



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

Advent Midweek 2
December 10, 2025 6:30 PM

Welcome to this Midweek Advent Service. We worship anticipating the celebration of Jesus' birth. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.



Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn

“Prepare the Royal Highway”

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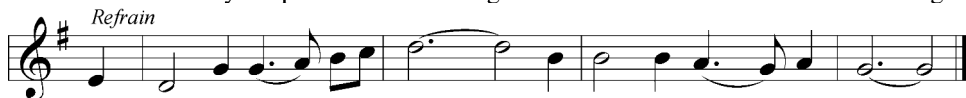
- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Opening Verses

P The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P All those who await His appearance pray:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P The whole creation pleads:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

Hymn

“Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten”

914



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the
 2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed
 3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,
 4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us
 all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed
 dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:
 work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our
 With the Fa - ther's "Let there be . . ." Light and life burst
 "Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will
 Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
 from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!
 shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."
 all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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Thanksgiving for Light

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P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, 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 merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm 118:19–29; antiphon: v. 27

P The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

C Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

P Open to me the gates of righteousness,

C that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

P This is the gate of the LORD;

C the righteous shall enter through it.

P I thank you that you have answered me

C and have become my salvation.

P The stone that the builders rejected

C has become the cornerstone.

P This is the LORD's doing;

C it is marvelous in our eyes.

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P Save us, we pray, O LORD!

C O LORD, we pray, give us success!

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C We bless you from the house of the LORD.

P The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

C Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

P You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

C you are my God; I will extol you.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C for his steadfast love endures forever!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

C Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

Collect

P Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from You. Thank You for sending Your Son to bring the light of life into the world and shining it into our hearts through the Gospel. Give us Your Spirit to hold us fast as we walk through dark places that remain in our world. Grant that our faith not grow dim but, by Your grace, glow in us through our final journey—that we may radiate Your goodness and glory each day and many may join us in Your light and also walk with You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn

“Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

936



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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Reading

Isaiah 9:1–2, 6–7 ESV

¹ But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone. . . .

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

[P] O Lord, have mercy on us.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3–6 ESV

³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

[P] O Lord, have mercy on us.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Reading

St. John 1:1–9 ESV

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was

made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

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.

Sermon

“Lights”

Canticle

Refrain



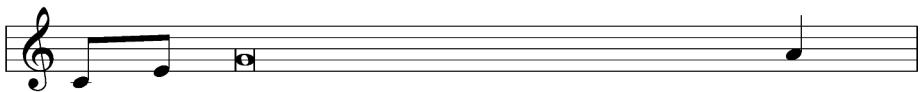
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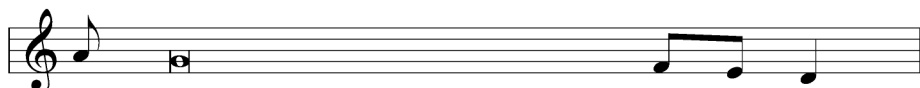
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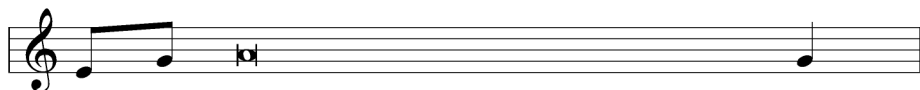
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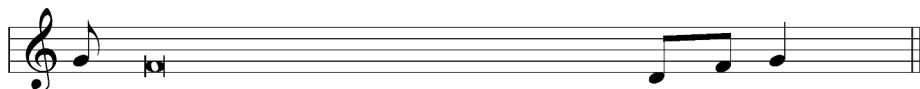
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| 1 For _____ | He has re - - - - - garded |
| 2 For the | Mighty One has done great things to me, |
| 3 He has | shown strength with His arm; |
| 4 He has | filled the hungry with good things, |
| 5 Glo - ry | be to the Father and to the Son |



- 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 empty a way.
 5 and to the Holy 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*

Offering

Prayer

- 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 [*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:

☩ Lord, have mercy.

☩ 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:

☩ Lord, have mercy.

☩ For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

☩ Lord, have mercy.

☩ 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:

☩ Lord, have mercy.

☩ For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

☩ Lord, have mercy.

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

☩ Lord, have mercy.

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

☩ Lord, have mercy.

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

☩ Alleluia.

☩ Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord:

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

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

☩ To You, O Lord.

☩ 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 Amen.

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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 and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.



1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da - vid's line,
 3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
 A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
 That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
 Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Postlude



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