

EVENING PRAYER

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EVENING PRAYER Since the days of the early church, Christian communities have gathered to mark the rising and setting of the sun with services of morning prayer (*Matins*) and evening prayer (*Vespers*). The texts for evening prayer not only give thanks for natural and practical light, but for the light of Christ that dispels darkness and death forever. Bathed in light, we offer prayer and praise with the psalmist who sings, "let my prayer rise up like incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Ps. 141:2). Another staple of evening prayer is the *Magnificat*, the Song of Mary found in the Gospel of Luke, a canticle that celebrates the Lord's incarnation as fulfillment of the salvation promise.

All who gather are invited to fully participate in worship. Responses for the assembly are printed in **bold** typeface. Hymnal abbreviations used in this bulletin include **ELW** for *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (red hymnal) and **LSB** for *Lutheran Service Book* (brown hymnal).

COMMEMORATIONS Throughout the year, the church commemorates events in the life of Christ, the witness of those who accompanied and testified to him, and the gifts of God in the church. Commemorations illuminate various aspects of the church's life and mission through the lives of those who have followed Christ in succeeding generations. This week, the church observes commemorations for:

24 June John the Baptist

WEEK 1

23-25 June

John the Baptist is a unique figure in Christian memory, a hinge between the Old Testament prophets and the first Christians. In the gospel stories he recognizes Jesus as one greater than himself, one for whose coming he prepares the way. But still from his prison he asks if Jesus is truly the Expected One. He is a figure of perpetual Advent and in that way stands for all of us who may be Christian believers but still wait and wonder, discern and doubt.

25 June Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530 Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which

the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time. Though he died on 19 April 1560, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today on 25 June because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."



opening

We gather in silence for Abendmusik At the sound of the bell, stand and face the procession

dialogue

abendmusik



hymn of light



thanksgiving for light

Chanted by the leader

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.





PSALMODY

23-25 June (all days)

psalm 141





Silence, followed by psalm prayer

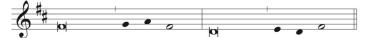
Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O God, and let your lovingkindness descend upon us, that with purified hearts we may sing your praises with the church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

Amen. (sung)

23 June (Sunday)

psalm 42:1-8

The psalm is chanted in dialogue between choir and assembly



¹As the deer longs | for the water-brooks, so longs my soul for | you, O God.
²I thirst for God, for the | living God; when shall I come to appear before the pres- | ence of God?
³My tears have been my food | day and night, while all day long they say to me, "Where now | is your God?"
⁴I pour out my soul when I think | on these things;

how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God, with shouts of thanksgiving, among those | keeping festival.

⁵Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquiet- | ed within me? Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks to the one who is my help | and my God.

⁶My soul is heav-¹ y within me;

therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the ¹ heights of Hermon.

⁷One deep calls to another in the roar of [|] your cascades; all your rapids and floods have gone [|] over me.

⁸The LORD grants lovingkindness [|] in the daytime; in the night season the LORD's song is with me, a prayer to the God [|] of my life.

Silence, followed by psalm prayer

O God, never-failing fountain of life, through the saving waters of baptism you call us from the depth of sin to the abundance of mercy. Do not forget the trials of our exile, but from the wellspring of your word satisfy our thirst for you, that we may come rejoicing to your house; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** (sung)

24 June (Monday)				
anthem	The Spirit of the Lord	Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979		
	Now John baptized with water, but the Lord baptizes with the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you; the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone has done wondrous things.			
	Acts 1:5, Isaiah 11:2, Psalm 72:18, adapt.			
25 June (Tuesday)				
psalm 46	"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"	ELW, Hymn 503		
	Introduction by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621			

Stanza I

Stanza 2

All

All

Lord God, our refuge and strength, when raging waters rise up against your holy city, watch over it and keep it safe. Make us still in your presence, and bring an end to war and violence, that all people may dwell in safety along the river that flows in the city of God; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** (sung)

Stanza 3

Stanza 4



All, a cappella

All



WORD

23 June (Sunday)						
hymn	"O Blessed Sp	"O Blessed Spring"			ELW, Hymn 447	
	Stanza Stanza 2 Stanza 3	All Lower voices LSM 2019 students	Stanza 4 Stanza 5	Treble voices All		
reading	Galatians 3:2 Response: Than	/				
reflection	Homily					
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24 June (Monday)

hymn

"When A Prophet Sings of Justice"

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1. When a	proph - et sings		like broad riv - ers
2. When a	gos - pel speak	ts of hun - ger	for the Word and
3. When an	old song can	re - mind us	of how sim - ple
4. As you	grant us bet	- ter in - sight	with the vi - sion
flow - ing	free, let	me clear - ly	see the vi - sion
for the	bread, let	me hear how	with each feed - ing
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gifts can	be, God,	you let us	come to - geth - er,

0 of earth that might yet be: God's an in ten tion. of Christ the hun - gry, is fed: how. as at we from our self - ish selves set free, freed from pomp and plest al - ter sim of na tives; stripped of emp ty hu - man dreams, righ - teous-ness like might - y streams, wa ters loaves and fish - es mul - ti - ply tend their cry, in а cir - cum-stance, free to join in Christ's own dance, turned 'round act and talk we may take a hum - bler walk, jus - tice, wash clean the whole cre - a - tion. teem - ing with sal - va - tion to Eu - char-ist of shar-ing, in а sa - cred meal of car - ing. right, and in the turn - ing, your own will for us dis - cern - ing. kind-ness no ab-strac-tions, but made real in words and ac - tions. Acts 13:16b-25

Response: Thanks be to God.

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25 June (Tuesday)

reading

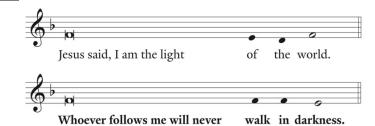
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Romans 3:19–28 Response: **Thanks be to God.**

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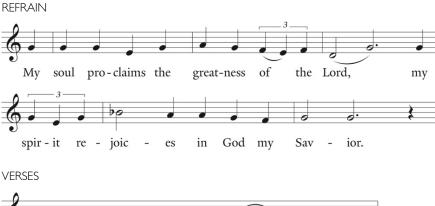
23-25 June (all days)

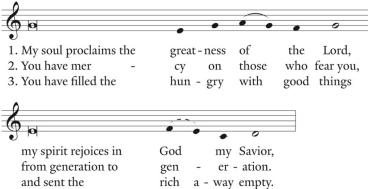
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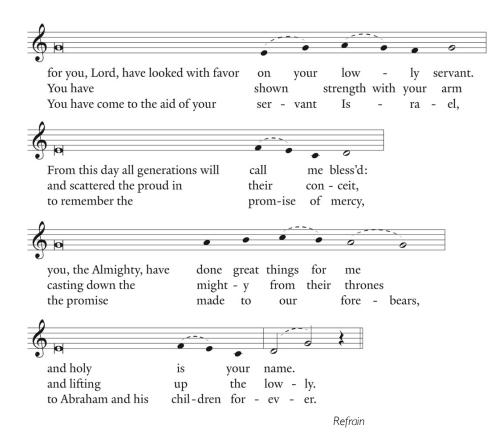




All sing the refrain where indicated The verses are chanted by the choir







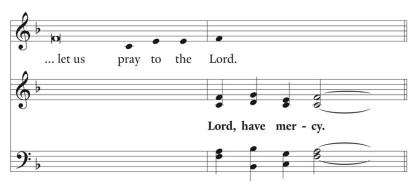




PRAYERS

litany

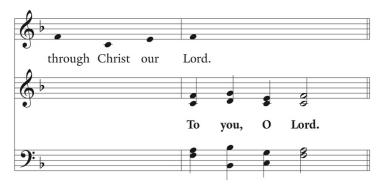




Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the communion of *name/s* and all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you,



The litany may be followed by one or more additional prayers to which we respond **Amen.** (sung)

The prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer





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