



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST EVENSONG IN ADVENT

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"Just as God in the beginning of creation made the world out of nothing, whence He is called the Creator and the Almighty, so His manner of working continues unchanged. Even now and to the end of the world, all His works are such that out of what is nothing, worthless despised, wretched, and dead, He makes that which is something, precious, honorable, blessed, and living [...] Therefore His eyes look only into the depths, not to the heights; as it is said in Daniel 3:55: "Thou sittest upon the cherubim and beholdest the depths"; in Psalm 138:6: "Though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly; but the haughty He knows from far." Psalm 113:5: "Who is like the Lord, our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down upon the heavens and the earth?" For since He is the Most High, and there is nothing above Him, He cannot look above Him; nor yet to either side, for there is none like Him. He must needs, therefore, look within Him and beneath Him; and the farther one is beneath Him, the better does He see him."

— Blessed Dr. Martin Luther, 'The Magnificat'

EVENING PRAYER

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

SERVICE OF LIGHT

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Please be seated

PSALMODY

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PSALM: LAUDA ANIMA MEA DOMINUM

Psalm 146; antiphon: Psalm 2:7

I will tell of | the decree:*

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you."

Praise | the Lord!*

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

Put not your trust in | princes,*

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.

When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;*

on that very day his plans | perish.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*

whose hope is in the | Lord his God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,*

who keeps faith for- | ever;

who executes justice for | the oppressed,*

who gives food to the | hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸the Lord opens the eyes | of the blind.*

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the | righteous.

The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,*

but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

The Lord will reign for- | ever,*

your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the Lord!

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.

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The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.”

OFFICE HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

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FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 1:26-38; 46-55

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

He Has Exalted the Lowly

Please stand

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CLOSING HYMN

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

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