

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Songs of Advent Joy

Midweek Advent

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“Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace.”

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WELCOME!

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. We pray that the time spent here in God’s house helps you to appreciate how dearly God loves you! He invested the life blood of his one and only Son into your salvation and offers the blessings of that sacrifice to us through Word and Sacrament! May God bless our worship today!

THEME FOR TODAY

Singing songs is a big part of our traditions during this time of year. Christmas songs are some our favorite and most familiar songs. Singing songs of joy is nothing new. In fact, we see in the Bible how believers sang songs of joy in response to good news from God. This Advent, we’ll take a look at the songs of Advent joy found in the Scriptures: the Benedictus sung by Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist; the Magnificat, sung by Mary the mother of our Lord after being told the good news about the child she would bear; and the Gloria in Excelsis, sung by the angels who appeared to the shepherds on the night of Jesus birth.

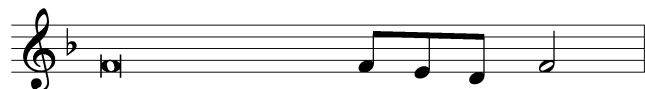
November 30th	—	Benedictus (Luke 1:67-79)
December 7 th	—	Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)
December 14 th	—	Gloria in Excelsis (Luke 2:14)

Evening Prayer

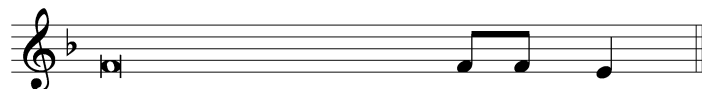
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Opening Sentences

CW 215



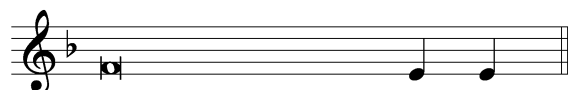
Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



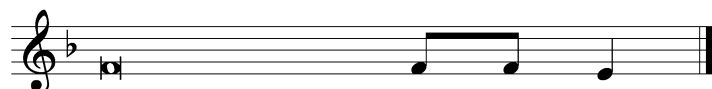
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



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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Hymn of Light

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1 Glad - d'ning light of pur - est glo - ry, shin - ing
2 In the fad - ing light of eve - ning, as the
3 For your gift of life un - end - ing, joy - ful



down from heav'n on high, from the ev - er -
set - ting sun de - parts, Fa - ther, Son, and
voic - es ev - er sing hymns of praise that



liv - ing Fa - ther— hail, most bless - ed Je - sus Christ!
Ho - ly Spir - it— we a - dore you, Lord our God.
right - ly hon - or, Son of God, your sav - ing name.

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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



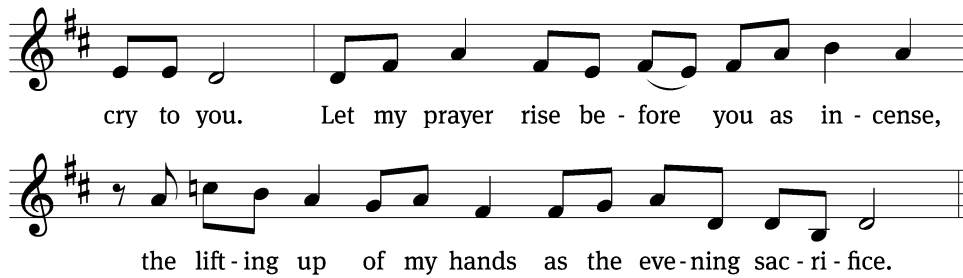
Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up



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



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Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading

Luke 1:67–79

⁶⁷His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
 because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
 in the house of his servant David

⁷⁰(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

⁷¹salvation from our enemies
 and from the hand of all who hate us—

⁷²to show mercy to our ancestors
 and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

⁷⁴to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,
 and to enable us to serve him without fear

⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;
 for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

⁷⁷to give his people the knowledge of salvation
 through the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God,
 by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

⁷⁹to shine on those living in darkness
 and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Blessed is the Lord

Luke 1:67-79

Song of Mary

CW 220

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-ceil. 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.

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Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Blessing



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

Be seated

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THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY	8:00 am Men's Breakfast Bible Study 6:00 pm Advent by Candlelight
SUNDAY	9:15 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:30 am Worship w/ Lord's Supper

VOTERS MEETING

The annual voters meeting will be held Sunday, December 18th, immediately following the worship service.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT - "TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY"

An Advent by Candlelight program for the women of Prince of Peace and their friends. Come, relax and be recharged with the meaning of the Christmas season.

Friday, December 2, 2022
Prince Of Peace Fellowship Hall
Hors d'oeuvres served at 6:00 pm
Program at 7:00 pm.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board so we know how many to plan for.

Questions? Contact: Barbara Smith

GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Don't forget you can participate in the APOGEE program to support our preschool. Your Georgia state income tax dollars can be redirected to our preschool. For more information contact Jeanne Thomas or Ann Wendt. **Sign up for 2023 now!** You can also check out the Apogee website at www.apogee123.org

