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**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Joint Worship with Christ & University Hills**  
**Second Wednesday in Advent**  
**December 8, 2021**  
**7:00 PM**

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**AS WE GATHER** - *In the season of Advent we pray that Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, will bring light to the darkening world. We hear with joy the prophetic word "Your king is coming to you," and we embrace the hope that it brings. Through our worship we find enlightenment as we prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of our eternal King. Together we walk in the path of holiness because the King who is coming to us has covered our shame and bids us welcome Him. The season of Advent calls to us to stop, look, and listen for the Lord.*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC "He Whom Shepherd Men Came Praising" by Paul Manz**

[♯Means please stand; ♪Means please be seated]

♯**INVOCATION & OPENING VERSICLES**

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

♯ **C** **Amen.**

♯ **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.**

**All: 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. Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.**

**OPENING HYMN**

***Hark the Glad Sound***

**LSB 349**



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

(continued)



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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## PHOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

Service of Light

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Psalmody, Readings and Canticles

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Psalm 89:1-4*

- P** *I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever*
- C** **with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**
- P** *For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever;*
- C** **in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."**
- P** *You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;*
- C** **I have sworn to David my servant:**
- P** *I will establish your offspring forever,*
- C** **and build your throne for all generations."**
- P** *The Light shines in the darkness,*
- C** **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

### Ⲅ GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 2:41-52*

<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but

supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

- P** *The Light shines in the darkness,*  
**C** **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

### RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

**P** *Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.*

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

**P** *In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.*

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

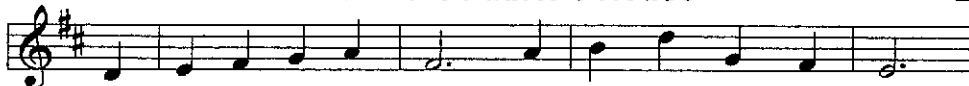
**P** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

**C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

### HYMN

### *Within the Father's House*

LSB 410



1	With-in the Fa-ther's house	The Son has found His home,
2	The doc-tors of the Law	Gaze on the won-drous child
3	Yet not to them is giv'n	The might-y truth to know,
4	The se-cret of the Lord	Es-capes each hu-man eye,



And to His tem - ple sud - den - ly The Lord of life has come.  
And mar - vel at His gra - cious words Of wis - dom un - de - filed.  
To lift the earth - ly veil that hides In - car - nate God be - low.  
And faith - ful pon - d'ring hearts a - wait The full e - piph - a - ny.

5. Lord, visit Thou our souls  
And teach us by Thy grace  
Each dim revealing of Thyself  
With loving awe to trace

6. Till we behold Thy face  
And know as we are known  
Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Coequal Three in One.

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SERMON *"THE OBEDIENT CHILD: DID HE KNOW?"*

*Luke 2:41-52*

OFFERING *"The Advent of our King"*

by Healey Willan

☞ We continue with Holden Evening Prayer

The Annunciation

The Magnificat

Litany and Prayers

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## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

## BENEDICTION

**P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you His peace.*

**C** Amen.



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
 4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;  
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.  
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.  
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

5. I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;  
 Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
 I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
6. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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## POSTLUDE

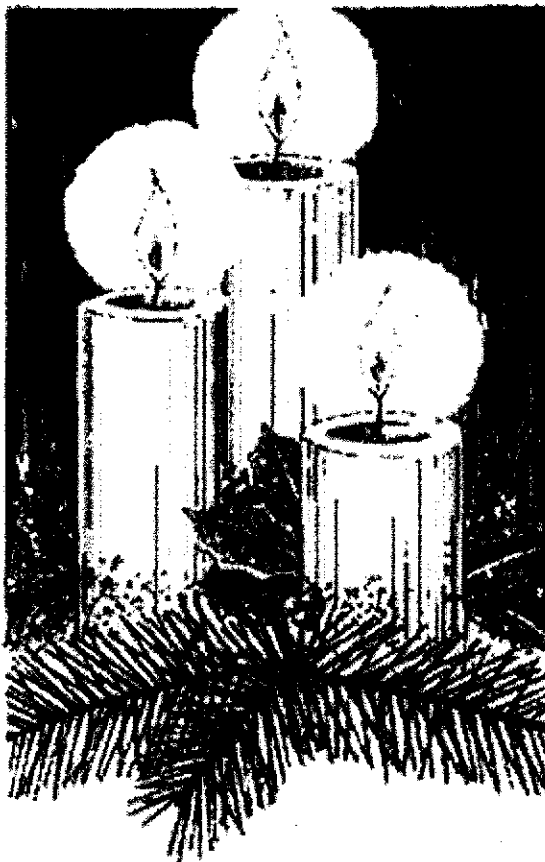
*"Abide with Me"*

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### A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS





- **ADVENT WORSHIP: Wedn., Dec. 15, 7 PM**  
(Dinner – 6 PM provided by U-Hills)
- **CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT: Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**
- **CHRISTMAS DAY: Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM**  
With Communion
- **NEW YEAR'S EVE: Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 6 PM**  
With Communion