

Advent Announcements



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
December 10, 2014

The Announcement to Mary

WELCOME

STAND

M: Minister C: Congregation



M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



C: the light no darkness can overcome.



M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



C: and the day is almost over.



M: Be our light and scatter the darkness,



C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.



1 O gracious Light, Lord Jesus 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*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The lyrics 'C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter). The lyrics 'the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.' are written below the second staff. The third staff continues: D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The lyrics 'O Lord, I call to you come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.' are written below the third staff. The fourth staff continues: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter). The lyrics 'Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,' are written below the fourth staff. The fifth staff concludes the piece: D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (quarter). The lyrics 'the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.' are written below the fifth staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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 8

M: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C: You have set your glory above the heavens.

M: When I consider your heavens,

C: The work of your fingers,

M: What is man that you are mindful of him,

C: The Son of Man that you care for him?

M: You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C: And crowned him with glory and honor.

M: You made him ruler over the works of your hands;

C: You put everything under his feet.

PSALM PRAYER

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, you came as the Son of Man, descending from heaven to be born our true brother, lowering yourself in order to pay for our sins and bring us salvation. For your great love we give you thanks and praise as we look forward to celebrating your arrival into this world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the

throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God." "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come
Christian Worship #2

SERMON

Luke 1:26-38
The Announcement to Mary

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED AFTER THE SERMON

HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
Christian Worship #24

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.



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

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

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

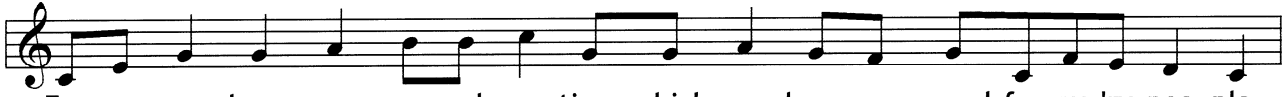
M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the 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.

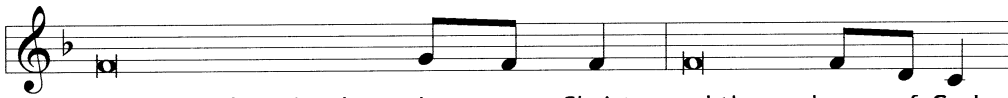


For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,



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

God's Own Son Most Holy
Christian Worship #17

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Worship Leader Pastor Colin Rieke
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