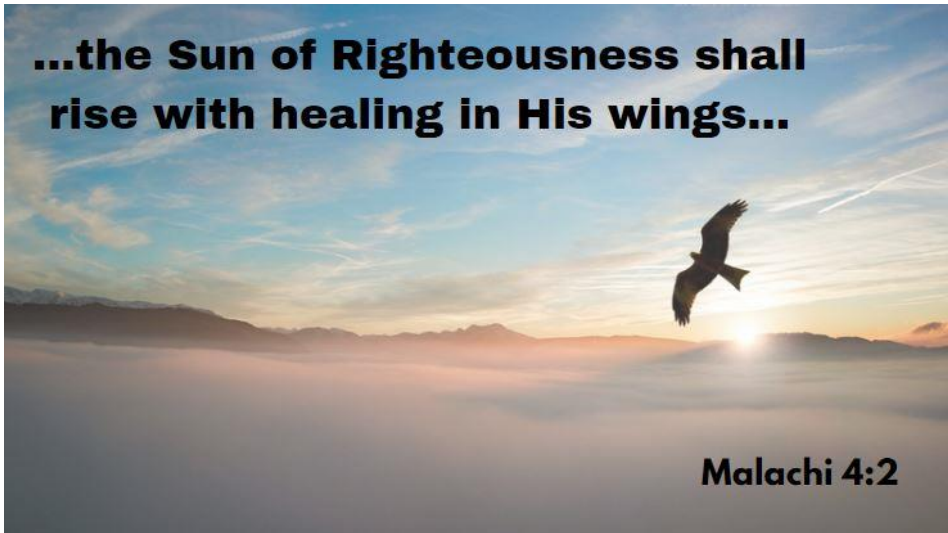


**Second Week in Advent**  
**December 13, 2023 7:00 p.m. Service**

*Advent*

**...the Sun of Righteousness shall  
rise with healing in His wings...**



**Malachi 4:2**

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## SECOND WEEK IN ADVENT

Evening Prayer *LSB 243*

December 13, 2023 7:00 p.m.

### *Prelude*

### *Welcome*

### *Opening Hymn*

*LSB 333 sts. 1-4*

### *“Once He Came in Blessing”*



1	Once	He	came	in	bles -	ing,	All	our	sins	re -
2	Now	He	gent -	ly	leads	us;	With	Him -	self	He
3	Soon	will	come	that	hour		When	with	might -	y
4	Come,	then,	O	Lord	Je -	sus,	From	our	sins	re -



dress -	ing;	Came	in	like -	ness	low -	ly,
feeds	us	Pre -	ci -	ous	food	from	heav -
pow -	er	Christ	will	come	in	splen -	dor
lease	us.	Keep	our	hearts	be -	liev -	ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

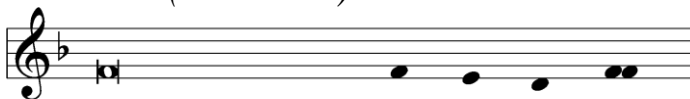
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*Stand*

**SERVICE OF LIGHT**

**Versicles (Common)**

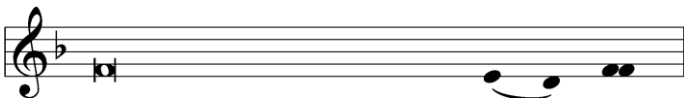
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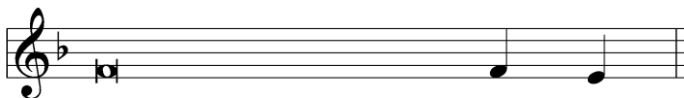
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.

**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

## Phos Hilaron

LSB 244

**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:

**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,

bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the

set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.

We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:

You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

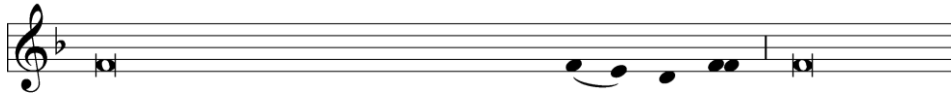
the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

# Thanksgiving for Light

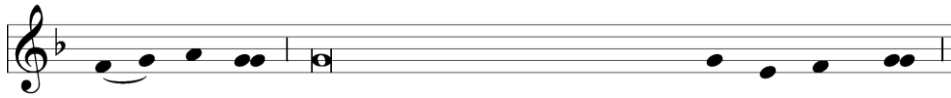
LSB 245



**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,



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 mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion



and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## PSALMODY

### Psalm 141

LSB 245



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice  
 when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

**I** Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;  
 let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in  
 the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift-ing up of my hands as the eve-ning sac-ri-fice.

**P** Let us pray. Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C** Amen.

## Psalm 50

**P** The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**C** **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

**P** Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

**C** **He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

**P** “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**C** **The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!**

**P** “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

**C** **Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

- P** I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.
- C** **For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- P** I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.
- C** **“If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.**
- P** Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
- C** **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,**
- P** and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”
- C** **But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips?**
- P** For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.
- C** **If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers.**
- P** “You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit.
- C** **You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.**
- P** These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.
- C** **“Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!**
- P** The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”



**P C** 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.

Office Hymn

LSB 355 sts. 1-7

*“O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide”*



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;  
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;  
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;  
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;  
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.  
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.  
 When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;  
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:  
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,  
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.  
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.  
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.  
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,  
 When will our hearts behold Your dawn?  
 O Sun, arise; without Your light  
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;  
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
 O come, lead us with mighty hand  
 From exile to our promised land.

7 There shall we all our praises bring  
And sing to You, our Savior King;  
There shall we laud You and adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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## READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

LSB 247

### Reading

*Malachi 4:1-6*

4 “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. 4 “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. 5 “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. 6 And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Romans 15:4-13*

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7 Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." 10 And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." 11 And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." 12 And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Luke 21:25-36*

25 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a

cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

29 And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Silence for reflection.)*

**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**

**Pastor David Burge**

**“Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, Heals Us”**

*The Sermon Text*

*Malachi 4:1-6*

Stand

# CANTICLE

## Magnificat

LSB 248

*Refrain*



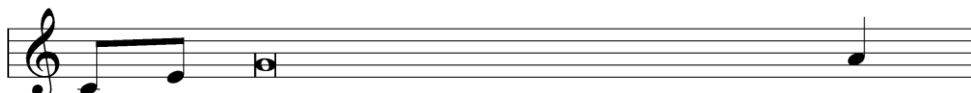
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joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the



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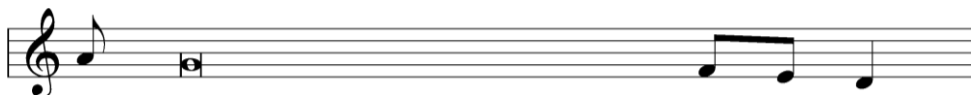
1 For \_\_\_\_\_ He has re - garded

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 emp - ty a - way.

5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spirit;



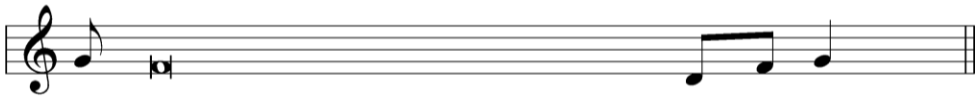
1 For be - hold, from this . . . . . day

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**

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God’s abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all! (Please find the red pew pad and record your fellowship with us)*

**Prayer**

LSB 249

**Litany**

*The congregation’s response may begin just as the leader’s petition ends so that the word “Lord” is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*



**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**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 Matthew, our synod president, and Lee, our district president, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For Joseph, our president, 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:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** 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:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

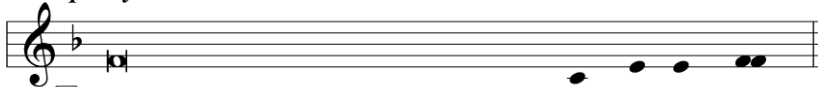
**P** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

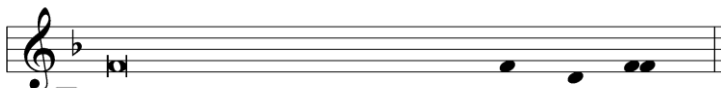
*The prayers then continue:*



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

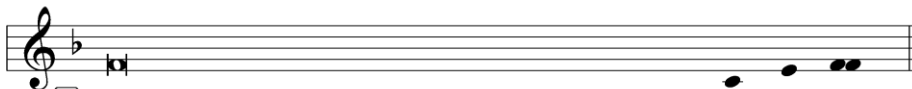


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.

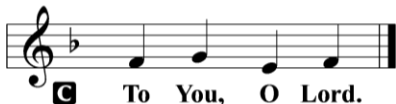


**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**\*\*Silence for individual prayer.**




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



**C** To You, O Lord.

## Collect of the Day

**P**  Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.




**C** A - men.



## Collect for Peace

LSB 251

**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 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** A - men.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 251*

**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

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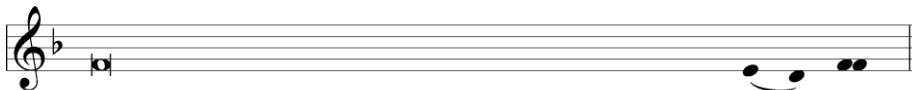
**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 252



**L** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve us.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

*Closing Hymn*

LSB 380 sts. 1-3

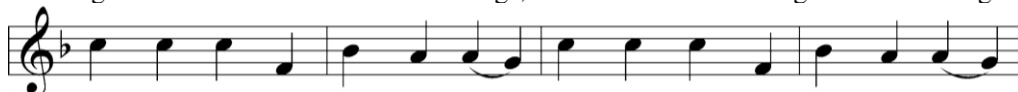
### *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!”  
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.  
Light and life to all He brings, Ris’n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!  
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.



Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

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## ***Announcements***

## ***Postlude***