

ADVENT NECESSITIES



2007 MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

**Morrison Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**

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Glorifying God as we Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel

Gathering Rite: Lead Us to Your Light

The opening hymns and songs of Christian worship mean to "gather" individual Christians into a worshipping assembly. What the traditional service does with hymns, canticles, and opening liturgy, this Advent gathering rite does with contemporary song and responses.

LEAD US TO YOUR LIGHT

The choir introduces the refrain. Then the congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated.



Lord, we await your coming to our world;
Bring us the gift of salvation. *refrain*

Lord, you are hope and healing for our world;
Come, now, and bring us your good news. *refrain*

Come, O come, O come, Emmanuel;
Come with us on earth here to dwell. *refrain*

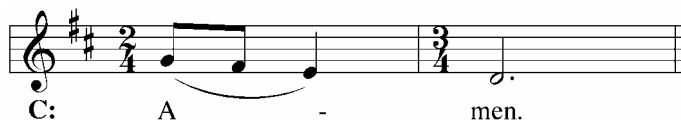
Rouse us from sleep, wake us from our slumber;
Banish the darkness of night. *refrain*

Child of the light and love beyond all telling,
Fill our hearts with wonder and praise. *refrain*

Stand

GREETING

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



M: The grace of our Lord ✕ Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: The Lord Jesus comes to us and offers his grace and love. It is good for us to repent of our sins and to plead for his mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom because all have turned away from you. Lord, have mercy.

(echoing the minister)

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: You come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. Yet we fill our days and lives with busyness. We do not make time for your Word and Sacrament. Christ, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: You will come in glory with salvation for your people. Make us ready through the blood of Jesus to meet you with uplifted faces. Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

C: A - men.

ABSOLUTION

M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, he forgives us our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

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Be seated

PSALM OF THE DAY

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M: Lord Jesus, keep our minds fixed on your precious Word and our thoughts on your glorious victory over death so that we may know the joy of your resurrection and share the pleasures of the saints at your right hand, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 2:12-22

The LORD Almighty has a day in store
for all the proud and lofty,
for all that is exalted
(and they will be humbled),
for all the cedars of Lebanon, tall and lofty,
and all the oaks of Bashan,
for all the towering mountains
and all the high hills,
for every lofty tower
and every fortified wall,
for every trading ship
and every stately vessel.
The arrogance of man will be brought low
and the pride of men humbled;
the LORD alone will be exalted in that day,
and the idols will totally disappear.

Men will flee to caves in the rocks
and to holes in the ground
from dread of the LORD
and the splendor of his majesty,
when he rises to shake the earth.
In that day men will throw away
to the rodents and bats
their idols of silver and idols of gold,
which they made to worship.
They will flee to caverns in the rocks
and to the overhanging crags
from dread of the LORD
and the splendor of his majesty,
when he rises to shake the earth.

Stop trusting in man,
who has but a breath in his nostrils.
Of what account is he?

M: The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry
out: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

HYMN OF THE DAY*Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending Hymn 29*

SERMON

DANIEL 12:1-3

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

ANTHEM *O Lord of Light, Who Made the Stars* Grade 3-5 11:00 a.m.
Prophets Knew Ladies Choir.7:30 p.m.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

M: Eternal Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. As we approach the celebration of your first coming, help us not to take each day for granted, but to be ready for Your glorious and triumphant reappearing at all times. Guide us that by Your Holy Spirit we may live lives walking in Your light, faithfully confessing Your truth and casting off the works of darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Giver of all things, You are worthy to receive all honor and blessing. For Your work of creating us and providing all things we need to support our bodies and lives, we give You thanks. Cause us constantly to remember that You are the creator of our bodies and souls and the giver of all material gifts. Remove from us selfish greed and covetous desires, and instill in us hearts full of love so that we may use the gifts You give us to benefit our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Almighty God, abide with our country during this time of war. Give to our leaders insight and knowledge as they make military decisions. Protect all military personnel. Keep them safe as they serve our country with honesty and integrity. Give the peace of your crucified and resurrected Son to families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Lift up their

hearts from sorrow to the eternal peace and comfort promised to all those who die in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

M: Lord Jesus Christ, mercifully behold all of our families. Be with husbands and wives so that their love for each other will mirror the sacrificial love You gave to Your bride, the Church. Give all parents patience and wisdom to instruct their children in Your truth. Grant that their homes be places where Your forgiveness is the center of their life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Lord God, for the sake of Your only begotten Son, hear the prayers of all those who cry to You. According to Your good and gracious will, relieve the suffering of those afflicted with illness and all those undergoing treatment and recovering from surgery [*especially* _____]. Embrace with Your love those suffering the loss of loved ones [*especially* _____, and those whom we name now before You in our hearts. (*Pause.*)] Be their rock and refuge in this time of loss, and help them to look to You for confidence and strength in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

M: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar 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 merciful, and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (*spoken*)

BLESSING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

Be seated

HYMN

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring Hymn 26:3, 4

Choir and Band Concert is Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program will be Monday at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to an open house at the parsonage in between the 7:00 p.m. Children's Program and the 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship

Christmas Candlelight Worship will be Monday at 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Festival Worship will be Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.