

# **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

## **Morning Prayer**

### **WELCOME**

Hello and welcome to morning prayer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Edison NJ.  
Today is Monday, and this is the first week in Advent.

And now, we begin our prayer in silence ...

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **DIALOGUE AND DOXOLOGY**

O Lord, open my lips.

**and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Alleluia**

### **PSALMODY**

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**Oh, come, let us worship and praise.**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:**

**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

**For you, Lord, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:**

**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

**The sea is yours, for you made it;  
and your hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:**

**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

**Come, let us worship and bow down;**

**let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

**For the Lord is our God,**

**and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep of God's hand.**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Give glory to God, our light and our life.  
**Oh, come, let us worship and praise.**

## **READING**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,  
**but in these last days God has spoken to us by Son.**

## **DAILY READING AND REFLECTION**

Monday: 2 Samuel 6  
Tuesday: 2 Samuel 7  
Wednesday: 2 Samuel 8  
Thursday: 2 Samuel 9  
Friday: 2 Samuel 10  
Saturday: 2 Samuel 11

## **GOSPEL CANTICLE**

**In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

**Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,  
you have come to your people and set them free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,  
born of the house of your servant David.**

**In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

**Through your holy prophets,  
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears,  
and to remember your holy covenant.**

**This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship you without fear,  
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

**In the tender compassion of our God**

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
to give God's people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

## **PRAYERS**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land and especially our congregation . . .

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

Almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor be overcome in adversity. In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honor all people;  
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life. Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; 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.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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