



The Second Midweek Advent Service
December 10th, 2025

Saint John's Lutheran Church

Ruma, IL
with

Saint Peter's Lutheran Church

Evansville, IL

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Bell Ring

Prelude:

Greeting: We gather this evening to thank God for the special blessings of the birth of Jesus as we look forward to His second coming.

Opening Hymn:

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

✠ ORDER OF VESPERS ✠

ADVENT VERSICLES

LBS 229

✠ PSALMODY ✠

Psalm 110



¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph | like a flock!*

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.

²**Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nasseh,***
stir up your might and come to | save us!

³Restore us, | O God;*
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

⁴**O LORD | God of hosts,***
how long will you be angry with your | people's
prayers?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears*
and given them tears to drink in full | measure.

⁶**You make us an object of contention for our | neighbors,***
and our enemies laugh a- | mong themselves.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;*
let your face shine, that we | may be saved!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,*
And to the Holy | Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall be.*
World without end. | Amen.

OFFICE HYMN:

503 O Day Full of Grace

✠ SCRIPTURE READING ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments
against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the
festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the LORD. ☺

P O Lord, have mercy on us.**C** Thanks be to God.**HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 3:7–18

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?”

¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.**C** Thanks be to God.**RESPONSORY****LSB 230****HOMILY****Zephaniah 3:14–20****“The King will have His Day.”****CANTICLE****LSB 231**

Magnificat:**Hymn # 933 My Soul Rejoices****✠ PRAYER ✠****Kyrie**

LSB 233

Lord's Prayer**Collects**

LSB 233

Collect of the Day

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..

C Amen.

Litany

LSB 249

Luther's Evening Prayer

C 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.

Collect for Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benedicamus

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Benediction

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Closing Hymn: 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

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