

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

December 2, 2020

5:00 p.m.

ADVENT VESPERS SERVICE



BREATH OF HEAVEN
WEEK 1—HOLD ME TOGETHER

BREATH PRAYER

breathe in Breath of heaven,

breathe out hold me together.

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ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Light the first blue candle for hope.

Loving God, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. Help us watch and wait in hope for the coming of Jesus. Amen.

SONG

Bryan Gatten

READING *PSALM 139:7-16*

Aine Miller

⁷Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"
¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.

REFLECTION

John Sippola

MAKING THE WORLD A GENTLER PLACE TO RECEIVE THE CHRIST CHILD

Adding straw to the manger

ADVENT BLESSING

Even as we wait, watch, and wonder,
God is with us.

Amen.

BREATH OF HEAVEN

words and music by Chris Eaton and Amy Grant
Dana Varland, soloist; Bryan Gatten, guitar

Refrain:

Breath of Heav-en, hold me to - geth-er, be for-ev - er near me, Breath of
Heav-en. Breath of Heav-en, light - en my dark-ness, pour o - ver me your
ho - li-ness, for you are ho - ly, _____ Breath of Heav-en.

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