

Elim Lutheran Church
Wednesdays December 15, 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 in wonder, O God.

**All: May we wear a mantle of praise
as we delight in your gift of salvation,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

EVENING HYMN



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

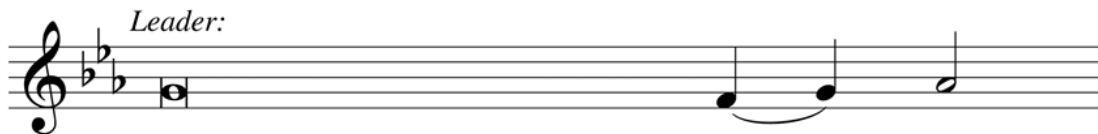


light our hearts a - new.
 free and make us whole.
 on to end - less day.

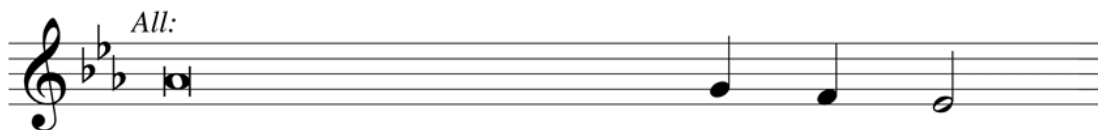
EVENING THANKSGIVING



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



Let us sing our thanks to ——— God,



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.



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men.

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FIRST READING: PSALM 126 *(Please read responsively)*

Pastor: ¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

All: ²**Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."**

Pastor: ³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

**All: ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
 like the watercourses in the Negeb.**

**Pastor: ⁵May those who sow in tears
 reap with shouts of joy.**

**All: ⁶Those who go out weeping,
 bearing the seed for sowing,
 shall come home with shouts of joy,
 carrying their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: ISAIAH 61:1-3; 10-11

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³to provide for those who mourn in Zion —
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

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

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

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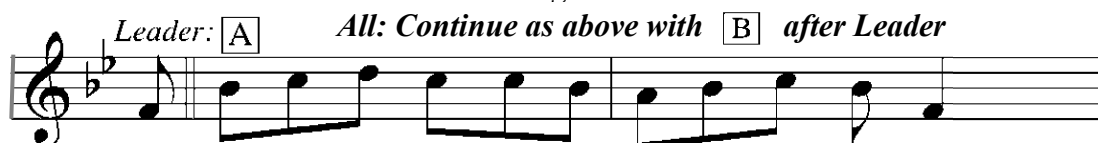
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2. For peace and sal-va-tion, we pray to you:



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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