

Prepare for Christmas  
with a Prayer



Midweek Advent 3

2022

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December 15, 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 SHEPHERDS' CANDLE** honors those who were the first to share the Good News. We continue to share the good News in word and song as we celebrate around our star-topped Christmas trees.

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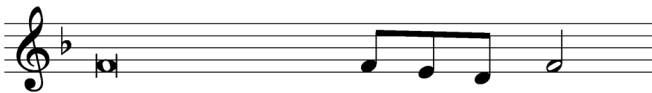
### *PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS WITH A PRAYER* *A Prayer for Proclamation*

#### WELCOME

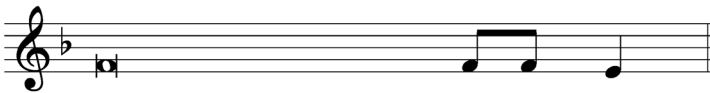
*Stand*

#### OPENING SENTENCES

CW 215



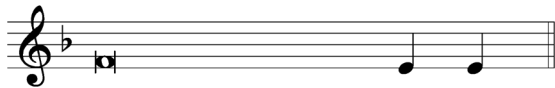
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



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



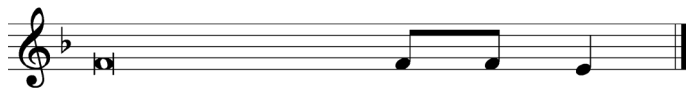
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



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

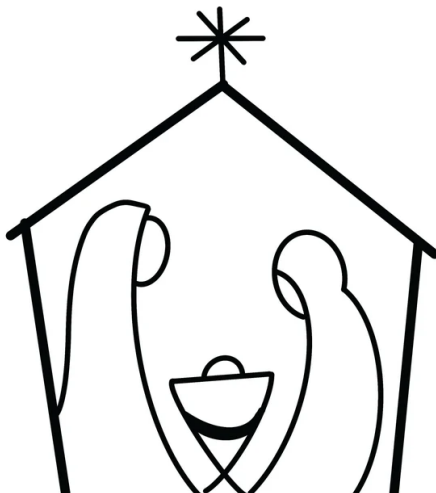


Be our light and scat - ter the darkness,



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

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## 303 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

CW 303



1 O bride of Christ, re-joice! Ex - ult - ant raise your voice  
 2 Let shouts of glad - ness rise tri - um - phant to the skies.  
 3 A hum - ble beast he rides, yet as a king pre - sides;  
 4 The weak and tim - id find how meek he is and kind;  
 5 Then go your Lord to meet, strew palm leaves at his feet,



to hail the day of glo - ry fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Now comes the King most glo - rious to reign o'er all vic - to - rious.  
 tho' not ar - rayed in splen - dor, he makes the grave sur - ren - der.  
 to them he gives a trea - sure of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.  
 your gar - ments spread be - fore him, and hon - or and a - dore him.



Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; with prais - es bow be - fore him!  
 Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; with prais - es bow be - fore him!  
 Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; with prais - es bow be - fore him!  
 Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; with prais - es bow be - fore him!  
 Ho - san - na! Sing the sto - ry of Christ, the King of glo - ry!

Text: tr. Victor O. Petersen, 1864–1929, alt.; Danish, c. 1600

Tune: Der Bussfertige Sünder, Nürnberg, 1679

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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 11:1-10

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—  
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and of might,  
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—  
and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;  
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.  
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.  
Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them.  
The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.  
The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.  
They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **READING**

Luke 2:16–20

16So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 312 Comfort, Comfort All My People

CW 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.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Johann G. Olearius, 1611–1684  
 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois  
 Text and tune: Public domain





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

prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,  
to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

*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.**

**DISTRIBUTION**      "Personal Preparation for Holy Communion"      found on page 156 in CW.

### **FINAL BLESSING**

Let us praise the Lord:

**thanks be to God.**

May God the Father 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.**

344 What Child Is This



1 What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is  
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox - en now are  
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to



sleep - ing, whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while  
feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the  
own him. The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall  
lov - ing hearts en - throne him. Raise, raise the



Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Tune: English, 16th cent.

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## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (12/18)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/communion</b>
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School Service Practice
	9:15 AM	Bible Information Class
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/communion</b>
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Sunday School Service Practice
Saturday	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Sunday School Christmas Service</b>
	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Evening Service</b>
Sunday (12/25)	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Christmas Day Worship</b>

*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:**  
Email Christie

**HYMNS:** AS PRINTED

**FIRST READING:**  
*Isaiah 11:1-10*

**SECOND READING:**  
Acts 4:13-20

**GOSPEL READING:**  
Luke 2:16-20

**THE SERMON:**  
Acts 4:13-20

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