

# **“Parents of Promise – Confessions of Hope”**



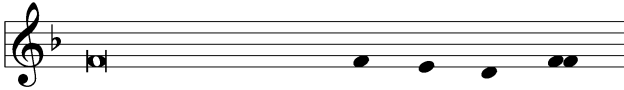
***“Elizabeth: Hopeful Expectations”***

The Lutheran Church of the Savior  
*Advent Worship    December 8, 2021*



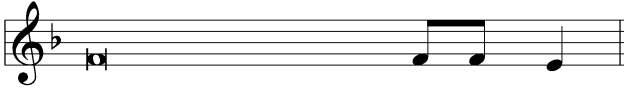
# EVENING PRAYER

## Service of Light



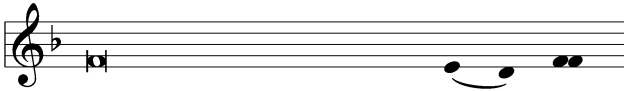
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

*[John 8:12]*

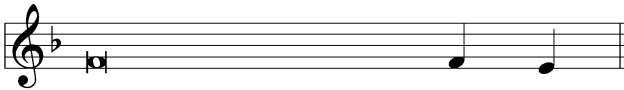


**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

*[John 1:5]*

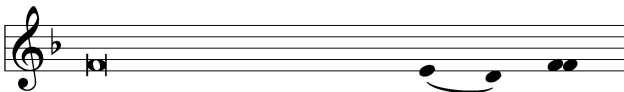


**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



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

*Luke 24:29*



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

*1 Corinthians 4:5*



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

*[2 Corinthians 4:6]*

**Phos Hilaron ~ Hymn of Light**

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☐ Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



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



bles - sed 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:



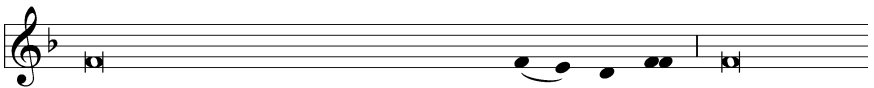
the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

**Thanksgiving for Light**

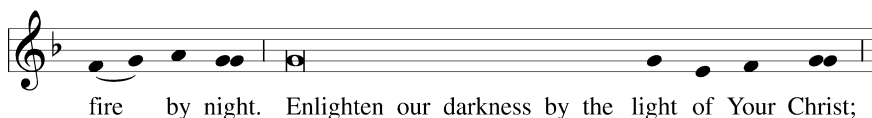
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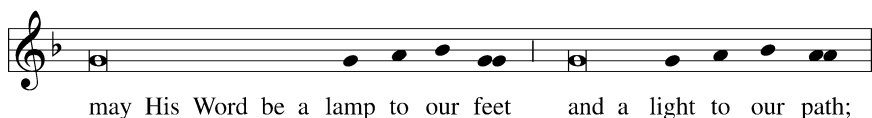
☐ Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,



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.

## Psalmody

**C** *Sung by the Congregation*

**I, II** *Sung by a Soloist*

### Psalm 141

*Psalm 141:1-4, 8*



**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,

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

**P** 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.

## Office Hymn

### When All the World Was Cursed

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1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na-tion,  
2 Be-fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy-ful meet-ing,  
3 Be-hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres-sion,  
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic-ing,



Saint John the Bap-tist came With words of con-so-la-tion.  
Con-fess-ing Him as Lord Whose moth-er he was greet-ing.  
Whose sac-ri-fice re-moves The dev-il's dread op-pres-sion.  
The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re-pen-tance voic-ing,



With true fore-run-ner's zeal The great-er One he named,  
By Jor-dan's roll-ing stream, A new E-li-jah bold,  
Be-hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a-way our sin,  
That glad-ly we may walk Up-on our Sav-ior's way



And Him, as yet un-known, As Sav-ior he pro-claimed.  
He tes-ti-fied of Him Of whom the proph-ets told:  
Who for our peace and joy Will full a-tone-ment win.  
Un-til we live with Him In His e-ter-nal day.

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# Readings

## Reading

*Psalms 138:1–6*

- <sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- <sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your  
faithfulness,  
for you have exalted above all things  
your name and your word.
- <sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me;  
my strength of soul you increased.
- <sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
- <sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,  
but the haughty he knows from afar.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*Genesis 18:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he

had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*Luke 1:18–25, 39–45, 57*

<sup>18</sup>And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." <sup>19</sup>And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup>And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." <sup>21</sup>And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. <sup>22</sup>And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. <sup>23</sup>And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

<sup>24</sup>After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, <sup>25</sup>"Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me



that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

<sup>57</sup>Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** 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.**

*Hebrews 1:1-2a*

## Sermon "Elizabeth: Hopeful Expectations"

*Luke 1:18-25, 39-45, 57*

### Canticle

**L** *Sung by Pastor*

**Benedictus** ~ *Song of Zechariah*

*Luke 1:68-79*




**C** Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;



He has come to His peo - ple and re - deemed them. ▶


He has raised up for us a might - y Sav - ior,  
born of the house of His ser - vant Da - vid.  
Through His ho - ly proph - ets He prom - ised of old  
that He would save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who  
hate us. He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers  
and to re - mem - ber His ho - ly cov - e - nant.  
This was the oath He swore to our fa - ther A - bra - ham:  
to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,  
free to wor - ship Him with - out fear, ho - ly and  
right - eous in His sight all the days of our life.



**L** You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,




for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare His way,



to give His peo - ple knowl - edge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness



of their sins. In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God,



the dawn from on high shall break up - on us



to shine on those who dwell in dark - ness and the shad - ow of death



and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.



**G** 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,



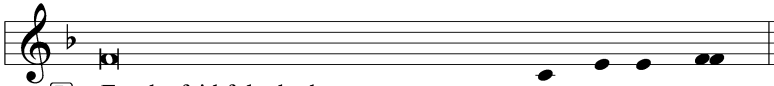
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

# Prayer

## Litany

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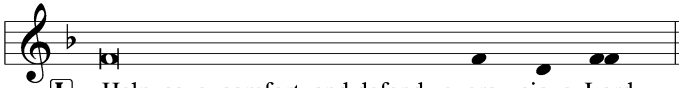
- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Synod President Harrison and District Presidents Yeadon and Beinke, 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.**
- P** For President Biden, 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.**
- P** 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.**
- P** 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.**
- P** 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.**
- P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**



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

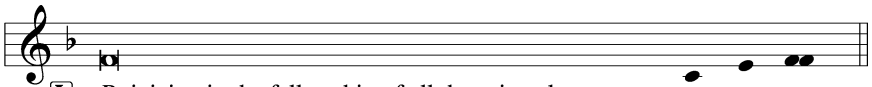


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**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**

**P** 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

Matthew 6:9-13

**P** 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.

## Benedicamus



**L** Let us bless the Lord.

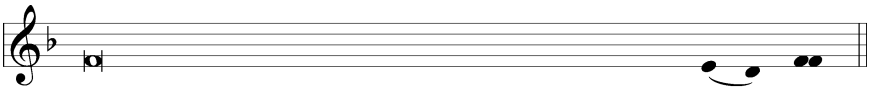
[Psalm 103:1]



**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.

# Closing Hymn

## All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

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1 All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the  
2 For - give me, Lord, for Thy dear Son, The ill that  
3 Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as  
4 Oh, may my soul in Thee re - pose, And may sweet



bles - ings of the light. Keep me, O keep me,  
I this day have done, That with the world, my -  
lit - tle as my bed. Teach me to die that  
sleep mine eye - lids close, Sleep that shall me more



King of kings, Be - neath Thine own al - might - y wings.  
self, and Thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - full day.  
vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

5 When in the night I sleepless lie,  
My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;  
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,  
No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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# Advent, Christmas & New Year's Eve Worship

*Please join us in worship in this new Church Year*



## Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



## Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at  
4:00 pm (*blended*) & 7:00 pm (*traditional*)

## Christmas Day Worship

Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am  
*with Holy Communion*



## New Year's Eve Worship

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm  
*with Holy Communion*