

SHEPHERD OF THE SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE OFFICE OF VESPERS FOR ADVENT

WEDNESDAY OF GAUDETE

“COME AND SEE!”

“THOMAS – SEEING IS BELIEVING!”

7:00 p.m.

December 17, 2025



[We rise]

Opening Hymn

“Savior of the Nations Come” #332

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PSALMODY p. 230

Psalm 123 Spoken Responsively

[Be seated]

READINGS

Prophecy **Judges 6:36-40**

[The Sign of the Fleece]

O Lord, have mercy on us. **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle **Ephesians 4:7-16**

[Spiritual Gifts]

O Lord, have mercy on us. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel **St. John 20:24-29**

[Seeing and Believing]

O Lord, have mercy on us. **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise]

Responsory for Advent p. 230

[Be seated]

Office Hymn

“Come, Thou Precious Ransom Come” #350

Sermon

[We rise]

[Spoken]

CANTICLE p. 231

Magnificat p. 231

[Be seated]

The offering is received

[We rise]

PRAYERS

Kyrie, Lord's Prayer p. 233

COLLECTS

The LORD be with you.

And with your spirit.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, who in the risen Lord Jesus Christ, revealed to Thomas the truth of Your Word, grant us also the boldness to believe what we cannot see, and the courage to share the Good News of salvation with our family and friends. Help us, O Lord, to trust in Your grace, even when we doubt, and to be faithful witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Amen.

Collect for Peace p. 233

***Benedicamus*, Benediction** p. 234

Final Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” #357