



**MIDWEEK SERVICE OF PRAYER AND
PREACHING**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN

God Himself Is Present.....LSB 907

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES FOR ADVENT p. 260

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE p. 261-262 

Sit

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT

Philippians 2:5–7

L A reading from Philippians, the second chapter.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 1:46–55

L A reading from Luke, the first chapter:

And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.
He has helped his servant Israel,

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY *p.263*

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED *p. 264*

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,**

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *p. 264*

C 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.

HYMN

Let All Together Praise Our Lord.....LSB 389

Sit

SERMON

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER *p. 265*

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and
with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the
world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of
all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the
common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

L Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WORD *p. 265*

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

EVENING PRAYER *p. 266*

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and

**all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe
may have no power over me. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE p. 266 

BLESSING

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you..

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

My Soul Rejoices.....**LSB 933**

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