

I have come down to rescue them



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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

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Midweek Advent 1

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Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

For Your Convenience. . .

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located just outside of the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns..

Prayer before worship

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.



PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

Compline: Setting II

“Prayer at the Close of Day” is a version of the historic rite called Compline. It is the final service of the day before one retires for the night. The congregation gathers in silence. Preservice music is omitted and the lighting is subdued. This is a time for prayer and meditation. The believer finds peace in God’s forgiveness and security under the shadow of his wings.

M: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: **Amen.**

M: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: **To sing praise to your name, O Most High;**

M: To herald your love in the morning,

C: **Your truth at the close of day.**

M: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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EVENING HYMN: CW 595.....*Before the Ending of the Day*

CONFESSIONS OF SINS

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: **We have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
And in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, And in him we are forgiven.
Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun
When we shall serve him in
newness of life.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM: CW Psalm 116 (*p.107 in the front part of your hymnal*)

Silence for meditation

M: Let us pray.

God of mercy and might, through the resurrection of your Son you have freed us from the anguish of guilt and the bonds of death. Be with us on our pilgrimage and help us glorify you in the presence of all your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ THE WORD +

GOSLEP: *Matthew 1:18-25 (Cf. Worship folder insert)*

SEASONAL RESPONSE

**C: The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church cry out:
Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: CW 6.....*Come, O Long-Expected Jesus*

SERMON *Exodus 3:1-8 (Cf. Worship folder insert)*

OFFERING To our visitors: *Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. The members of Shepherd of the Lakes have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.*

PRAYER

M: O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

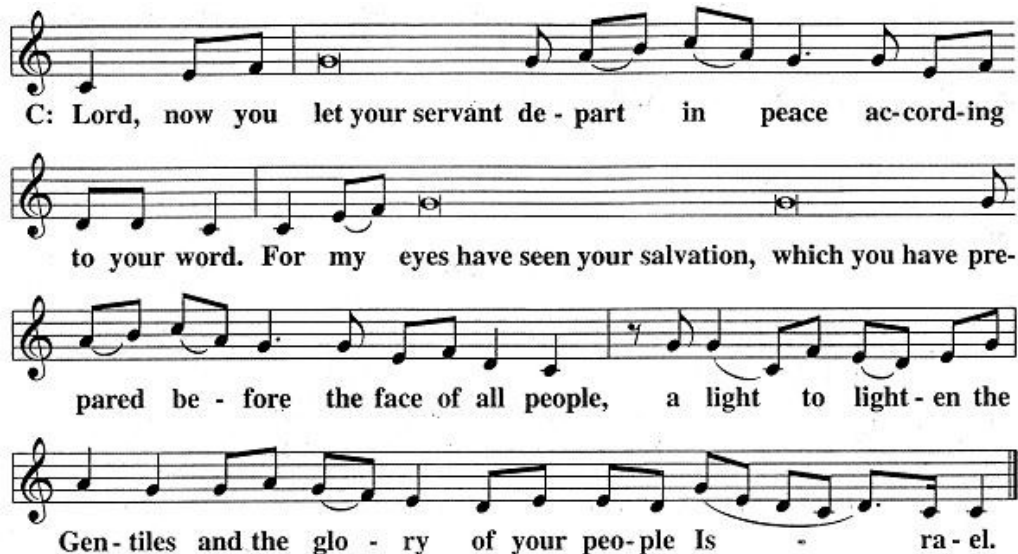
M: Guide us waking, O Lord,

C: And guard us sleeping;

M: That awake we may watch with Christ,

C: And asleep we may rest in peace.

Song of Simeon



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

THE BLESSING

M: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 22vv1,3,4.....*O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide*