

HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

A RECONCILING IN CHRIST CONGREGATION

Holden Evening Prayer

Congregational Bulletin

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Service of Light

Leader:

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:

the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Leader:

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:

and the day is al - most over.

Leader:

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

and shine within your peo-ple here. —

Evening Hymn

All: a tempo



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, in 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. _____

now; O hear my voice when I
call to you, come to me now; O

cry to you. _____ Let my prayer rise
hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. _____ Keep watch with - in me, God;
of-fer-ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the

burn - ing bright. _____ Let my prayer rise
light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. _____ All praise to the God of all - Cre -
of - fer - ing to you. All

a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the
praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all

Spir - it of love. ————— Let my prayer rise
praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

you. —————
of - fer - ing to you.

(Silence for meditation)

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.

Amen

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture

The Light shines in the darkness
And the darkness has not overcome it.

THE ANNUNCIATION

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

An angel went from God I live to do your will.

THE MAGNIFICAT

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

you,
heart, You have looked with love on your
You have filled the hun - gry with

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



Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith-ful One,



strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,



How you fa - vor the weak ___ and low - ly one,
As you prom-ised to Sar-ah ___ and A - bra - ham,



hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

Litany and Prayers

B

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

2. For peace and sal-vation, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

3. For peace be-tween na-tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:
4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
6. For all those who gov-ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la-bor in ser-vice to oth-ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour-ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer-cy:

Leader:

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

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.

Amen

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Sharing God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Communion

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Final Blessing

Leader:  *All:* 

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

Presider: 

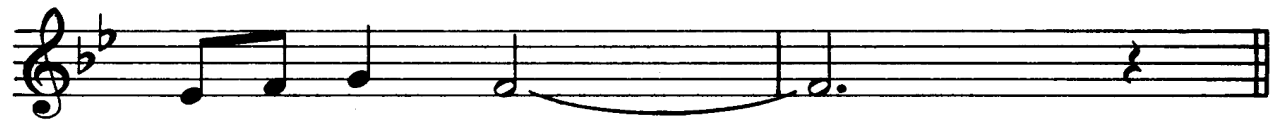
May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



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



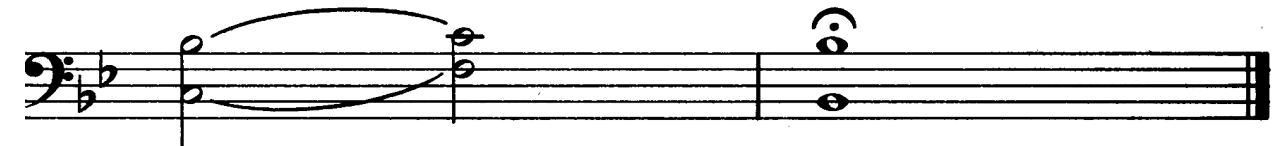
Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. _____

All: 

A - men.



Dismissal

Marked by the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.