

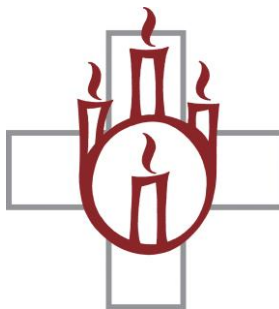


CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND VESPERS IN ADVENT

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+ December 13, 2023 +



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today,
and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available
at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

WELCOME:

“The Lord’s acceptance of the inevitable struggle with satanic powers belongs to the kernel of his Messianic consciousness. He knows that he has been sent not only to bear witness to the truth, to indicate a way, to animate a vital religious attitude, to establish contact between God and man; but also to break the power of those forces which oppose the divine will [...] Jesus knows that he has been sent forth against Satan. He is to penetrate Satan’s artificial darkness with the ray of God’s truth; to dispel the cramp of egoism and brittleness of hate with God’s love; to conquer evil’s destructiveness with God’s constructive strength. The murkiness and confusion which Satan creates in men’s groping hearts are to be clarified by the holy purity of the Most High. Thus Jesus stands squarely against the powers of darkness; he strives to enter into the ensnared souls of men—to bring light to their consciences, quicken their hearts, and liberate their powers for good.”

— Romano Guardini, *The Lord*

VESPERS

*The congregation may enter in silence for meditation and prayer.
Please stand as the bell is rung.*

OPENING VERSICLES

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PSALM

Psalm 24:1–6; Ant. Psalm 24:7



Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in

**The earth is the Lord's and the full- | ness thereof,*
the world and those who | dwell therein,
for he has founded it up- | on the seas*
and established it upon the | rivers.**

Who shall ascend the hill | of the Lord?*

And who shall stand in his | holy place?

**He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,*
who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear de- | ceitfully
He will receive blessing | from the Lord*
and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.**

Such is the generation of those who | seek him,*
who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:16-22

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 1:67-80

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

ADVENT RESPONSORY

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OFFICE HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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MEDITATION

The Benedictus

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT

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CLOSING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Serving Tonight

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