



ADVENT II

December 10, 2025; 4:00 and 7:00 pm

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Medley of Carols

1. LSB #349: Hark the Glad Sound
2. LSB #388: Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: "Blessed be to the Lord, the God of Israel,

C: **for He has visited and redeemed His people.**

P: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David

C: **as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old,**

P: that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

C: **to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant,**

P: the oath He swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,

C: **and to enable us to serve Him without fear in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.**

P: And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;

C: **for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for Him,**

P: to give His people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,

C: **because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the Sunrise will visit us from on high**

P: to give light to those living in darkness and in the shadow of death,

C: **to guide our feet into the way of peace."**

Luke 1:68-79

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

Old Testament: Jonah 1:1—3:3a (ESV)

Epistle: Ephesians 6:18b-20 (ESV)

Gospel: Matthew 12:38-40 (ESV)

Hymn LSB #375: Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

Meditation

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God, we thank You for all You have given. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, who came among us to gain for us eternal life. As the perfect steward, Jesus demonstrated that giving of self is the essence of love. May our offerings of time, talents, and material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus showed by His life and death for us. Amen.

Prayers

- P: In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *Psalm 31:1-5*
C: **deliver me in Your righteousness.**
P: Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;
C: **be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**
P: Free me from the trap that is set for me, for You are my refuge
C: **into Your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.**
P: I call to God, and the LORD saves me. *Psalm 55:16-17*
C: **Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.**
P: Hear my prayer, O LORD;
C: **Let my cry for help come to You.** *Psalm 102:1*
P: Keep me as the apple of Your eye;
C: **Hide me in the shadow of Your wings.** *Psalm 17:8*
P: In righteousness I will see Your face,
C: **When I awake, I shall be satisfied with Your likeness.** *Psalm 17:15*
P: Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in You, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: **Amen**
P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9 ff

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 keep Your commandments and also that we, being defended by You 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**

Luther's Evening Prayer

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.

Benediction

- P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
C: **And all that is within me, bless His holy name!** *Psalm 103:1*
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:14*
C: **And also with you. Amen**

Carol LSB #383: A Great and Mighty Wonder

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