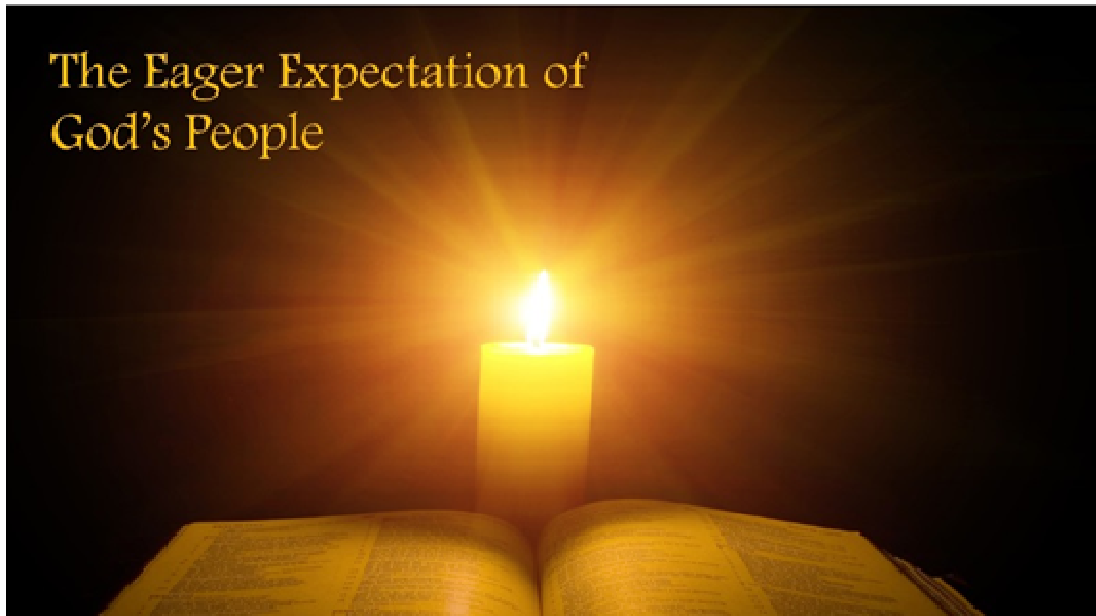


# Midweek Advent



## Eager to See the King

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 18, 2013



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WELCOME

STAND

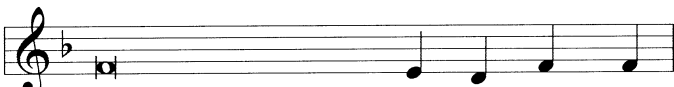
M: Minister C: Congregation



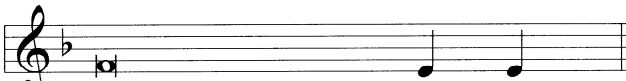
M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



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




M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,




C: and the day is almost o - ver.



M: Be our light and scat - ter the dark - ness,




C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he,  
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it: God  
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through all the earth



And blest are you, his on - ly Son.  
Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*BE SEATED*

### LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU *Psalm 141*



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.



O Lord, I call to you come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



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

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

### PSALM 24 (read responsively)

M: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,

C: the world, and all who live in it;

M: for he founded it upon the seas

C: and established it upon the waters.

M: Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?

C: Who may stand in his holy place?

M: He who has clean hands and a pure heart,

C: he will receive blessing from God his Savior.

M: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors.

C: That the King of Glory may come in.

M: Who is this King of Glory?

C: The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

M: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors.

C: That the King of Glory may come in.

M: Who is he, this King of Glory?

C: The LORD Almighty--he is the King of Glory.

## PSALM PRAYER

M: Dearest Jesus, we praise you as the King of Glory and we anxiously await your coming as our Savior. You come as the strong and mighty King, but also as our loving Savior. By your Spirit, keep our heads lifted up, always prepared for the day you will return and bring salvation. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

That night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying: "Go and tell my servant David, 'The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for my Name,

**2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 11b-16 (NIV)**

and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.'"

## HYMN

**Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates**  
*Christian Worship #4*

## SERMON

**Isaiah 9:7 (NIV)**  
**Eager to See the King**

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and

upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

*PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AFTER THE SERMON.*

## HYMN

**Blest Be the God of Israel**  
*Christian Worship #275*

## OFFERING

*Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass along. Thank You!*



*If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

STAND

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: **Thanks be to God.**

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

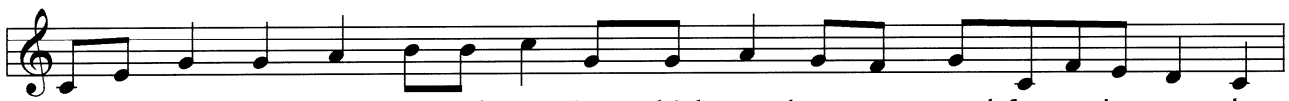
M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word.



For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

## BE SEATED

## CLOSING HYMN

Come, O Long-Expected Jesus  
*Christian Worship #6*

POSTLUDE

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Worship Leader ..... Pastor Sam Clemons  
Accompanist..... Elaine Goldie  
Bell Ringer .....Cora Stuhr  
Acolyte ..... Nicole McNamara  
Ushers ..... Dylan Guenther, Eric Hanson, Tyler Koehler, Rick Street  
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