

P: Christ is coming soon. Alleluia!

C: We await His return and look for His coming.

Hymn:

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

The Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, You remembered our greatest need by fulfilling Your promise to send us Your Son, who died and rose to deliver us from all sin, death, and the power of the devil. Comfort us with the preaching of the Gospel and fill us with the unshakable hope in Your precious promises, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

A Responsive Psalmody ... from Psalm 130

P: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,

C: O Lord, who could stand?

P: But with you there is forgiveness;

C: therefore you are feared.

P: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

C: and in his word I put my hope.

P: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,

C: more than watchmen wait for the morning.

P: O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love

C: and with him is full redemption.

P: He himself will redeem Israel

C: from all their sins.

Scripture lesson...Luke 1:1-25

Confession of Faith

(Explanation of Second Article)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn:

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

Sermon ... Isaiah 1:16b-17a, 18

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“STOP!”

Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

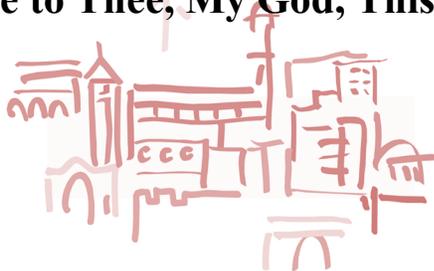
Luther’s Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Benediction

Hymn:

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

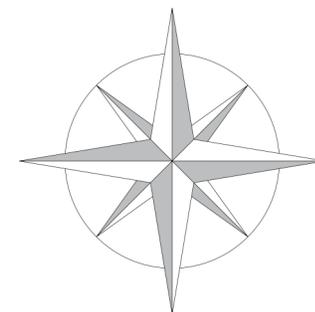


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—STOP!—



“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.



Opening:

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P: Christ is coming soon. Alleluia!

C: We await His return and look for His coming.

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.