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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor



Midweek Advent Worship
Thursdays in Advent - 7:00 PM
Holden Evening Prayer



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Service of Light

Procession

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us now, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness,
and shine within your people here.

Evening Hymn

Vs. 1 Joyous light of heavenly glory,
loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story,
shine on every land and race.
Now as evening falls around us,
we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows,
come and light our hearts anew.

Vs. 2 In the stars that grace the darkness,
in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom,
we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder,
love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder,
set us free and make us whole.

Vs. 3 You who made the heaven's splendour,
every dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice,
let us each reflect your light.
Mighty God of all creation,
gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation,
lead us on to endless day.

Evening Thanksgiving

May God be with you all,

And also with you.

Let us sing our thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe - ...

Amen.

Psalmody, Readings and Canticles

Psalm 141

R: Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Vs. 1 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 incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Vs. 2 Keep watch within me, God;
deep in my heart may the light of your love be
burning bright.

R: Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Vs. 3 All praise to the God of all, Creator of life;
all praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love.

R: Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

Silence for meditation

May our prayers come before you, O God,...

Amen

Readings

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 to a town called Nazareth...

The Magnificat

Luke 1:46-55

Vs. 1 My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
and my spirit rejoices in you.
You have looked with love on your servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.
Great and mighty are you, O Holy One,
strong is your kindness evermore.
How you favour the weak and lowly one,
humbling the proud of heart!

Vs. 2 You have cast the mighty down from their
thrones, and uplifted the humble of heart.
You have filled the hungry with wonderous things,
and left the wealthy no part.
Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One,
strong is your justice, strong your love,
as you promised to Sarah and Abraham,
kindness forevermore.

Vs. 3 My soul proclaims your greatness, O God,
and my spirit rejoices in you.
You have looked with love on your servant here,
and blessed me all my life through.

Litany and Prayers

Intercessions

God of mercy, hold us in love.

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

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Vs. 2 For peace and salvation, we pray to you:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Vs. 3 For peace between nations, peace between peoples:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Vs. 4 For we who are gathered to worship and praise you:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Vs. 5 For all of your servants who live out your gospel:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Vs. 6 For all those who govern that justice might guide them:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Vs. 7 For all those who labour in service to others:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Vs. 8 Grant weather that nourishes all of creation:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

Vs. 9 Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us
form danger:

God of mercy, hold us in love.

Vs. 10 For all the beloved who rest in your mercy:
God of mercy, hold us in love.

Help us, comfort us, all of our days:
Keep us, hold us, gracious God.

Great and merciful God...
Amen.

**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.**

Final Blessing

Let us bless our God:

Praise and thanks to you.

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.

Amen.

Sharing the peace of Christ.

Worship Assistants:

Kantor: Nathan McDonald

Musician: Gail Froyland

Choral Scholar: DJ McGrath

Livestream: Christopher McDonald

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at 10 AM PT.***

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