(The Magnificat)

46 And Mary said:

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His
maidservant;

for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is His name.

50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him
from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their
hearts.

52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and exalted the lowly.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.

54 He has helped His servant Israel,
in remembrance of His mercy,

55 As He spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his seed forever.”

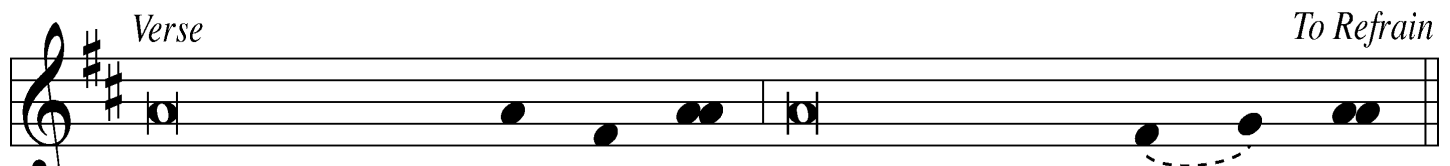
56 And Mary remained with her about three months, and
returned to her house.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

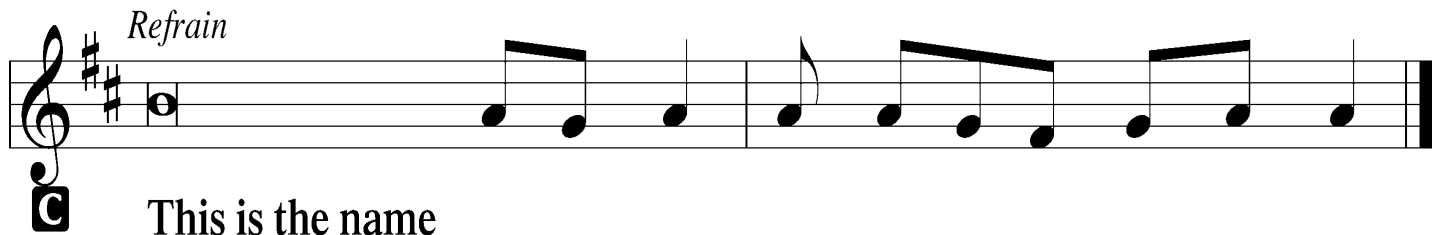
C Thanks be to God.

ADVENT RESPONSORY

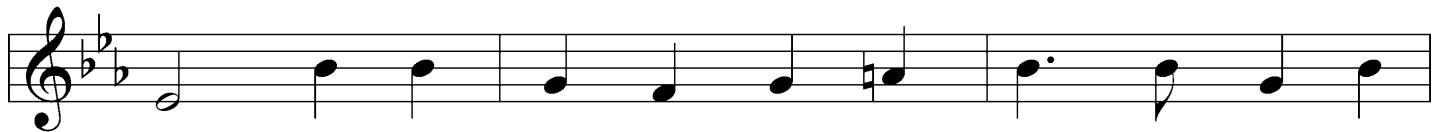
Based on Jeremiah 23:5-6; Acts 2:36; Luke 1:32-33



- L** 1 Behold, the days
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a righ-teous Branch.
- 2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will
dwell se - cure - ly.
- 3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



HYMN OF THE DAY *My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord* **LSB 934**



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.

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SERMON

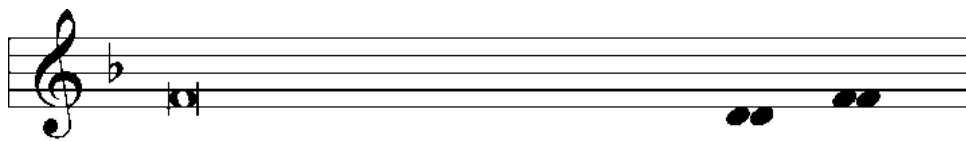
"Mary's Song"

Luke 1:46-56

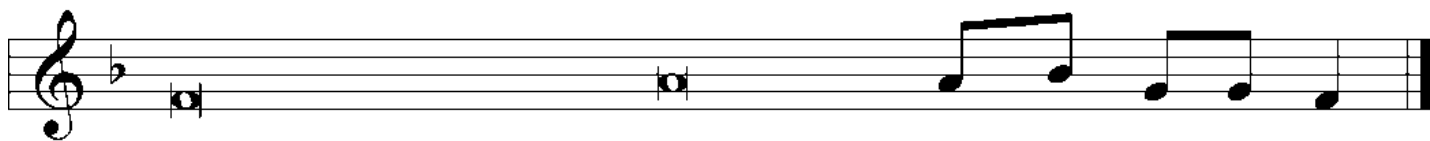
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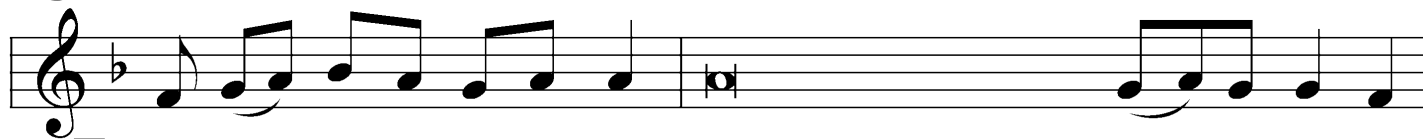


L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,

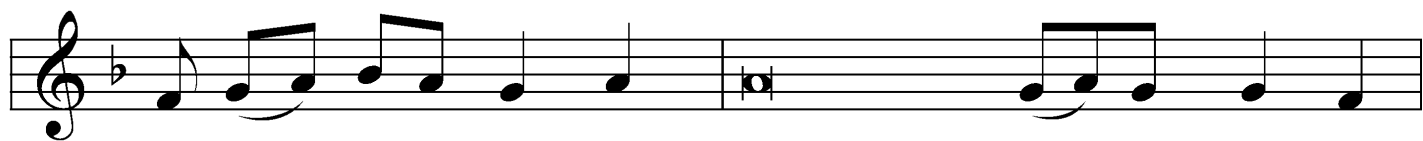


C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

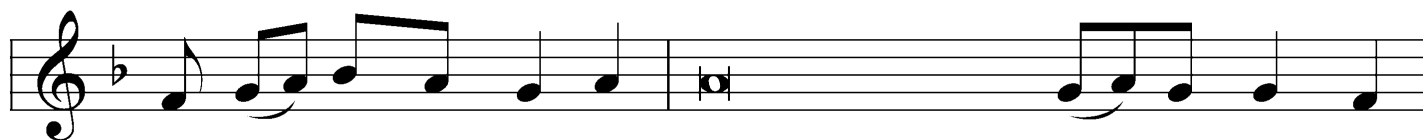
Magnificat



C My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Sav-ior;



for He has re - gard - ed the lowliness of His hand-maid - en.



For be - hold, from this day all generations will call me bless - ed.



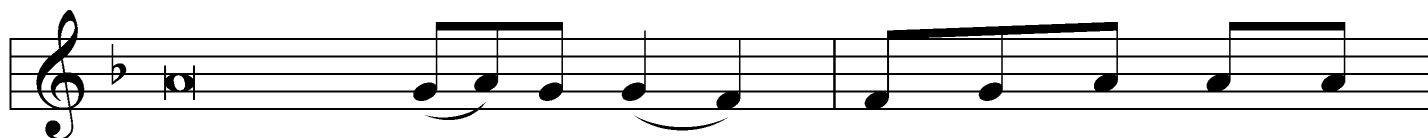
For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;



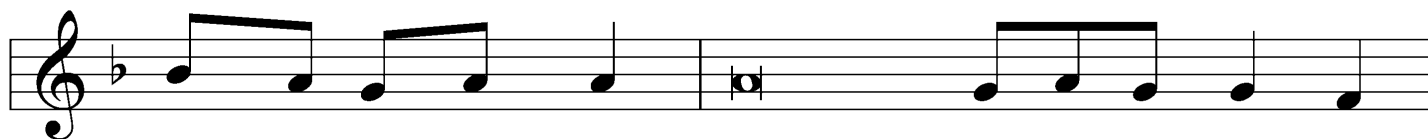
and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to gen - er - a - tion.



He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the



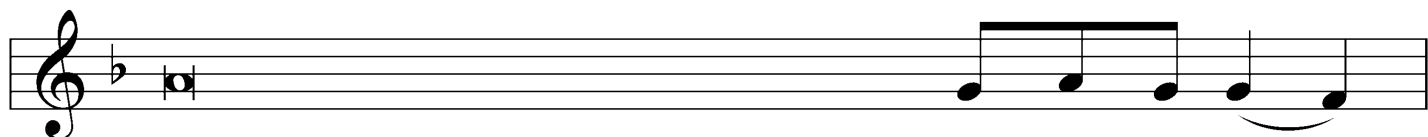
imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the



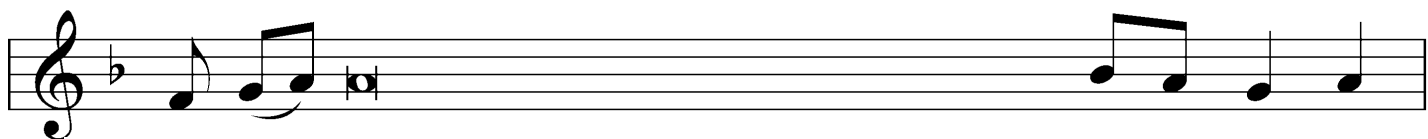
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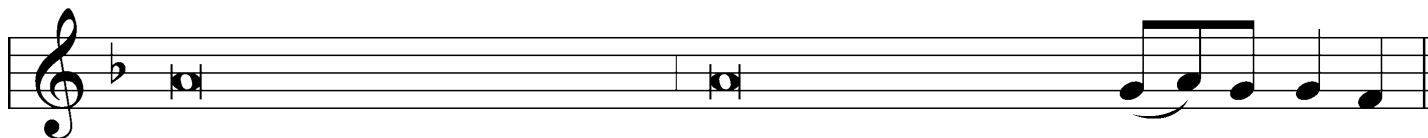
He has filled the hun - gry with good things,



and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.




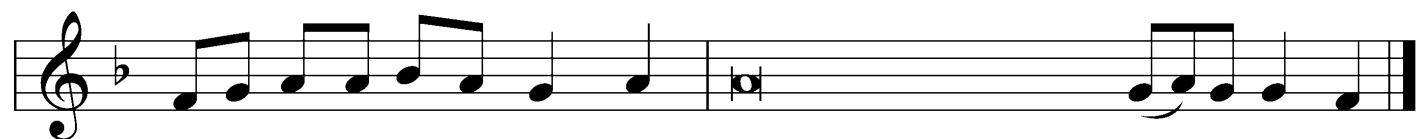
He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mer - cy



as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for-ev-er.



 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A-men.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

All: 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.

COLLECT FOR TODAY

P Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING COLLECT

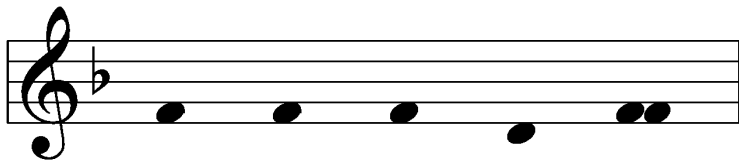
P Let us pray. Almighty God, Judge and King, when the time had fully come, You sent Your Son, born of a virgin, for us and for our salvation. Come, Lord Jesus, with Your grace to all the places of the world where people desperately need You. Come and give us the gift of Yourself; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

BENEDICAMUS

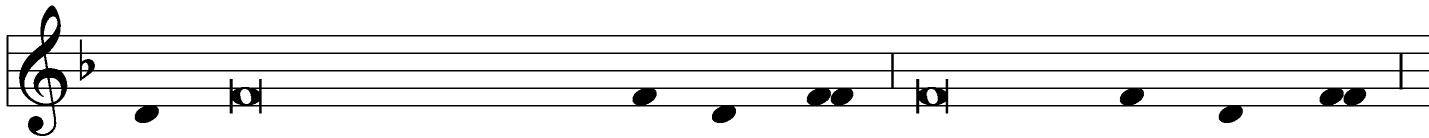


L Let us bless the Lord.

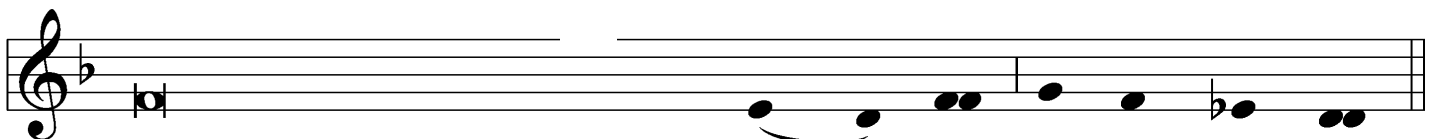


C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION



L The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



C A - men.

Please Sit

CLOSING HYMN

The Night Will Soon Be Ending

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1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -
2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a
3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring
4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our
5 God dwells with us in dark - ness And makes the



not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now
child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears
morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows
hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -
night as day; Yet we re - sist the bright - ness And



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness
all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not
in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -
round us may in - crease. But now one Star is
turn from God a - way. But grace does not for -



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - diant
cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -
ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a
beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for
sake us, How - ev - er far we run. God claims us



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.
demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.
new cre - a - tion—This child its seal and sign.
our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.
still as chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant Son.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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