

# DIVINE SERVICE

for Christmas Eve



*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace*

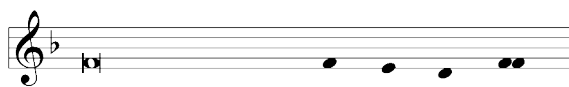
December 24, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Resurrection Lutheran Church

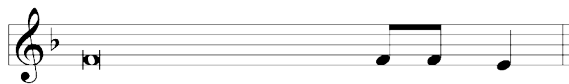
St. Catharines, ON

## SERVICE OF LIGHT

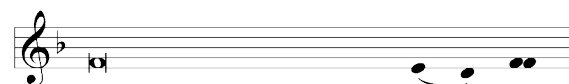
*A large lighted candle is carried into the darkened church.*



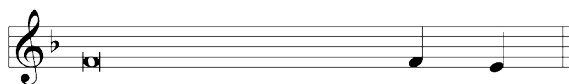
**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



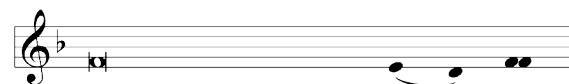
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.



**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

### PHOS HILARON

*Candles are lit in the sanctuary and throughout the congregation. Please take care to keep lit candles upright and not to allow wax to drip onto the seats or floor.*



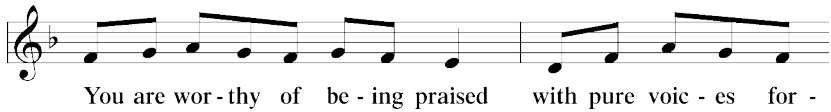
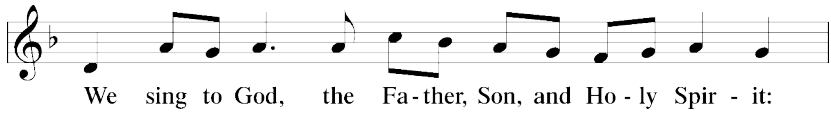
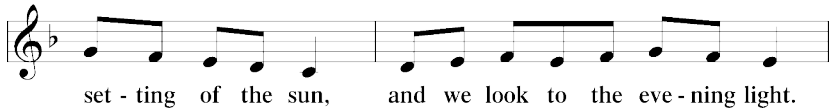
**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



### THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



*Setting Three, page 186*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**HYMN: ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY**

*1. Solo; 2. Duet; 3-5. All*

*LSB 376*

*The GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is restored to the service.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 7:10–14*

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 98:3b–4a, 2*

**C** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.\*

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;\*  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

## EPISTLE

*1 John 4:7–16*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Psalm 2:7*

*Alleluia.* The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.” *Alleluia.*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 1:18–25*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: LO, HOW A ROSE E’ER BLOOMING

*LSB 359*

*1. Solo; 2. Duet; 3-4. All*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

*LSB 361*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: OF THE FATHER’S LOVE BEGOTTEN

*LSB 384*

*During the singing of the NUNC DIMITTIS, candles are lit throughout the congregation. Please take care to keep lit candles upright and not to allow wax to drip onto the seats or floor.*

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### CLOSING HYMN: SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

*LSB 363 sts. 1G, 1–3*

*1. German; 1-3. English*