

Prepare for Christmas with a Prayer



Midweek Advent 2

2022

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December 8, 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.

THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE a symbol of the preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ Child. May our hearts be ready to receive the Good News

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

WELCOME

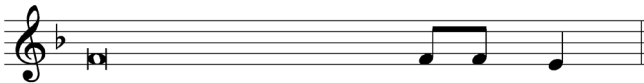
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OPENING SENTENCES

CW 215



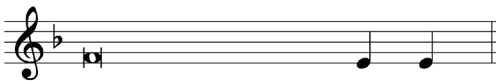
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



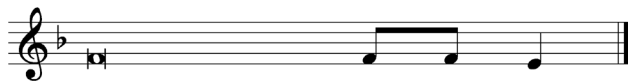
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



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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301 Savior of the Nations, Come



- 1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
- 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, by the
- 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the
- 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came and as -
- 5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the
cend - ed to the same, cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, praise to God the



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

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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*Isaiah 9:1–7*

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

²The people walking in darkness
have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness
a light has dawned.

³You have enlarged the nation
and increased their joy;
they rejoice before you
as people rejoice at the harvest,
as warriors rejoice
when dividing the plunder.

⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat,
you have shattered
the yoke that burdens them,
the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor.

⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle
and every garment rolled in blood
will be destined for burning,
will be fuel for the fire.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the greatness of his government and peace
there will be no end.

He will reign on David's throne
and over his kingdom,
establishing and upholding it
with justice and righteousness
from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the LORD Almighty
will accomplish this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING

Matthew 1:18–25

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

²⁰But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

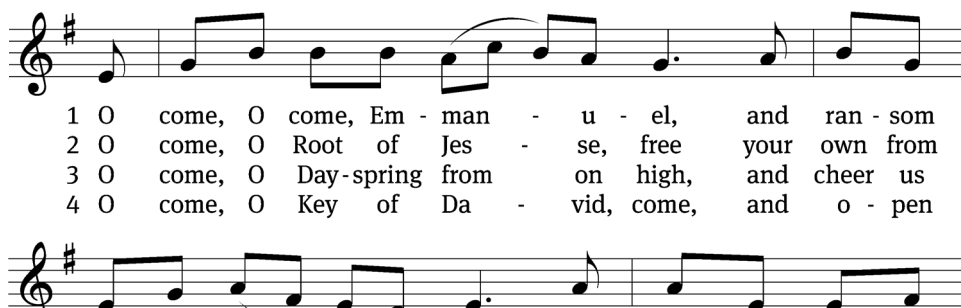
²⁴When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.


327 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

CW 327



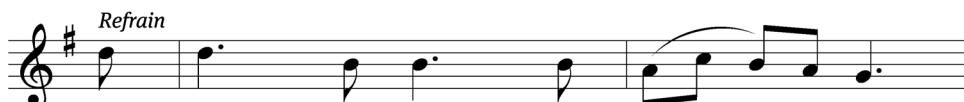
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, O Root of Jes - se, free your own from
3 O come, O Day-spring from on high, and cheer us
4 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen

cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your
by your draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y
wide our heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that




ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 clouds of night, and death's dark shad-ows put to flight.
 leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

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READING *Titus 2:11–14*


¹¹For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹²It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

SERMON Titus 2:11–14 **A Prayer for Purity**

Stand

Song of Mary

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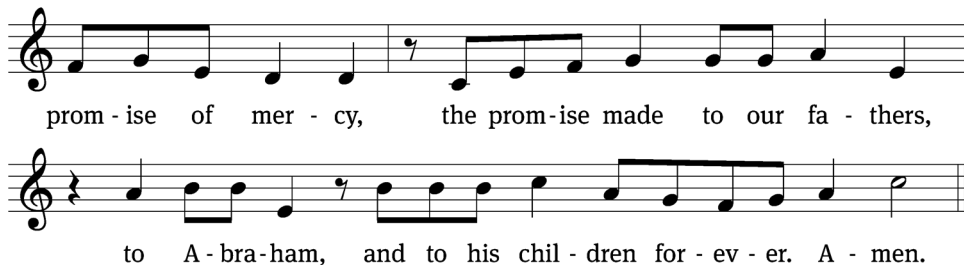



My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord; my spir - it re -



joic - es in God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fa - vor

on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions
will call me bless - ed. The Al - might - y has done great
things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on
those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.
He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat - tered the
proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y
from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.
He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich
he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the
help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his



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Be seated

OFFERING

While the offerings are gathered, we ask members and guests, fill in the Friendship Register and pass the entire pad to the person next to you.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father 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.

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

325 My Soul in Stillness Waits

CW 325

Refrain



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.



1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its;
3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,
4 O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil-grim-age;



your ra-diance shines in all who look to you; come, light the
our thirst-y hearts are yearn-ing for your Word; come, make us
and in your ad - vent draw us all to you, our hope re-
we ev - er seek, yet un - ful-filled re - main; o - pen to

Refrain



hearts of all in dark and shad-ow.
whole, be com-fort to our hearts.
born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.
us the path-way of your peace.

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Violin: Alyssa 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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THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (12/11)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Bible Information Class
Monday	10:30 AM	Worship Service
	5:30 PM	Elders Meeting
	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	3:30 PM	Advent Mid- Week Worship Service
	7:00 PM	Advent Mid- Week Worship Service
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast Bible Study.
Sunday (12/18)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/communion
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Christmas Practice
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/communion

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PREACHING:
Charles Papenfuss

ORGANIST:
Jon Hahm

HYMNS: AS PRINTED

FIRST READING:
Isaiah 9:1-7

SECOND READING:
Matthew 1:18-25

GOSPEL READING:
Titus 2:11-14

THE SERMON:
Titus 2:11-14

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