A service of morning prayer based upon the pattern for worship in Evangelical Lutheran Worship. The service includes preaching as the regular form of reflection on the reading from scripture.

OPENING

The assembly turns to face the font, where the ministers gather.

To the thirsty God will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. (Rev. 21:6) Come, Lord Jesus. (Rev. 22:20)

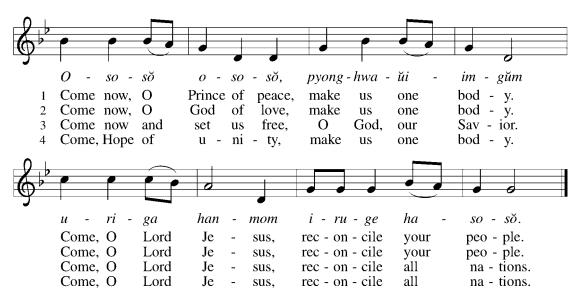
Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. (Rev. 22:13) Come. Lord Jesus.

He is the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star. (Rev. 22:16) Come. Lord Jesus.

Song

During the singing of the song, the ministers process to the Advent wreath. The candle/s of the Advent wreath is/are lit.

Come Now, O Prince of Peace Ososŏ, Ososŏ



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Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Silence

Let us pray.

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 1

Use this blessing when lighting the first candle.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.

Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.

Rouse us from sleep,

that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes

and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 2

Use this blessing when lighting the first two candles.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way

for the kingdom of heaven is near.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit, that we may be a light shining in the darkness welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,

welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us, for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 3

Use this blessing when lighting the first three candles.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness.
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 4

Use this blessing when lighting all four candles.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
In your Son, Emmanuel, you have show us your light and saved us from the power of sin.
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
Increase our longing for your presence, that at the celebration of your Son's birth his Spirit might dwell anew in our midst, for his our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.
Amen

MORNING HYMN

The number is posted on the song board.

PSALM

The assembly is seated.

The psalm appointed for the day is followed by a time of silence and the psalm prayer.

READING

The reading appointed for the day is followed by a sermon or another form of reflection.

HYMN or CANTICLE

The assembly stands.

PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The prayers begin with the prayer of the day for the previous Sunday in Advent. Other prayers of thanksgiving for the gifts of God and intercession for others and ourselves may follow.

The prayers conclude with the following prayer.

O God most high,
for you we wait,
for your coming we watch,
for your reign we prepare,
in your promise we rejoice.
Open our eyes that we may see you.
Open our hearts that we may receive you.
Open our lips that we may praise you.
Open our hands that we may serve you.
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen

BLESSING

The Lord who makes all things new, come to us and give us peace.

Amen.

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.