



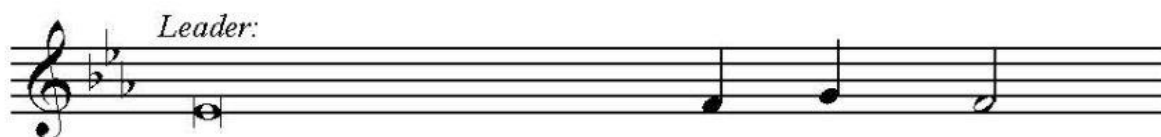
A New Creation is Everything!

2026 Northeastern Minnesota
Synod Assembly

Friday Evening Worship

Welcome & Greeting

Please take a candle from the baskets being passed and turn it on.



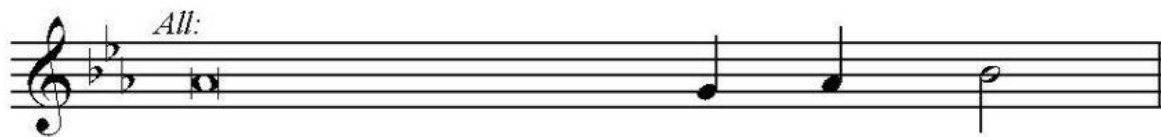
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;



the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

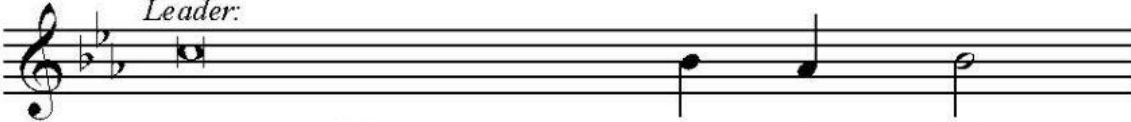


Stay with us now, for it is evening,



and the day is al - most over.

Leader:



Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:



and shine within your peo - ple here. —

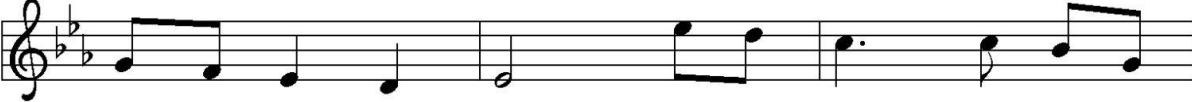
Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
 2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
 3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
 hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
 won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
 a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
 chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
 of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

- 1 Joyous light of heav'nly glory,
loving glow of God's own face,
you who sing creation's story,
shine on ev'ry land and race.
Now as evening falls around us,
we shall raise our songs to you.
God of daybreak, God of shadows,
come and light our hearts anew.
- 2 In the stars that grace the darkness,
in the blazing sun of dawn,
in the light of peace and wisdom,
we can hear your quiet song.
Love that fills the night with wonder,
love that warms the weary soul,
love that bursts all chains asunder,
set us free and make us whole.
- 3 You who made the heaven's splendor,
ev'ry dancing star of night,
make us shine with gentle justice,
let us each reflect your light.
Mighty God of all creation,
gentle Christ who lights our way,
loving Spirit of salvation,
lead us on to endless day.

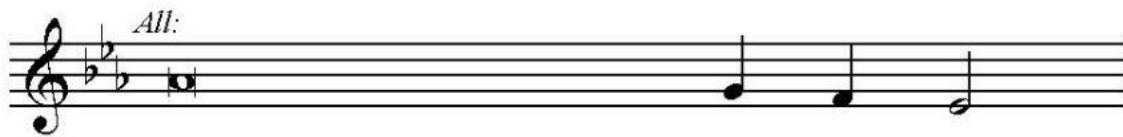
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Leader: *All:*

May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

Leader:

Let us sing our thanks to — God,



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, Creator of the universe—from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



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Let My Prayer Rise Up



of-fer-ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;
hands as an of-fer-ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing
watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -
love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise up like

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to
in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of
of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.
God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -



Let My Prayer Rise Up

Refrain

Let my prayer rise up like incense before you,
the lifting up of my hands as an offering to you.

O God, I call to you, come to me now;
oh, hear my voice when I cry to you. *Refrain*

Keep watch within me, God;
deep in my heart may the light of your love
be burning bright. *Refrain*

All praise to the God of all--Creator of life;
all praise be to Christ and the Spirit of love. *Refrain*

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Prayer

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us,
so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading & Response

Galatians 6:15b-16a

A new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule, peace be upon them and
mercy.

The Light shines in the darkness. **And the darkness has not overcome it.**

Reflection

Bishop Regina Hassanally, Southeastern Minnesota Synod

The Annunciation (sung by worship leader)

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, "Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will."

Magnificat (sung by the assembly)

All.

1., 3. My soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, heart, You have looked with love on your
You have filled the hun - gry with

fine last time

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

Litany and Prayers:

[A] *Repeat continuously*



(Hmmm)

[B]



God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: [A] [B]



1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

Leader: [A] [B]



2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:

Leader: [A] [B]



3. For peace be - tween na - tions, for peace be - tween peo - ples:
4. For us who are gath - ered to wor - ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser - vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser - vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath - er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

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Prayer

Great and merciful God, Source and Ground of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes understanding, and the will to live your Gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader:



Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:



Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.



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God, remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

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.

Welcome Statement

Our welcome statement, adopted at our 2025 Synod Assembly, is our offering tonight. We read it together in unison:

The Northeastern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is committed to the inclusive hospitality of God which welcomes all people into the work of the church to proclaim Christ, serve the neighbor, and strive for justice and peace in the world. We embody this hospitality in our life together as synod through unapologetic welcome and affirmation of people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions, races and ethnicities, ages and abilities, and socio-economic or citizenship statuses. We embrace the calling to work for welcome and reconciliation through our commitment to anti-racism and inclusion.

Final Blessing:

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. It is divided into three parts: Leader, All, and Presider. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across measures. The score ends with a double bar line.

Leader: Let us bless our God: *All:* praise and thanks to you.

Presider: May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for

all of our days.

All: A - men.

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Musicians

Jonathan Rundman, guitar

Dawn Rundman, piano

Kristin Peterson, flute

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