



## **Grace Lutheran Church**

*Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania*

### **Welcome to Worship**

**LBW Evening Prayer**

February 28, 2024

6:30 p.m.

Liturgical worship with organ

## Change to Purple

The liturgical color for this season of the church year is purple – the color of penitence and in remembrance of the royalty of Christ who reigns from the cross. In our sanctuary, it is the primary color of the pieces hung on the altar, ambo paraments, and the pastor's stole.

## Welcome

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

### Service of Light



☐ Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, ☑ the light no darkness can over- come.



☐ Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve-ning, ☑ and the day is almost o- ver.



☐ Let your light scat- ter the dark-ness, ☑ and illumine your Church.

### Joyous Light



☐ 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

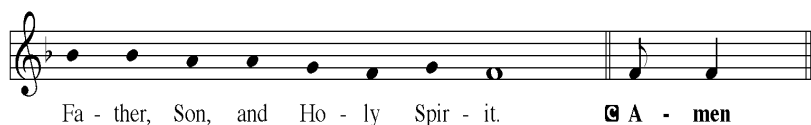
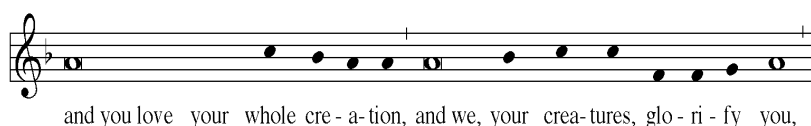
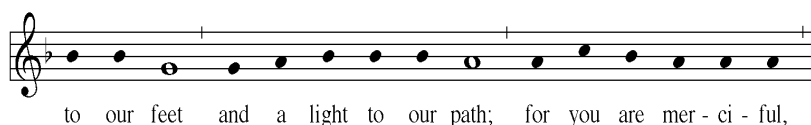
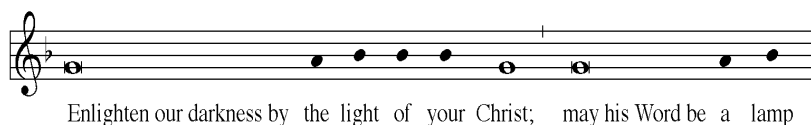


be - ing praised with pure voic - es for - ev - er. O Son of God,



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

## Thanksgiving



*You may be seated*

## Psalmody





*Silence for meditation*

L: Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

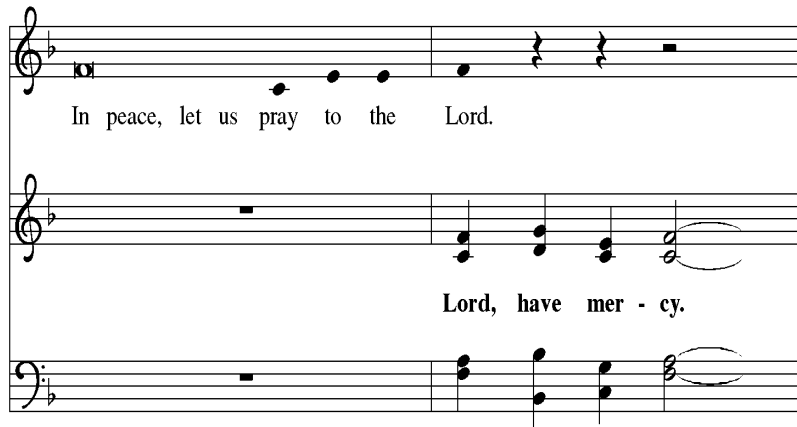
**C: Amen.**

### Reflection & Questions

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

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

### Prayers



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### Centering Prayer

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name.*

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us; for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

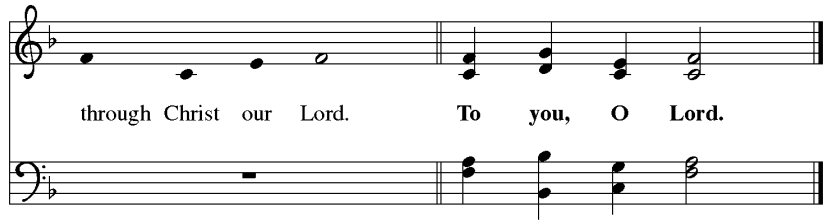
For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,



L: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**Amen.**

*Silence for meditation*

**Centering Prayer**

*Allow your heart to open toward that invisible but always present Origin of all the exists.*

*Please rise in body or in spirit*

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

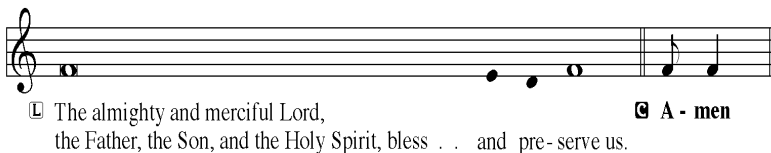
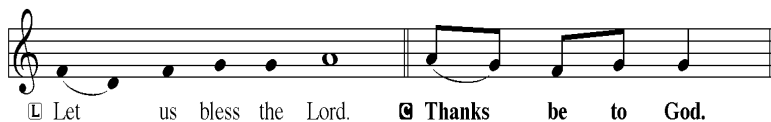
**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**



### Dismissal

**Offering:** As Lutherans, we believe that Christian giving is about worship AND action. As an option to the offering plate, scan this QR code to access our secure digital offering plate.



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