

# Midweek Advent Two: Advent Silence

**Hymn: 325 My Soul in Stillness Waits**

## **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Psalm 146:2, 5-8**

I will praise the Lord all my life;  
**I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them—  
**he remains faithful forever.**

He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
**and gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets prisoners free,  
**the Lord gives sight to the blind,**

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,  
**the Lord loves the righteous.**

# 141A Let My Prayer Rise before You

Psalm 141A

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.  
O LORD, I call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice  
when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody is simple and melodic. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

Tune: David Schack

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## Prayer

God our Father, you are rich in mercy, and there is forgiveness with you that you may be feared. Do not remember our sins, but blot them out for the sake of Jesus, who has redeemed us by his precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. Lead us to put our hope in you, for with you is unfailing love. Amen.

## Choir Anthem:

Colt Choir

## Reading

Luke 1:67–79

<sup>67</sup>His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

<sup>68</sup>“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup>He has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David

<sup>70</sup>(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

<sup>71</sup>salvation from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us—

<sup>72</sup>to show mercy to our ancestors  
and to remember his holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup>the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup>to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,  
and to enable us to serve him without fear

<sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup>And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

<sup>77</sup>to give his people the knowledge of salvation  
through the forgiveness of their sins,

<sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God,  
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

<sup>79</sup>to shine on those living in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

## Hymn: 326 O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort

Sermon: Luke 1:5-24, 57-64

Rev. Dave Nottling

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

Come, dear Savior.

**We long for your appearing!**

Come to cheer us with your promises,

**as you once cheered your ancient people throughout their long night of watching and waiting.**

Come to restore our hope. Rouse us from the slumber of despair; lift our hearts from petty, earthbound goals;

**direct our eyes above, from where you will soon come to make all things right again.**

Come and work in us a godly grief and a genuine sorrow over sin.

**Forgive us for the shameful way we have dishonored you and the shabby way we have dealt with one another.**

Through your mighty Word,

**stir up in us a ceaseless yearning to give ourselves to others as you have given yourself for us.**

Come also to rekindle our joy as we prepare to celebrate your first coming.

**Do not permit a frenzied busyness to rob us of your peace or deprive us of times to ponder and to wonder at your Word.**

Set our hearts apart from the bustle and clamor and jostle of these days. Fill us with the quiet delight of finding you in the manger.

**Keep our hearts and minds undisturbed from the matters of this world.**

We pray also for those enduring great sorrow, for those undergoing great spiritual trial, and those whose restless hearts have no knowledge of your coming.

**Comfort, strengthen, and illumine them with the sweet peace born of your love, and keep them in the way of peace by your Holy Word.**

Come quickly, dear Lord, and fill our longing eyes with the light of your coming!

**We wait, we keep watch, and in you we put our hope. Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Blessing**

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**Amen.**

## **Hymn: 954 Blessed Be the God of Israel**

**Presiding Minister: Pastor Robert Raasch**

**AM Organist: Jon Riehle**

**Colt Choir and Cantor: Kari Tiarks**

**PM Organist April Schaefer**

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### Special Christmas Worship

December 17, 2022- ELC (3K, 4K, 5K) Christmas Service  
at Mount Olive 3:00 PM

December 21, 2022- Grades 1-8 Christmas Service at FVL 6:00 PM

December 24-Christmas Eve at Mount Olive

10:00 AM

2:00 PM

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

December 25-Christmas Day with Holy Communion

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

(No service on Monday, December 26)