

Elim Lutheran Church  
Wednesdays December 8, 2021  
Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:00PM

THE  
**LIGHT SHINES**  
IN THE  
**DARKNESS,**  
AND  
**THE DARKNESS**  
HAS  
**NOT**  
**OVERCOME**  
IT.

JOHN 1:5



## SERVICE OF LIGHT

*Leader:*



Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

*All:*



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

*Leader:*



Stay with us now, for it is evening,

*All:*



and the day is al - most over.

*Leader:*



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

*All:*



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

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## OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Stir up our hearts, O Lord,  
All: to prepare the way for the coming of your Son.  
Give us courage and faith to proclaim, in word and deed,  
the good news of your coming,  
even as we wait in patience  
for that day when Christ will come again. Amen.

# EVENING HYMN

*All: a tempo*

1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing  
 2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the  
 3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as  
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
 soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
 way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

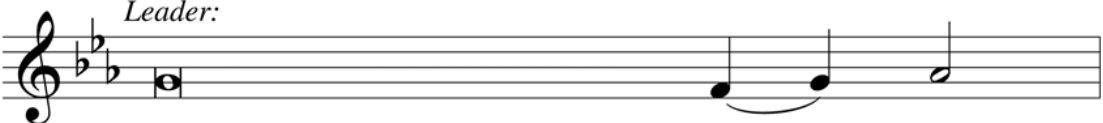
light our hearts a - new.  
 free and make us whole.  
 on to end - less day.

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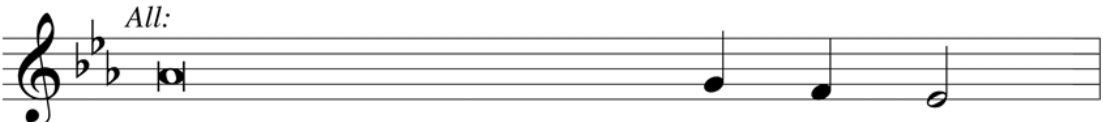
## EVENING THANKSGIVING

*Leader:*  *All:* 

May God be with you all, and al - so with you;


*Leader:* 

Let us sing our thanks to ——— God,

*All:* 

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Leader:* Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

*All:* 

A ——— men.

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### FIRST READING: PSALM 37: 3 - 8; 16 - 19; 28 - 29 *(Please read responsively)*

*Pastor:*     <sup>3</sup>Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

*All:*       <sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD,**  
**and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

*Pastor:*     <sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.

*All:*       <sup>6</sup>**He will make your vindication shine like the light,**  
**and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.

**All: <sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret — it leads only to evil.**

Pastor: <sup>16</sup>Better is a little that the righteous person has  
than the abundance of many wicked.

**All: <sup>17</sup>For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,  
but the LORD upholds the righteous.**

Pastor: <sup>18</sup>The LORD knows the days of the blameless,  
and their heritage will abide forever;

**All: <sup>19</sup>they are not put to shame in evil times,  
in the days of famine they have abundance.**

Pastor: <sup>28</sup>For the LORD loves justice;  
he will not forsake his faithful ones.  
The righteous shall be kept safe forever,  
but the children of the wicked shall be cut off.

**All: <sup>29</sup>The righteous shall inherit the land,  
and live in it forever.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 PETER 3: 8 - 15A**

<sup>8</sup>But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be

set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

## PSALM 141

(Note that at the bottom of the page, the song splits into 2 parts.)

*All:*

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

fore you, the lift - ing up of my

hands as an of - fer - ing to you.

**Group 1:**

O God, I call to you, come to me

**Group 2:**

O God, I

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1  now; O hear my voice when I

2  call to you, come to me now; O

1  cry to you. ————— Let my prayer rise

2  hear my voice when I cry to you.

1  up like in - cense be - fore you, the

2  Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

1  lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to

2  fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

1  you. ————— Keep watch with - in me, God;

2  of - fer - ing to you. Keep

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1 deep in my heart may the light of your love be

2 watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the

1 burn - ing bright. — Let my prayer rise

2 light of your love be burn - ing bright.

1 up like in - cense be - fore you, the

2 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

1 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to

2 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

1 you. — All praise to the God of all - Cre -

2 of - fer - ing to you. All

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1 a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

2 praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all

1 Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise

2 praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

1 up like in - cense be - fore you, the

2 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

1 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to

2 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an

1 you.

2 of - fer - ing to you.

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Pastor: The light shines in the darkness  
All: **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

## **THE ANNUNCIATION**

**Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 38**

[Sung] Leader: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

## ALL: THE MAGNIFICAT (Luke 1:46-55)

*All:*

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your  
 2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
 down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your  
 heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

*fine last time*

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through. *3rd time ends here*  
 won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
 Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
 strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,  
 As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.  
 kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

*Repeat from top*

# LITANY AND PRAYERS

*All:*  
*Repeat continuously*

**A**

(Hmmm)

**B**

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

*Leader:* **A** **B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

**B**

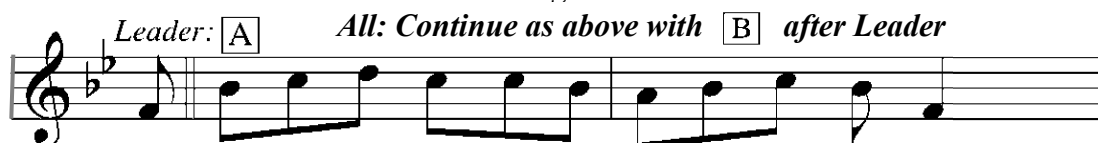
God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.



2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:



God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.



3. For peace be-tween na - tions, for peace be-tween peo-ples:
4. For us who are gath-ered to wor-ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser-vants who live out your gos-pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus-tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser-vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath-er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan-ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:



Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:



Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.



Pastor: Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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**

# BLESSING

*Leader:* *All:*



Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

*Presider:*



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. \_\_\_\_\_

*All:*



A - men.



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## **SENDING**

Pastor: Even as we wait, watch and wonder

**All: God is with us.**

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