

WEST
CENTRAL SINGERS

P R E S E N T S

Make My Life a Living Prayer

A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER
DIRECTED BY JOHN D. JAHR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013
5 PM | HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
107 WESTERN AVE | SUNBURG, MN

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2013
5 PM | BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
411 BECKER AVE SW | WILLMAR, MN

Evening Prayer:

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Welcome to our concert, a Service of Evening Prayer. We invite you to participate in the responses as indicated, and to sing the entrance hymn with us. To maintain an atmosphere of worship, we respectfully request that the audience withhold applause until the end of the program.

PILGRIMS' HYMNStephen Paulus

*Even before we call on your name to ask you, O God
When we seek for the words to glorify you, you hear our prayer.
Unceasing love, O unceasing love surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

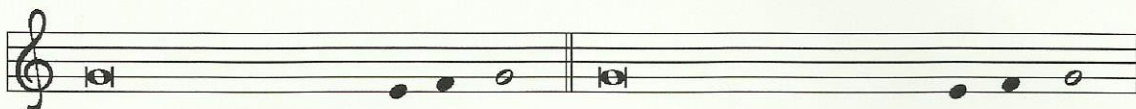
*Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in you;
Endless your grace, O endless your grace beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages. Amen.*

VESPERS

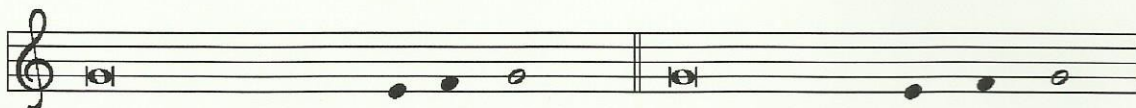
SERVICE OF LIGHT

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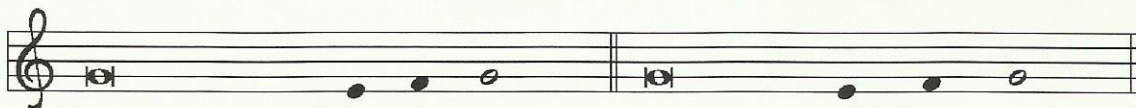
All:



Jesus Christ is the light of the world, **the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**



Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, **and the day is al - most over.**



Let your light scat - ter the darkness **and illu - mine your church.**

Hymn of Light *CHRIST MIGHTY SAVIOR*arr. Zebulon M. Highben



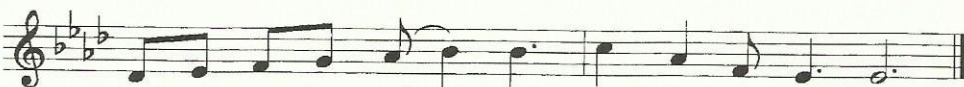
All: 1. Christ, might - y Sav - ior, Light of
Women: 2. Now comes the day's end as the
Men: 3. There - fore we come now eve - ning
All: 4. Give heed, we pray you, to our
Choir: 5. Though bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall



all cre - a - tion, you make the day - time
 sun is set - ting, mir - ror of day - break,
 rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly chant - ing
 sup - pli - ca - tion, that you may grant us
 keep their vig - il, for - ev - er rest - ing



ra - dant with the sun - light and to the night give
 pledge of res - ur - rec - tion; while in the heav - ens
 ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
 par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
 in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the heav - ens.
 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
 join - ing hearts and voic - es, sing - ing your glo - ry.
 rest for ach - ing bod - ies, sooth - ing the wea - ry.
 wor - ship - ing our Sav - ior now and for - ev - er.

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Thanksgiving for Light *TRUE LIGHT*Keith Hampton
 Soloist: Michael Schaner

Hymn *GIVE ME JESUS*Traditional arr. Larry Fleming

PSALMODY

Psalm 84 - *HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE*Johannes Brahms

*How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.
 For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord.
 My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
 O blest are they that dwell within Thy house,
 They praise Thy Name evermore.*

Psalm 23 - *THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS*arr. John Rutter

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not be in want. . .

Psalm 8 - *THE MAJESTY AND GLORY OF YOUR NAME*Tom Fettke
Words by Linda Lee Johnson

*When I gaze into the night sky, and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor
And have made him a little lower than the angels,
You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly, and so would we.
Alleluia. The majesty and glory of your name.*

Hymn *O SIFUNI MUNGU* (All Creatures of Our God and King)Roger Emerson
Soloist: Jean Urban

*Viumbe vyo te vya Mungu wetu
na mfal me wetu
Pazeni sauti ilinasi mwimbe
Watu wote, viumbe vyote, awaye yote, sifu Mungu
Imbeni*

*All Creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and sing with us
All men, all creatures, everybody praise God
Sing*

WORD

John 1:19-34 - *NONE OTHER LAMB*Jake Runestad

Text by Christina Rossetti

*None other Lamb, none other Name,
None other hope in Heav'n or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame.
None beside Thee!*

*Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead;
Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be:
Nor Heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head,
Nor home have I, but Thee*

*My faith burns low; my hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to Thee.*

Luke 24:13-35 - *STAY WITH US*.....Egil Hovland

*Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening and night is falling.
Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.*

James 4:1-8a - *SHUT DE DO*Randy Stonehill, arr. Mark Hayes
Soloist, LuAnn Carlson

*Shut de do, keep out de devil.
Shut de do, keep de devil in the night.
Light de candle, ev'rythin's alright.
Oh when I was a baby child,
Good and bad was just a game.
Many years and many trials
They proved to me they're not the same.*

*Oh Satan is an evil charmer
He's hungry for a soul to hurt.
And without your holy armor,
He will eat you for dessert!
My mama used to sing this song.
Papa used to sing it too.
Jesus called and took them home.
And so I sing this song for you.*

RESPONSE

Leader: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
All: but in these last days, God has spoken to us by the Son.

GOSPEL CANTICLE

GOSPEL MAGNIFICATPatti Drennan
Soloist: Elaine Boyd

Based on Luke 1:47-49, 53

*Oh, my soul magnifies the Lord
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
He has seen in me a humble servant.
Now generations will call me blessed,
For God has done great things for me,*

*And Holy is His name.
He gave food to the hungry with food to eat
And banished all the rich away.
The promise of His mercy fills me with joy today!*

PRAYERS

I BELIEVE.....Mark A. Miller
Soloist: Debbie Friedlein

This anthem is based on a poignant, anonymous text found written on the wall of a cave near Cologne, Germany, where Jews hid during World War II. The text expresses deep faith in God's abiding presence and enduring love even in the darkest hour.

*I believe in the sun, even when it's not shining.
I believe in love, even when I don't feel it.
I believe in God, even when God is silent.*

MAKE MY LIFE A LIVING PRAYERAaron David Miller
Soloist: Kristen Pierce

Text: Julian of Norwich, adapt. David L. Miller

*Make my life a living prayer.
May I flourish in your sight.
Where there is truth and wisdom, there is love.
I am known to you in times of sickness.
I am known to you in times of feebleness.*

*I am known to you in times of darkness.
I am known to you in times of loneliness.
You are endless truth, endless wisdom.
Love beyond all fear.*

LEAD ME ONBrian Schmidt

"Lead Me On" was commissioned by the Class of 2006 members of the Brandon Valley High School Concert Choir (Brandon, SD), dedicated to the memory of classmate Landon Wulf, who, as a young boy, exuberantly participated in every musical activity possible. Landon passed away in a car accident in January 2000 while on his way to a music festival. Although Landon's life was brief, his spirit continues to live through the many lives he touched, and by the love of music he spread abundantly.

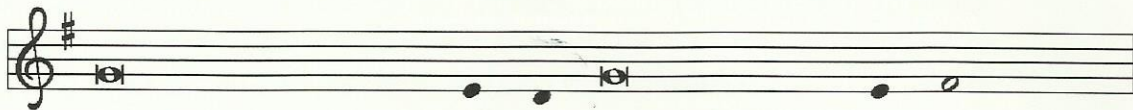
*Lord, lead me on and guide my path along the way.
Oh, lead me on to brighter days where peace is born
From a hope that lies in me.
Guide me safely through the night, that I may see the sun tomorrow*

*When the new day has begun.
Oh, lead me on in times of pain, lead me on.
And may my heart be always warmed with thoughts of you.*

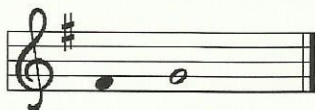
PRAYER - Let us pray

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

COMPLINE



Almighty God grant us a qui - et night and peace at the last.



A - men.



It is good to give thanks to the Lord, **to sing praise to your name, O Most High;**



to herald your love in the morning, **your truth at the close of the day.**

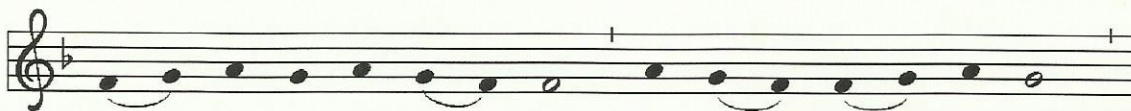
Night Hymn *ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT*Welsh song, arr. Roger Wagner

PRAYERS

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest securely, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

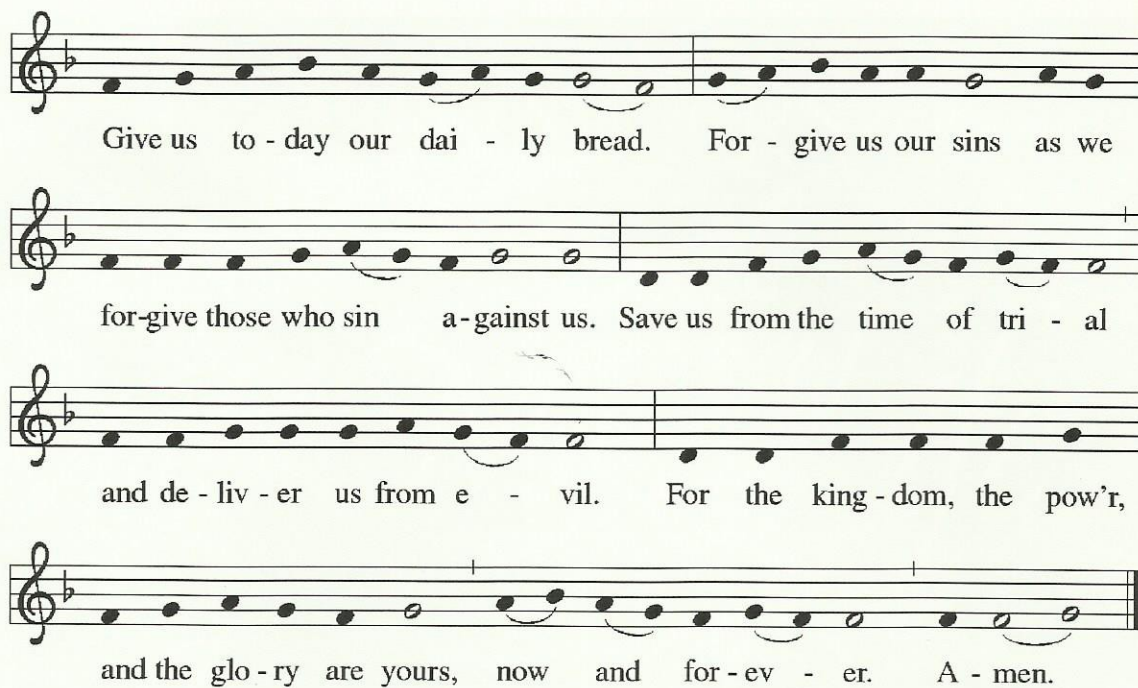
LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



NUNC DIMITTISRobert Scholz
 Luke 2:29-32

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word,
 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

Chimes

“Seven times a day I praise you.” – Psalm 119:164

The Lord has commanded us to *pray without ceasing*, and this is what the Hours help us do.

Morning Prayer (Matins) – at the start of the day’s work and the coming of the light.

Daytime Prayer – at mid-morning, noon and in the afternoon, to unite us with the one for whom and through whom we are working.

Evening Prayer (Vespers) – at the end of the day’s work, to offer up what we have done.

Night Prayer (Compline) – last thing at night, to commend our souls to God.

And finally, there is the magnificent Office of Readings, at whatever time of day is best for us to reflect on the mystery of salvation, with the help of Scripture and the writings of the Founders of the Church.

“The purpose of the Divine Office is to sanctify the day and all human activity.”

– Apostolic Constitution, *Canticum Laudis*.

Special thanks to Hope Lutheran Church, Sunburg and Bethel Lutheran Church, Willmar for their generous hospitality! Following the concert, please join us for a time of fellowship.

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Interested in singing with West Central Singers? Please visit our website, www.WestCentralSingers.com or call John Jahr at 235-1441. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7PM until 9PM at Vinje Lutheran Church.

Rehearsals for our spring concert resume January 9th.

Messiah opportunity: West Central Singers is joining with other singers and the Willmar Orchestra to present the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 8th at 3PM at WEAC.

Interested in singing? Please visit with John Jahr!

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Michael Schaner, Organ

OboeBob Whitney

PercussionElaine Boyd, Sandy Baker, Cindy Koll Tengwall

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