

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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**Evening Prayer** begins with the Service of Light, a form of the ancient *Lucernarium*. For pious Jews of the first century, the beginning and end of the Sabbath was marked with a ceremony of lamplighting accompanied by the benediction, “Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who creates the light of fire.” It is uncertain as to how this ceremony is related to the development of the *Lucernarium*.

The time of evening prayer is referred to as the “lamplighting psalm.” Paul Bradshaw points out that “there is no evidence that anything more is intended by this than a reference to the time of day at which the psalm was sung.” By the time of Gregory of Nyssa (c. 330 -c.395) the *Lucernarium* had been incorporated into the cathedral vespers of the Eastern Church.

## Wednesday in the Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Children’s Program

December 21, 2022

#### Advent Versicles



**L** The Spirit and the Church cry out:



**C** Come, Lord Je - sus.



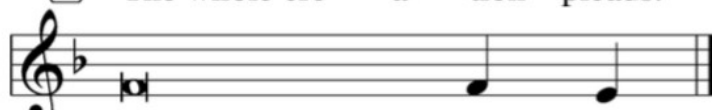
**L** All those who await His ap - pear - ance pray:



**C** Come, Lord Je - sus.



**L** The whole cre - a - tion pleads:



**C** Come, Lord Je - sus.

#### ORDER OF EVENING PRAYER

##### Service of Light LSB 243

Welcome and Prayer

**Opening Hymn.....LSB 349**

**Children sing vv. 1 & 4**

Opening Advent Versicles\*

*Seasonal versicles replace LSB 243*

Hymn of Light\*.....LSB 244

Thanksgiving for Light\*.....LSB 245

Psalm 141.....LSB 245-247

**Office Hymn.....LSB 335**

**Children sing vv. 1 & 2**

Scripture Readings (*back*):

Reading Responses.....LSB 247

Old Testament....Deuteronomy 18:15-19

**Hymn.....LSB 376**

**Children sing vv. 1 & 3**

Epistle.....Philippians 4:4-7

**Hymn.....LSB 374**

**Children sing vv. 1 & 2**

Gospel\*.....John 1:19-24

Sermon.....*Pastor Adam Moline*

Canticle\*.....LSB 248-249

Offering.....Children’s Choir

*“A Child is Born in Bethlehem”*

**Hymn.....LSB 372**

**Children sing vv. 1-3**

Litany\*.....LSB 249-251

Benedicamus\*.....LSB 252

Benediction\*.....LSB 252

**Closing Hymn.....LSB 348**

**Children sing vv. 1 & 2**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 349**.....Hark the Glad  
Sound  
*Children sing vv. 1 & 4*

### OFFICE HYMN

**LSB 335**.....O Bride of Christ,  
Rejoice  
*Children sing vv. 1 & 2*

### HYMN

**LSB 376**.....Once in David's  
Royal City  
*Children sing vv. 1 & 3*

### HYMN

**LSB 374**.... Gentle Mary Laid  
Her Child  
*Children sing vv. 1 & 2*

### HYMN

**LSB 372**.....O Jesus Christ,  
Thy Manger Is  
*Children sing vv. 1-3*

### CLOSING HYMN

**LSB 348**.....The King Shall  
Come when Morning Dawns  
*Children sing vv. 1 & 2*

### Old Testament:

#### Deuteronomy 18:15–19

<sup>15</sup>“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—<sup>16</sup>just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup>And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.’”

#### Epistle: Philippians 4:4–7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### Holy Gospel: John 1:19-24

<sup>19</sup>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.

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