



COMFORT,  
COMFORT MY  
PEOPLE, SAYS  
YOUR GOD.

—ISAIAH 40:1

*Welcome to*  
**SAINT PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

**Advent Worship #2**

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## **The Hymns of Advent**

During the season of Advent this year, we will focus on three hymns which help us focus on the coming of our Lord Jesus as Immanuel, God with us, God in flesh to save us.

Join us next Wednesday as we continue worshipping, preparing, and celebrating the birth of our Savior.

Please take a moment to fill out the registration card found in the pew rack. Just jot down the names of those in attendance. We appreciate you joining us tonight and look forward to seeing you in our next worship.

*Thank you* to everyone who helped in serving our meal tonight. To the people who prepared and shared to the ones who helped set up and clean up, we appreciate you.. If you would like to help in next week's meal, please sign up on the table in the narthex. It's wonderful to meet together in fellowship before we join our hearts in worship.

**Prelude**

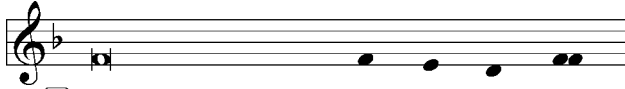
**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells**

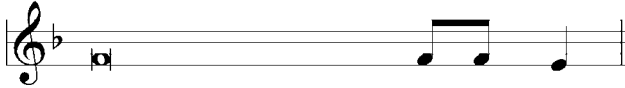
### **The Order of Worship**

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Service of Evening Prayer

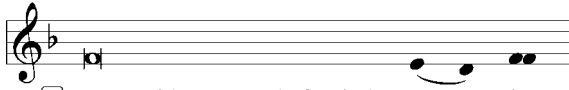
## Service of Light *(please stand)*



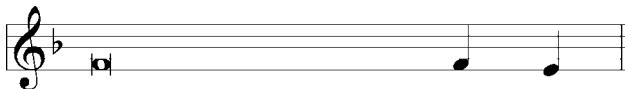
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



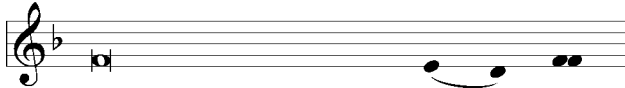
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.



**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness

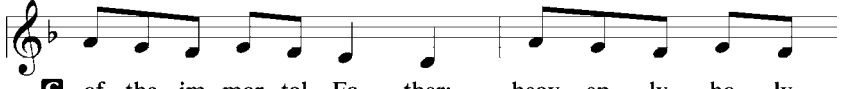


**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

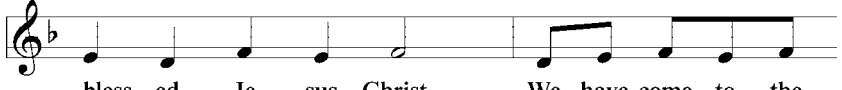
## Phos Hilaron – Hymn of Light



**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - 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 for Light

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by 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 and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Psalm 141 (sing together)

**C** 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. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
 the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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

I 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.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.  
Strip me not of my life. C Glo - ry be 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.

## Prayer

P Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on 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.

C **Amen.**

*(be seated)*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 40:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*John 1:19-31*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup> (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) <sup>25</sup> They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" <sup>26</sup> John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know,

<sup>27</sup> even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” <sup>28</sup> These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

<sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

P 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.**

Office Hymn    *“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”*    LSB #347

### Sermon

Magnificat    *“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”*    LSB #934

### Litany

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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:

C **Lord, have mercy**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our synodical and district presidents, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the president, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C **Alleluia.**

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

C **Amen.**

### **Collect for peace**

P 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **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.**

### **Benedicamus** (*please stand*)

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C** **Amen.**

*(be seated)*

### **Closing Hymn**

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”*      LSB #357 vs 5-7

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Postlude**

*“Soli Deo Gloria”*

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