

Messiah Lutheran Church

GATHER, EMPOWER, SERVE



✝ Evening Prayer ✝

Lenten Vespers 2026

THANKSGIVINGp. 144



☐ Joy-ous light of glo - ry: ☑ of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther;



heav - en - ly, ho - ly, bless - ed Je - sus Christ.



We have come to the set-ting of the sun. and we look to the eve-ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir - it: You are wor-thy of



be - ing praised with pure voic - es for - ev - er. O Son of God,



O Giv - er of life: The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.

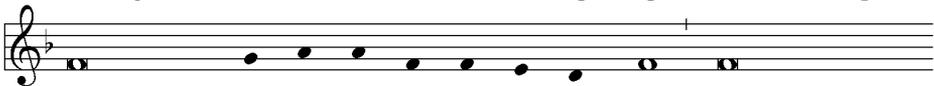
"Let my prayer rise before you as incense"p. 145



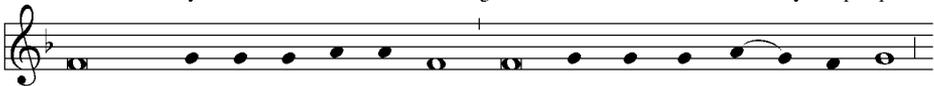
☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



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



☐ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people



Israel by a pil - lar of cloud by day and a pil - lar of fire by night:



Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may his Word be a lamp

to our feet and a light to our path; for you are mer - ci - ful,
and you love your whole cre - a - tion, and we, your crea - tures, glo - ri - fy you,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. **A - men**

PSALM PRAYER.....p.146

I Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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

II Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

I Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

II Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing; let me not be oc - cu -
pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers. **I** But my eyes are
turned to you, Lord God; in you I take ref - uge. Strip me not of my life.



☐ Glo-ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir - it;



☐ as it was in the be- gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



☑ Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense;



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

Stand

HYMN (printed in order of date on the last pages of bulletin)

2/25: *O Zion, Haste*LBW 397

3/4: *In Christ There Is No East or West*LBW 359

3/11: *O Spirit of the Living God*.....LBW 388

3/18: *Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak*.....LBW 403

3/25: *Christ, the Life of All the Living*.....LBW 97

Sit

READING

RESPONSE TO THE LESSON.....p.147

☐: In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

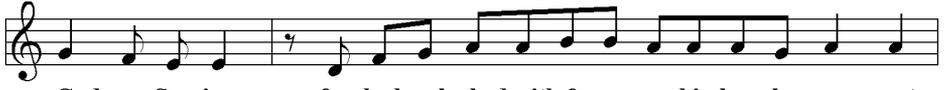
☑: But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE *MAGNIFICAT*..... p.147



☑ My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir - it re-joic - es in



God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.



From this day all gen - er - a - tions will call me bless - ed.

The Al-might-y has done great things for me, and ho-ly is his name.
 He has mer-cy on those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.
 He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the
 proud in their con-cept. He has cast down the might-y from their thrones,
 and has lift-ed up the low-ly. He has filled the
 hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a-way emp-ty.

LITANYp.148

☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☑ Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTUSp.152

☐ Let us bless the Lord. ☑ Thanks be to God.

Sit

HOMILY.....Janet Stroble, ALWL

PRAYER.....p.153

BENEDICTIONp.153

☐ The almighty and merciful Lord,
 the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve you. ☑ A-men

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 Give of your own to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,
 4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
 give of your wealth they speed them on their way,
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
 pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious,
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
 and haste the com - ing of the glo - rious day.
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

The first system of music features a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923
Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walsh, 1837–1901

3/4 HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil-dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

3/ 11 **HYMN**

O Spirit of the Living God



1 O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, in
2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love to
3 Be dark - ness, at your com - ing, light; con -
4 O Spir - it of the Lord, pre - pare a
5 Pro - claim the gos - pel far and wide; the



all the full - ness of your grace, wher - ev - er hu - man
preach the rec - on - cil - ing Word; give pow'r and unc - tion
fu - sion, or - der in your path; souls with - out strength in -
sin - ful world its God to meet; and breathe a - broad like
tri - umphs of the cross re - cord; the name of Christ be



feet have trod, de - scend on our a - pos - tate race.
from a - bove, wher - e'er this bless - ed sound is heard.
spire with might; let mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.
morn - ing air, till hearts of stone be - gin to beat.
glo - ri - fied; let ev - 'ry peo - ple call him Lord!

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Music: MELCOMBE, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740–1816

3/18 HYMN

Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

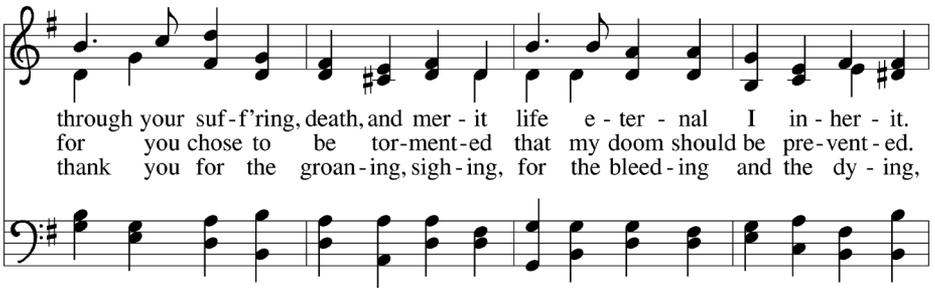
Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

3/25 **HYMN***Christ, the Life of All the Living*

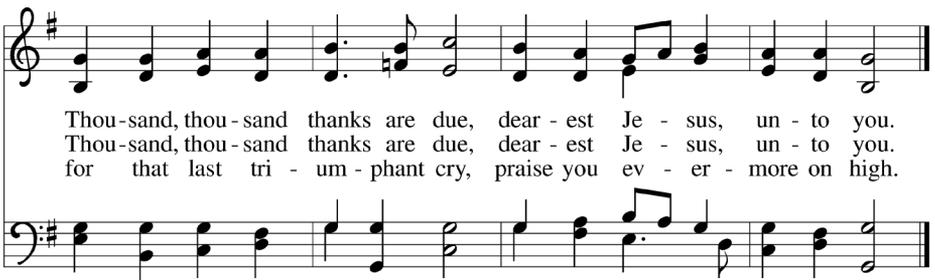

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

This evening we welcome Janet Stroble, an Authorized Lay Worship Leader (ALWL) of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Janet has received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and has been authorized by the bishop of the synod to preside at the Eucharist.

Organist: Jared Gist

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