

Focus on God

Candle Lighting

Evening Prayer

**Loving God, I give thanks for the immeasurable gifts of this day,
above all, for the gift of your love made known in Christ.**

**How grateful I am that by his love I am counted as a precious member
of your family. Mere words cannot convey the wonder of this love. Amen.**

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**²He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³he restores my soul.

**He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

**⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;**

**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.**

**⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

The Word of God

The Word of Life

Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.**

**You sent your only-begotten,
in whom your fullness dwells,
to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.**

**Revealing your love,
Jesus taught those who would hear him,
healed those who believed in him,
received all who sought him
and lifted the burden of their sin.**

We glorify you for your great power and love at work in Christ.

**By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection,
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made us a new people by water and the Spirit
Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Song

Blessing