

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

March 24, 2021

6:00 p.m.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE: CREATED FOR BELOVED COMMUNITY



IN COMMUNITY WITH CHRIST

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.

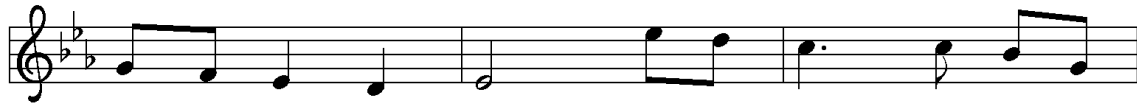
HYMN #561 *Joyous Light of Heav'nly Glory*



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 10:32-45*

³²They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; ³⁴they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

REFLECTION

Brian Peterson and Paul Anderson

PRAYER

Mysterious One, in Jesus you redeem us and invite all people to a place in your glory. Draw us closer to you, and in so doing, draw us closer to one another, that we may be strengthened to follow in the way of Jesus' cross and resurrection. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR WORLD HUNGER

video by Rachel Landsteiner

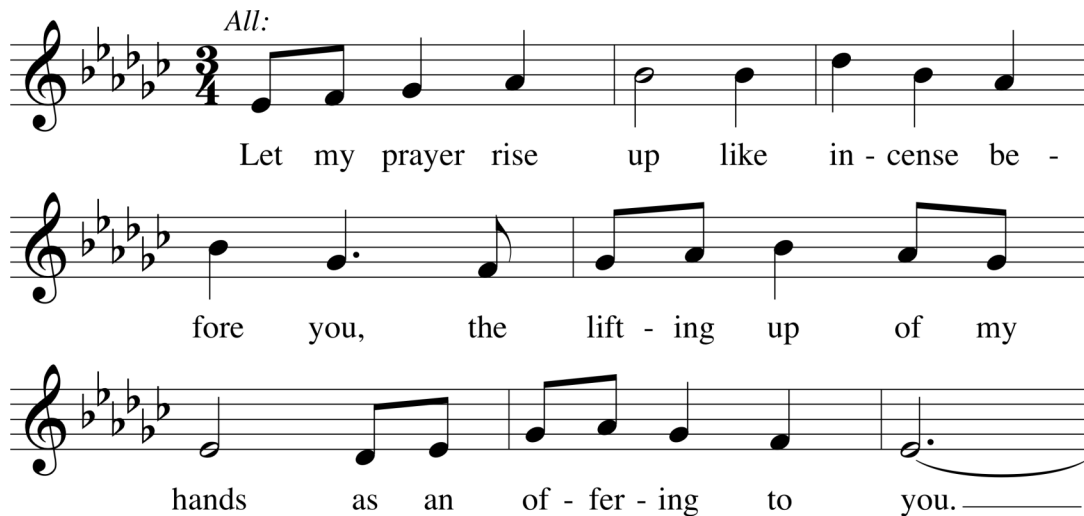
During this season of Lent, we remember the millions across the world who go hungry by gathering an offering for world hunger. Set aside a bowl to use on Wednesdays in Lent as we ask God to make of us a beloved community.

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*

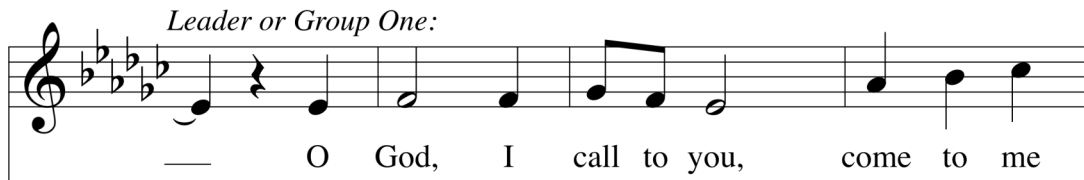
Group One: high voices, Group Two: low voices

All:



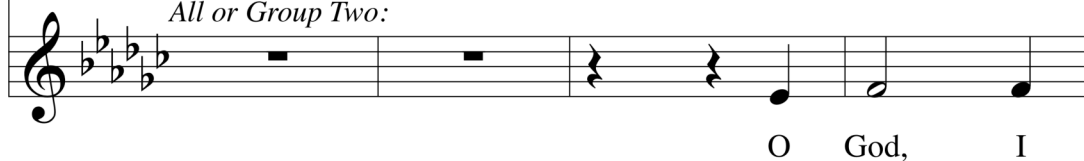
Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
fore you, the lift - ing up of my
hands as an of - fer - ing to you. _____

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 *Christ, Our Peace*

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a quarter note C5. The lyrics are: "Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;"

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a dotted half note G4 and a quarter note A4. The lyrics are: "Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you." The system concludes with a double bar line.

HYMN #648 *Beloved, God's Chosen*



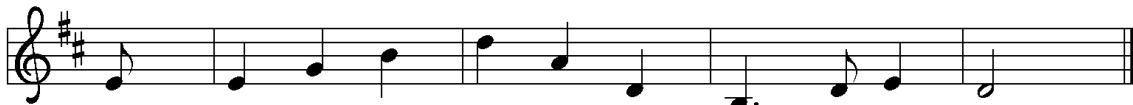
1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment
2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;
3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment



com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.
let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.



A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment
And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,
A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment



that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.
let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.
that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

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.

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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.*

Holy Week 2021

Created for Beloved Community

Palm/Passion Sunday- March 28

LIVE 10am Radio 610AM/103.9FM & YouTube

Palm car procession from church 10am

palm pick up 9am-9:45am

Maundy Thursday- April 1

Video Premiere 6pm YouTube

Participate in the holy acts of this night

Good Friday- April 2

Video Premiere 12pm & 6pm YouTube

Contemplate the crucifixion of Christ through the music of Heinrich Schütz and Christ's Seven Last Words of the Cross

Walk the Stations of the Cross

Gather at 2pm in the Superior St lot

Masked and physically distanced

Also available online as a virtual walk

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 3

Video Premiere 6pm YouTube

Join us as we gather around fire, word, water, and meal

Festival of the Resurrection- Sunday, April 4

LIVE 10am Radio & YouTube

Gather by the Superior St. Entrance at 11:30am for "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Bring colorful ribbons to adorn the outside cross and World Hunger offerings

KDAL Radio 610AM or 103.9FM | youtube.com/FirstLutheranDuluth | flcduluth.org

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We extend a special welcome in Christ's love.

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