

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School (LCMS)

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# Important Announcements

For *those who watch services on Live-Stream*  
during the Coronavirus Pandemic

**Maintaining Piety when Worshiping at Home:** The best way to get the most out of this temporary set-up is to keep things in your household as regular as possible:

- Print the bulletin or use your hymnals
- Dress like you would dress for church
- Stand when we stand, sit when we sit
- Sing along with the hymns
- Watch at the live time, Sunday morning, setting it aside as first priority instead of looking for whatever time is most convenient for you
- Limit the distractions, toys, and tech so that the time is truly "sacred" (set-apart) for Christ and His means of grace

These ideas can help you focus on the Service of the Word and will also help you prevent bad habits from developing during our temporary suspension of Divine Services.

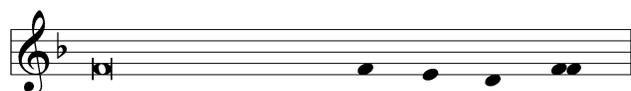
# † Advent Midweek—2021 †

Theme: *The Word Became Flesh and Dwelt among Us*

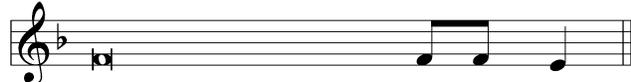
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## Service of Light (The Service of Evening Prayer Page 243)

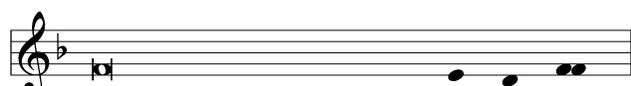
Stand



**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



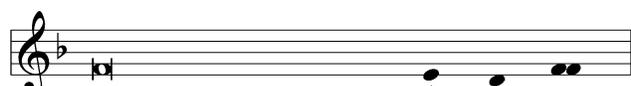
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.



**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

## Phos Hilaron

LSB 244



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it:  
 You are wor-thy of be-ing praised with pure voic-es for -  
 ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:  
 the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

**Thanksgiving for Light**

LSB 245

**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,  
 who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of  
 fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;  
 may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
 for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion  
 and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.  
**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**Psalmody**



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



**I** Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.



**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.



Strip me not of my life. **C** 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.



Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



**L** Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C** Amen.

## Psalm

*Psalm 33 (antiphon vv. 4, 9)*

- <sup>1</sup>Shout for joy in the LORD, O you | righteous! \*  
Praise befits the | upright.
- <sup>2</sup>Give thanks to the LORD | with the lyre; \*  
make melody to him with the harp of | ten strings!
- <sup>3</sup>Sing to him a | new song; \*  
play skillfully on the strings, with | loud shouts.
- <sup>4</sup>For the word of the LORD is | upright, \*  
and all his work is done in | faithfulness.
- <sup>5</sup>He loves righteousness and | justice; \*  
the earth is full of the steadfast love | of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made, \*  
and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.
- <sup>7</sup>He gathers the waters of the sea | as a heap; \*  
he puts the deeps in | storehouses.
- <sup>8</sup>Let all the earth | fear the LORD; \*  
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in | awe of him!
- <sup>9</sup>For he spoke, and it | came to be; \*  
he commanded, and it | stood firm.
- <sup>10</sup>The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to | nothing; \*  
he frustrates the plans of the | peoples.
- <sup>11</sup>The counsel of the LORD stands for- | ever, \*  
the plans of his heart to all gener- | ations.
- <sup>12</sup>Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD, \*  
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
- <sup>13</sup>The LORD looks down from | heaven; \*  
he sees all the chil- | dren of man;
- <sup>14</sup>from where he sits enthroned he | looks out \*  
on all the inhabitants | of the earth,
- <sup>15</sup>he who fashions the hearts | of them all \*  
and observes | all their deeds.
- <sup>16</sup>The king is not saved by his great | army; \*  
a warrior is not delivered by his | great strength.
- <sup>17</sup>The war horse is a false hope for sal- | vation, \*  
and by its great might it cannot | rescue.
- <sup>18</sup>Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who | fear him, \*  
on those who hope in his | steadfast love,
- <sup>19</sup>that he may deliver their | soul from death \*  
and keep them alive in | famine.
- <sup>20</sup>Our soul waits | for the LORD; \*  
he is our help | and our shield.
- <sup>21</sup>For our heart is | glad in him, \*  
because we trust in his | holy name.

<sup>22</sup>Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be up- | on us,\*  
even as we | hope in you.

### 353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from  
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are  
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of  
4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,  
hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!  
To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

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## Readings

### Reading

*John 1:1–18*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Sermon: *The Word...*

## Canticle

# Magnificat

*Refrain*

My soul mag-ni-fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -  
 joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the  
 Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

1 For He has re - garded  
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to . . . . . me,  
 3 He has shown strength with His . . . . . arm;  
 4 He has filled the hungry with good . . . . . things,  
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the . . . . . Son

1 the lowliness of . . . . . His hand-maiden.  
 2 and holy . . . . . is His name;  
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - ty a - way.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;

1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day  
 2 and His mercy is on those who . . . . . fear Him  
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their . . . . . thrones  
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy  
 5 as it was in the be - ginning,

1 all generations will . . . . . call me blessed.  
 2 from generation to . . . . . gen - er - ation. *Refrain*  
 3 and has exalt - - ed the lowly.  
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.  
 5 is now, and will be forever. . . . . A - men. *Refrain*

Sit

Offering

Prayer

Kneel/Stand

Litany

LSB 249

*The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*names of synodical and district presidents*], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For [*name of president or monarch*], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

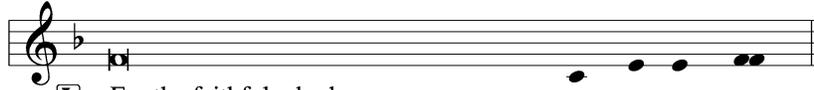
**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

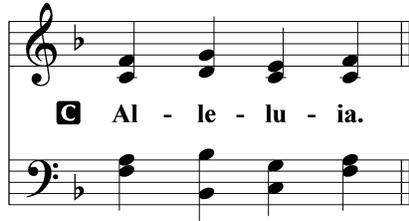
**L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

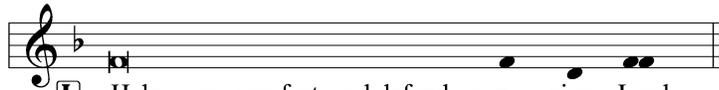
*The prayers then continue:*



**L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

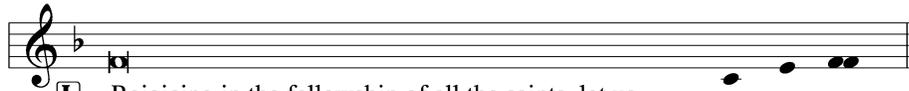


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



**C** To You, O Lord.

### Collect for Peace

**L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Lord's Prayer

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**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

Stand

**Benedicamus**

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**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

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**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
 the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

**888 O Gladsome Light, O Grace**



1 O glad-some Light, O Grace Of God the Fa - ther's face,  
 2 As day - light turns to night, We see the fad - ing light,  
 3 To Thee of right be - longs All praise of ho - ly songs,



E - ter - nal splen - dor wear - ing: Ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest,  
 Our eve - ning hymn out - pour - ing, Fa - ther of might un - known,  
 O Son of God, Life - giv - er; Thee, there - fore, O Most High,



Our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, Joy - ful in Thine ap - pear - ing!  
 Thee, His in - car - nate Son, And Ho - ly Ghost a - dor - ing.  
 The world doth glo - ri - fy And shall ex - alt for - ev - er.

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**Christmas Schedule**

**Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols at 3 P.M. and 5 P.M.**

**Christmas Midnight Divine Service at 11 P.M.**

**Christmas Day Divine Service at 10 A.M.**

**Sunday December 26 – The Feast of St. Stephen**

**One Divine Service at 9 A.M.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. John's Wine Grab and Bible Study afterwards**

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