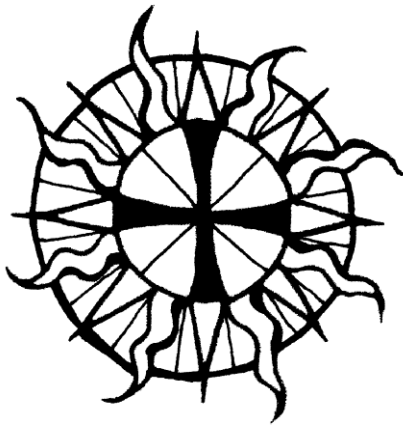


*B*EHOLD OUR *L*IGHT



Lenten Evening Prayer
Wednesdays in Lent



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Connecting People to God, One Another, and the World

Welcome to Grace!

At Grace Lutheran Church, we strive to be a community of acceptance, reconciliation, and hope. Following in the way of Jesus, we welcome all people regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, or age. God's acceptance of all compels us to stand against racism, sexism, and all forms of hate and prejudice. We welcome your questions, your gifts, and your being.

May God bless our worship, our reflection, and our ongoing discipline of Lent: self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving, and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. We invite you to join us also on Sunday mornings for worship at 9:30 a.m.

Behold Our Light

This is a setting for evening worship by Aaron David Miller, published in 2013 by Augsburg Fortress. We are using the options appropriate for Evening Prayer, but there are also options available for an evening service of Holy Communion

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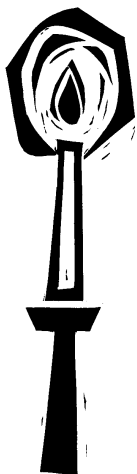
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Sing With All the Saints in Glory

A Lenten Midweek Series

Lent is a time of renewal. We focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus—and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. We who have been baptized into Christ have died to sin and are righteous saints of God. At the same time, we know that we struggle daily with sin as we seek to follow Jesus. This is the wonderful Lutheran understanding of sinner and saint.

We have a rich calendar of saints in the Lutheran tradition—Christians from every age who have pointed to Christ in their living and dying. In remembering these Christians who have gone before, we find inspiration for our Christian journey. This Lenten midweek series honors the commemorations that occur during the weeks in Lent in 2023. Commemorating these individuals is a starting point for a deeper engagement with our Christian faith.



As the leader enters, the assembly stands and faces the candle.

Opening Dialog

Cantor **2**

Assembly **2**

Be-hold, our light has come, death is no more,

Be-hold, our light has come, death is no

though the sun fades from our sight. God has sent sus - tain - ing light.

more,

Be-hold, our light has come, shine on us.

Be-hold, our light has come, shine on us.

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Hymn of Light *Stanza 1: Cantor, Stanza 2-3: All*

* 1 O Trin - i - ty, O bless - ed light, O Un - i - ty of
you our morn - ing song of praise, to you our eve - ning

sov - 'reign might: as now the fi - 'ry sun de - parts, shed ho - ly light with -
prayer we raise; to you in awe we bend the knee from age to age, e -

in — our hearts. 2 To
ter - nal - ly. 3 All

glo - ry be to God a - bove and to the Son, the prince of love, and to the Spir - it,

3

One in Three! We praise you, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set light in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day
and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom.
Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ: may your Word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,
and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

The assembly is seated for the Evening Psalm.

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Assembly



Lord, you have searched me and known me; you



know when I sit, when I rise. — You know my thoughts, you

2nd time to Coda 



know my heart, you know — the ways of my life. You



know — the sound of my voice, — you know — the words of my



tongue; — you hold me close, you guide my ways, you



know — the ways of my life.

Cantor only



Where can I go — to leave your spir - it? Where can I fall — that



you — aren't — near? If I say, — The dark - ness will



hide me, your bright light sets me free.



life. — You know — the ways of my life. — You



know — the ways of my life. —

Silence for reflection is kept.

Psalm Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, creator of the universe, we are filled with wonder at all your works and overwhelmed by your infinite wisdom. We praise you for your majesty; yet even more we rejoice that you do not forget us, and desire to know and care for us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly stands.

Hymn

See Insert

The assembly is seated.

Readings

See Insert

After the readings, silence for reflection is kept.



Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”

“Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.”

The assembly stands for the Gospel Canticle:

Assembly

My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, my
spir-it sings for joy in God my Sav-ior. You look with fa-vor up - on your ser-vant,
bless-ed is my name. You have done great things for me, ho - ly is your
name. You send your mer-cy to those who fear you through ev-'ry age.
You have shown the strength of your arm, you have scorned the thoughts of the proud,
you cast down the might - y, you have lift - ed the low - ly, ho - ly is your
name. You have filled the hun-gry with good things, you have left the rich with emp-ty
hands, you have come to the help of your peo-ple, ho - ly is your name.
You have kept your prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom-ise that you made to our
fore - bears; to A - bra'm and Sar - ah and their chil - dren for - ev - er,
ho - ly is your name. Ho - ly is your name. Ho - ly is your name.

Prayers

“Watch, O Lord”

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Refrain – All

Watch, O Lord, with all those a - wake this night,
watch, O Lord, with all those who weep; give your
an - gels and saints charge o - ver all who sleep.

Leader

All

1 Tend your ail - ing ones:
2 Soothe your suf - f'ring ones: in your love, Lord.
3 Hold your griev - ing ones:
4 Guard your lit - tle ones:

Leader

All

Rest your wea - ry ones:
Heal af - flict - ed ones: in your love, Lord.
Raise your fall - en ones:
Guide your search - ing ones:

Leader

All

Refrain

Bless your dy - ing ones:
Shield your joy - ous ones: in your love, O Lord of all.
Mend your bro - ken ones:
Grant us all your peace:

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the †Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.
Amen.

Sending Song

Cantor



Now let us go in peace. God's word has been ful -

Assembly



Now let us go in peace.



filled. We have seen God's great sal - va - tion set in front of



God's word has been ful-filled.



all cre - a - tion. A light that saves the world, be-hold, our light has



A light that saves the world,



come. A - men.



be-hold, our light has come. A - men.

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