

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

February 24, 2021

6:00 p.m.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE: CREATED FOR BELOVED COMMUNITY



WELCOME

SERVICE OF LIGHT

PROCESSIONAL

Leader or Assistant

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All

the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

Leader or Assistant

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All *Leader or Assistant*

and the day is al - most over. Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All

and shine within your peo - ple here.

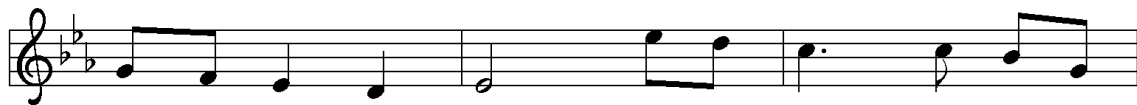
HYMN #561 *Joyous Light of Heav'nly Glory*



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

PRAYER

Blessed are you—holy, hidden God; Spirit of the deep winging wildly over the world's creation; majesty in darkness, guide upon our pathways. Joyful is the dark and brilliant the light—both belonging and leading us to you. **Amen.**

WORD

DIALOG

We are created for community

Drawn together across false divides

Friends and strangers

Neighbors and creatures

The voices from the margins

Intertwined with Christ's

Whose voice also calls from outside the city gates

And from beyond the grave

One with saints who have gone before
And with ones yet to arrive
Making of us one body
One community
Being drawn with others
Into the beloved community of God

READING *Mark 4:35-41*

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

We are created for community.
Jesus shows us the way.

REFLECTION

Jonathan, Nancy, Paavo and Tuuli Rova

PRAYER

Gracious Creator, you fashioned us in your image in the midst of a world beyond our knowledge and understanding. Continue to weave us together in community with all created things, and deepen our awareness of the ways you connect us to the earth. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR WORLD HUNGER

Annika Saur

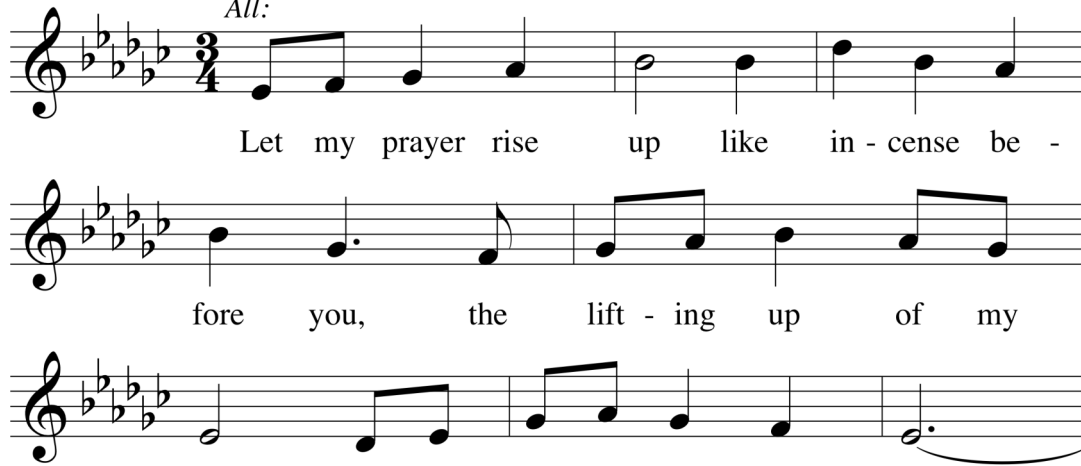
During this season of Lent, we remember the millions across the world who go hungry by gathering an offering for world hunger. Set aside a bowl to use on Wednesdays in Lent as we ask God to make of us a beloved community.

*You are also invited to use our digital offering plate. Simply send a text to **218-325-9525** with contribution amount followed by the word **hunger**. Enter a simple number (with no decimal). You'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your card information. Thank you for supporting God's mission through FLC.*

VESPER PSALM 141 *Let My Prayer Rise Up Like Incense*


Group One: high voices, Group Two: low voices

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. _____

Leader or Group One:

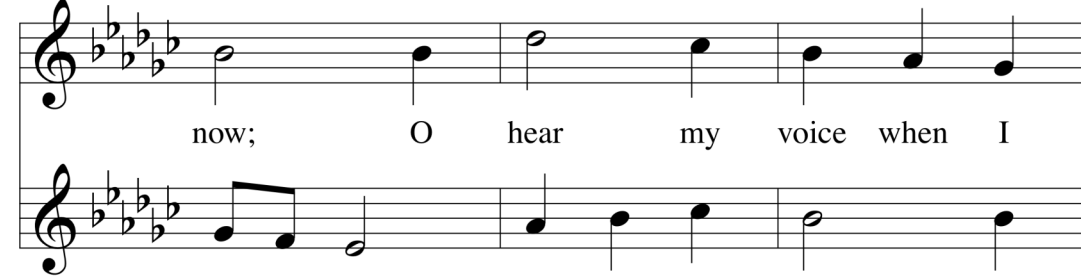


— O God, I call to you, come to me

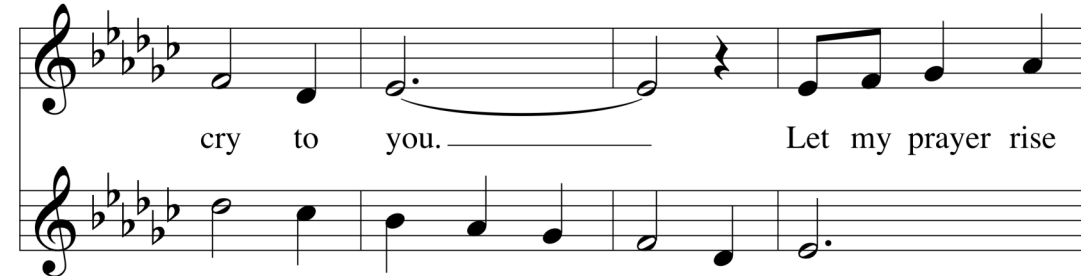
All or Group Two:



O God, I



now; O hear my voice when I
call to you, come to me now; O



cry to you. _____ Let my prayer rise
hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in - cense be - fore you, the

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

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

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

you. Keep watch with - in me, God;

of - fer - ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be

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

burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise

light of your love be burn - ing bright.

up like in-cense be - fore you, the

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

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

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

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

of - fer - ing to you. All

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

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

Spir - it of love. Let my prayer rise

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

up like in-cense be - fore you, the
 Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
 lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to
 fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an
 you.
 of - fer - ing to you.

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

INVITATION TO THE CROSS

Jesus, in his suffering and death, reveals the very heart of God, a heart of pure unspeakable love, a heart that risks everything for the sake of love, a heart open to the suffering of others and broken by the cruelty of others, a heart alive with love that death could not hold.

Come, to the cross, to the heart of God. Bring your own heart as it is—hardened or opened, empty or full, broken or mended, fearful or overflowing with love, unfaithful or filled with gratitude, God welcomes us as we are and brings to us the healing we need.

HYMN *Deep Peace*

Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a G-clef and contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff has an F-clef and contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble staff melody includes a quarter rest before the word 'air'.

you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.

To repeat Last time

The third system of music concludes the hymn. It features a repeat sign (double bar line with two dots) before the final phrase. Above the treble staff, a bracket labeled 'To repeat' covers the first two measures of the final phrase, and another bracket labeled 'Last time' covers the final two measures. The bass staff accompaniment also includes a repeat sign and a fermata over the final chord.

HYMN #837 *Many and Great, O God*



Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -



qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;
bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;



ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan
your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your
with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with



ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we journey with Jesus to the cross, we pray:

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

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, joined together in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

MINISTERS All People of First Lutheran Church
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 Bryan Gatten, Director of Contemporary Worship
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Please join us for upcoming Wednesday services, livestreamed at 6:00 p.m., followed by zoom conversation "Acting Against Racism" at 6:30 p.m.:

- Wed, Feb. 24 ~ In Community with Creation (Reflection from the Rova family)
- Wed, March 3 ~ In Community with all the Saints (Colleen Birt)
- Wed, March 10 ~ In Community with our Neighbor (Denise Scheer)
- Wed, March 17 ~ In Community with those on the Margins (Cindy Monroe)
- Wed, March 24 ~ In Community with Christ (Brian Peterson & Paul Anderson)

FLC Community Conversations on Racism and Justice - Wednesdays from 6:30-7:00 p.m.

Immediately following each service at 6:30 pm will be an FLC community discussion via zoom, using the articles & conversation guide Acting Against Racism published by Christian Century. Please join in this important conversation as we learn and grow together!

The Zoom discussion group begins following the services at 6:30 pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88382398856?pwd=SkE4RkFJa1FPQ1IrVUUtIRXJPdlkxZz09>

Link to the *Acting Against Racism* document: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mrYOqNXABKJFrvnNJ-rZljjr5mKEwwBl/view?usp=sharing>

Article Reading & Discussion schedule

- Feb 17 - "Becoming less defensive about White privilege"
- Feb. 24 - "James Baldwin reminds us not to be surprised by this"
- March 3 - "I believe racism is wrong. So what?"
- March 10 - "How do we know Black lives matter to God?"
- March 17 - "Why are so many White Americans standing up for racial justice?"
- March 24 - "Wearing down structural evil with the ministry of erosion"

*The Sanctuary is open for quiet prayer and reflection each Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Use the Superior St. entrance door leading directly into the Sanctuary.*

First Lutheran Church, dedicated to the mission of Jesus Christ, welcomes YOU into this community of faith, where we share life in its entirety, with all its joys and sorrows. We believe all people are created in the image of God and are offered God's love, grace, and forgiveness, regardless of religious tradition, age, gender identity, race, education, economic status, sexual orientation, family structure, mental or physical abilities. We acknowledge the indigenous culture of this land.
We extend a special welcome in Christ's love.

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