

  
Mid-Week  
**Lenten**  
Worship



*First Lutheran Church*

WEEK 1 02/25/26 **JOHN**

The hot-tempered young man who became the disciple of love.

Portrayed by Mike Oberlander

WEEK 2 03/04/26 **MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS**

Who suffers a mother's pain while humbly accepting God's will.

Portrayed by Diane Greene

WEEK 3 03/11/26 **PETER**

An arrogant man who becomes a humble disciple.

Portrayed by Rick Greene

WEEK 4 03/18/26 **JUDAS**

Who failed because he thought he knew best.

Portrayed by Nevin Martin

WEEK 5 03/25/26 **MARY MAGDALENE**

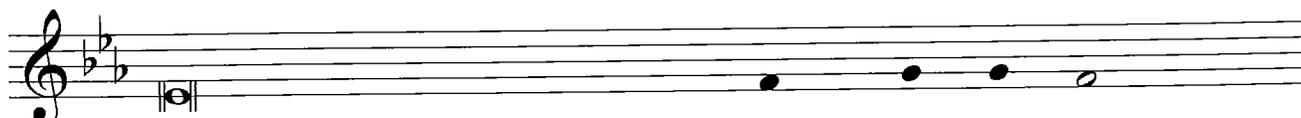
A woman of the world who strove to love herself as Jesus loved her.

Portrayed by Bonnie Oberlander

# HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

## I. SERVICE OF LIGHT

*The assembly stands and faces the entrance of the Nave.*



Cantor: Jesus Christ you are the light of the world;



**ALL:** The light no darkness can o - ver - come;



Stay with us now, for it is evening,



and the day is al - most ov - er.



Let your light scat - ter the dark - ness,

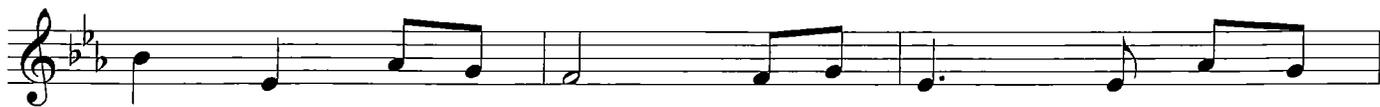


and shine within your peo - ple here.

# EVENING HYMN



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



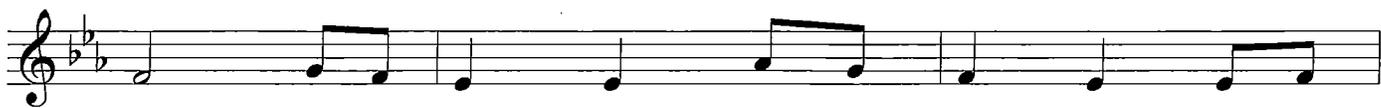
glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's  
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and  
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle



sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as  
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that  
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y



eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to  
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry  
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

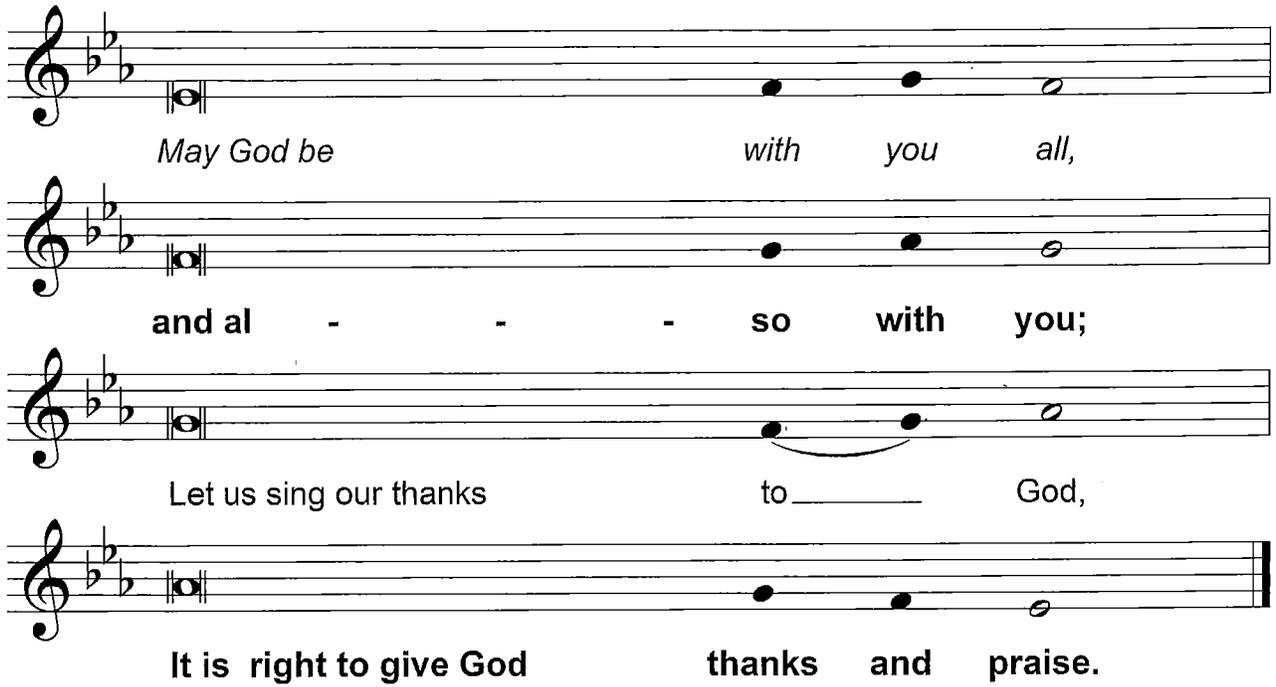


you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and  
soul, Lovethat bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us  
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us



light our hearts a - new.  
free and make us whole.  
on to end - less day.

## EVENING THANKSGIVING



May God be with you all,  
and al - - - so with you;  
Let us sing our thanks to \_\_\_\_\_ God,  
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Cantor: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe  
from old you have led your people by night and day.  
May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright,  
for your Word and your presence are the light  
of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.*



A - - - - - men.

*The assembly is seated.*

## II. PSALMODY AND READINGS

### PSALM 141



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Cantor: 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.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you. O God, I call to you, come to me now; O hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you. Keep watch within me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright.

The musical score consists of 14 staves of music in a single system. Each staff contains a line of lyrics. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you. O God, I call to you, come to me now; O hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like incense before you, the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you. Keep watch within me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your love be burning bright." The lyrics are printed in a simple, sans-serif font below the corresponding musical notes. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and slurs.

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. All  
praise to the God of all, Cre - a - tor of  
life; all praise be to Christ and the  
Spir - it of love.  
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.

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P: May our prayers come before you, O God as incense,  
and may your presence surround and fill us,  
so that in union with all creation,  
we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

C: **Amen.**

### ***READING***

February 25

Mark 3:13-19

March 04

Luke 1:39-56

March 11

Mark 14:26-32,66-72

March 18

Mark 14:10-21,43-50

March 25

Mark 16:1-11

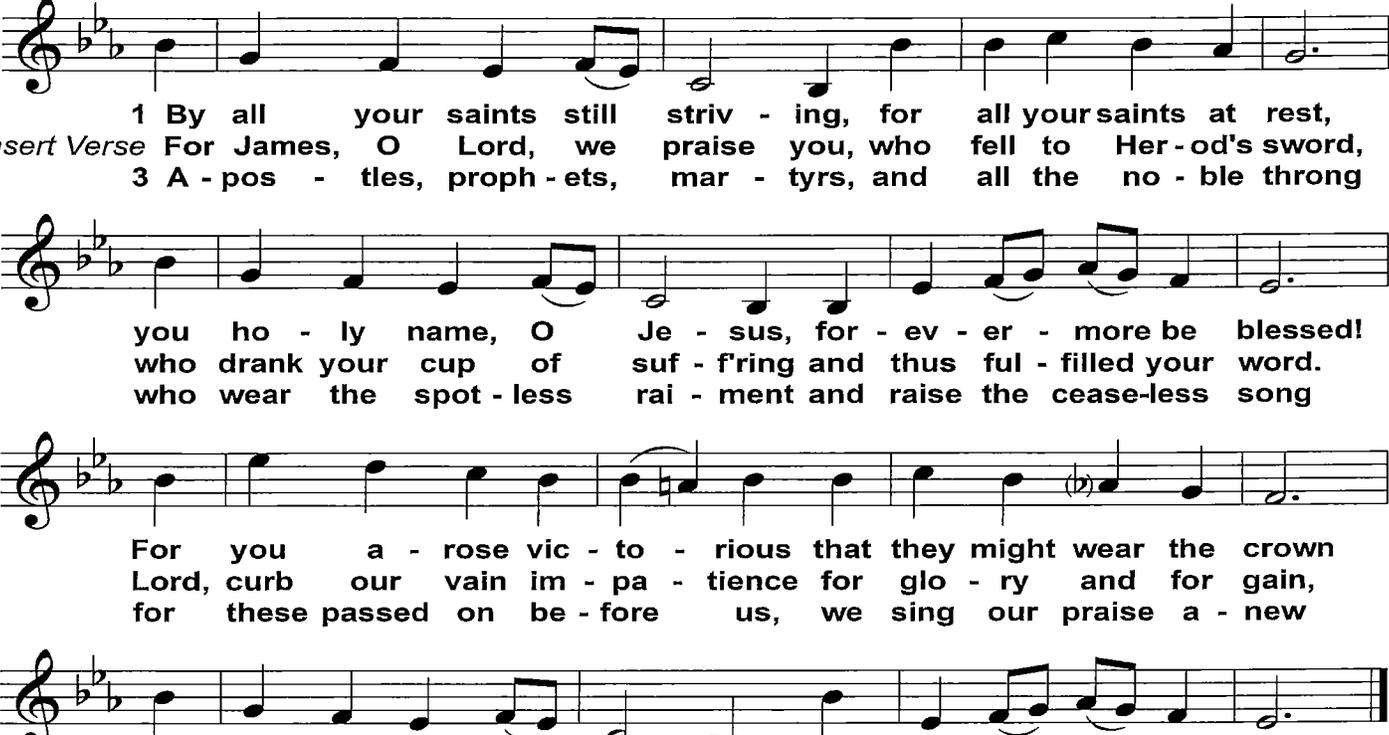
### ***RESPONSE TO THE READING***

P: The Light shines in the darkness.

C: **And the darkness has not overcome it.**

*The assembly stands.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
*Insert Verse* For James, O Lord, we praise you, who fell to Her - od's sword,  
3 A - pos - tles, proph - ets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble thron -  
you ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!  
who drank your cup of suf - f'ring and thus ful - filled your word.  
who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease-less song  
For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown  
Lord, curb our vain im - pa - tience for glo - ry and for gain,  
for these passed on be - fore us, we sing our praise a - new  
and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.  
and nerve us for such suf - f'ring as glo - ri - fy your name.  
and, walk - ing in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.

### *Mary, Mother of Our Lord*

Oh, magnify with Mary  
the God whom we adore;  
rejoice in Christ our Savior,  
true God whom Mary bore;  
and praise the holy Power  
in her made manifest.  
With all the generations  
acclaim this woman blest.

### *Peter*

We praise you, Lord, for Peter,  
so eager and so bold,  
thrice falling, yet repentant,  
thrice charged to feed your fold.  
Lord, make your pastors faithful  
to guard your flock from harm,  
and hold them when they waver  
with your almighty arm.

### *Judas*

O Judas the apostle  
the one who kissed the Lord.  
Who sat at the table with him  
and dipped his hand in the bowl.  
He thought he had it figured out  
and knew more than the Lord  
He felt remorse and suffered  
and hung himself from a tree.

### *Mary Magdalene*

We praise the other Mary,  
who came at Easter dawn  
and near the tomb did tarry,  
but found her Lord was gone.  
As joyfully she saw him  
in resurrection light,  
may we by faith behold him,  
the day who ends all night.

*The assembly is seated.*

**MONOLOGUE**

**FIVE WHO KNEW JESUS**

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**OFFERING**

*The assembly stands.*

**ANNUNCIATION**

*Cantor: An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth  
to a woman whose name was Mary.  
The angel said to her,  
"Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you.  
You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus,  
the Chosen One of God Most High."  
And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."*

# MAGNIFICAT

1. My — soul pro - claims your  
2. You have cast the might - y  
3. My — soul pro - claims your

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in  
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of  
great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in

you, You have looked with love on your  
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with  
you, You have looked with love on your

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.  
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.  
ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through. (to Litany)

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,  
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.  
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — — and low - ly one,  
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah — — and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.  
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

### III. LITANY AND PRAYERS

*The assembly kneels.*

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God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

In peace, — in peace, we pray — to you:

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray — to you:

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

For peace be - tween na - tions, for peace be - tween peo - ples:

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

For us who are gath - ered to wor - ship and praise you:

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

For all of your ser - vants who live out your gos - pel:

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

For all those who la - bor in ser - vice to oth - ers:

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Grant weath - er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:

God of mer - cy, keep us in love.

For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

God of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

Keep us, hold us, gra - cious God.

P: Great and merciful God,  
Source and Ground of all goodness and life,  
give to your people the peace that passes all understanding,  
and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*The assembly stands.*

P: God, remember us in your love, and teach us to 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.**

**FINAL BLESSING**



Let us bless our God:



Praise and thanks to you.

**SENDING SONG**

May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and  
keep us, May Christ be ev - er light for our  
lives, may the Spir - it of Love be our  
guide and path, for all of our days.  
A - men.

*~ ~ All may Depart in Silence ~ ~*

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