

Prepare for Christmas  
with a Prayer



Midweek Advent 1

2022

# Advent 1

December 1, 2022

## Our Savior Ev. Lutheran Church

Grafton, WI

**WELCOME TO ALL**, especially our visitors. These mid-week vesper services have been planned for the purpose of helping us prepare our hearts to receive our Savior as he comes to us in a special way during this Advent season. May they also help us to celebrate the festival of his birth in a way that truly honors him.

### **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

O Lord Jesus, you did not come into the world like any other king. Instead you came in humility, ready to serve rather than to be served. We ask you to use this Advent season to make us more grateful for your humility, more alert to your compassion, more thankful for your grace, more ready to follow in your footsteps, and more eager to pattern our attitudes and plan for life after yours. Amen.

**THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: THE PROPHECY CANDLE** announces the waiting period that anticipates Christmas and honors those who first spoke the promise of the Christ Child. Their words sparked hope in the hearts of the faithful.

*"And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light."  
Romans 13:11-12*

The prophecies about a coming Savior from sin offered Abraham, Moses, David and God's people in their time great hope. Our hope of Christ's return and our place in heaven with him is as certain as his arrival in the arms of the virgin mother. Isaiah 7:14

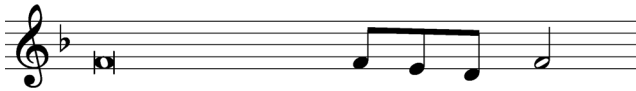
*PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS WITH A PRAYER*  
*A Prayer for Peace*

**WELCOME**

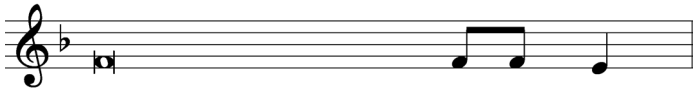
*Stand*

**OPENING SENTENCES**

CW 215



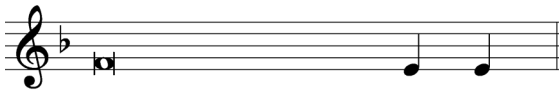
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



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



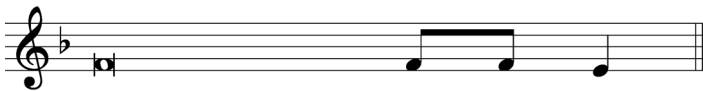
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



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



Be our light and scat - ter the darkness,



**and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

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### 310 Arise, O Christian People

CW21, 310:1-2



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -  
2 Pre - pare the way be - fore him, pre - pare for him the



day; pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, who  
best; cast out what would of - fend him, this



takes your sins a - way. To us by grace a -  
great, this heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the



lone the truth and light were giv - en; the prom - ised  
way: the low - ly val - leys rais - ing, the heights of



Lord from heav - en to all the world is shown.  
pride a - bas - ing, his path all e - ven lay.

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### PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with 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 merciful and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**PSALM 141**

CW 217



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up



of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I



call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I



cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



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

**PSALM PRAYER**

Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**READING**

*Micah 5:2–5a*

<sup>2</sup>“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times.”

<sup>3</sup>Therefore Israel will be abandoned  
until the time when she who is in labor bears a son,  
and the rest of his brothers return  
to join the Israelites.

<sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd his flock  
in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they will live securely, for then his greatness  
will reach to the ends of the earth.

<sup>5</sup>And he will be our peace

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**READING**

*Luke 2:10–14*

<sup>10</sup>But the angel said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

<sup>13</sup>Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### 310 Arise, O Christian People

CW 21, 310 3-4



3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on  
4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; turn not from me a -



high;  
side, be - neath his feet in ter - ror the  
and help me to re - ceive you this



haugh - ty soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and  
bless - ed Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger



right, that heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion and makes true  
low come now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing your



prep - a - ra - tion— it is the Lord's de - light.  
prais - es glad - ly and forth your glo - ry show.

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### READING

*Romans 12:17–18*

<sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

### SERMON

**Romans 12:17, 18**

**A Prayer for Peace**

*Stand*

# SONG OF MARY

Refrain

CW 21, 218



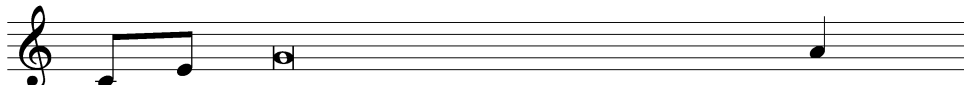
My soul glo - ri - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



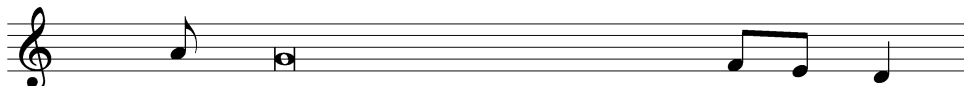
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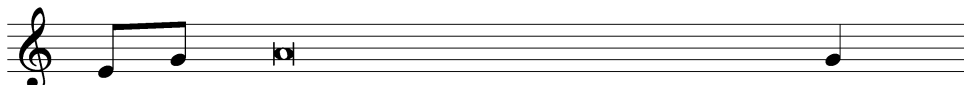
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



- 1 For \_\_\_\_\_ he has been mindful
- 2 For the Mighty One has done great things for me—
- 3 He has per - formed mighty deeds with his arm;
- 4 He has filled the hungry with good things

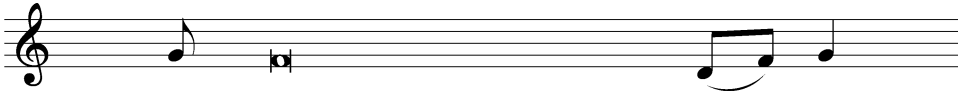


- 1 of the humble state of his ser - vant.
- 2 and holy is his name.
- 3 he has scattered those who are proud in their in - most thoughts.
- 4 but has sent the rich away emp - ty.



- 1 For in - deed from now on
- 2 His \_\_\_\_\_ mercy extends to those who fear him,
- 3 He has brought down rulers from their thrones
- 4 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful





1 all generations will call me bless - ed. v. 2  
2 from generation to gener - a - tion. Refrain  
3 but has lifted up the hum - ble. v. 4  
4 to Abraham and his descendants for - ev - er. Refrain

*Be seated*

**OFFERING**

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming, give us strength in our conflicts, and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

“Personal Preparation for Holy Communion” found on page 156 in CW.

### 312 Comfort, Comfort All My People

CW21, 312



1 "Com - fort, com - fort all my peo - ple; speak of peace," so  
 2 All their sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each  
 3 John the Bap - tist's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert  
 4 Then make straight the crook - ed high - way; make the rough - er



says our God. "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, groan - ing  
 dark mis - deed; all that well de - served his an - ger he no  
 far and near, call - ing peo - ple to re - pent - ance for the  
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, read - y



from their sor - rows' load. Speak to all Je - ru - sa - lem  
 more will see or heed. They have suf - fered man - y a day;  
 king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
 for his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



of the peace that waits for them; tell them that their  
 now their griefs have passed a - way. God will change their  
 Now pre - pare for God a way; let the val - leys  
 now o'er earth is spread a - broad, and all flesh shall



sins I cov - er, that their war - fare now is o - ver."  
 ach - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 see the to - ken that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

## BENEDICAMUS

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## BLESSING

The grace of our Lord [+] Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

*Be seated*

### 322 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CW21, 322



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in



set thy peo - ple free; from our fears and  
all the earth thou art, dear de - sire of  
child and yet a king, born to reign in  
all our hearts a - lone; by thine all - suf -



sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

**Preacher:** Charles Papenfuss

**Organist:** Robert Klug

**Vocilaists:** Alyssa & Jimmy Pautz

# *Advent 2022*

## *Advent Mid-Week Services*

3:30 & 7:00PM

THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 1, 8, 15

## *Advent Sunday Services*

8:00 & 10:30AM

SUNDAYS, NOV, 27, DEC 4, 11, 18

## *Our Savior School Service*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 4:00PM

## *Christmas Services*

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH

AT 6:00 & 8:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH

AT 9:30AM

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