



*As a community following Christ,
we LOVE with an open heart,
GROW with a curious mind,
and SHARE with a generous spirit.*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *Please turn off all cell phones.*
- *If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.*
- *Our entire worship service is printed in this worship folder for your convenience.*
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In the order of service, the words
that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Sunday, November 30, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

You know what time it is:

Now is the time to wake up from sleep.

Salvation is near!

Let us confess our sin.

Kneel or remain standing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of night and day,
there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you
and no secret that you will not bring to light.**

**For our reveling and drunkenness,
forgive us, O God.**

**For our debauchery and licentiousness,
forgive us, O God.**

**For our quarreling and jealousy,
forgive us, O God.**

**O God, forgive us our sins,
renew us in love,
and teach us to live in a way
that brings honor and glory to your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, in your baptism you were bathed in light and clothed with grace.

Therefore, put on the Lord Jesus Christ!

Know that you are forgiven, and live in peace.

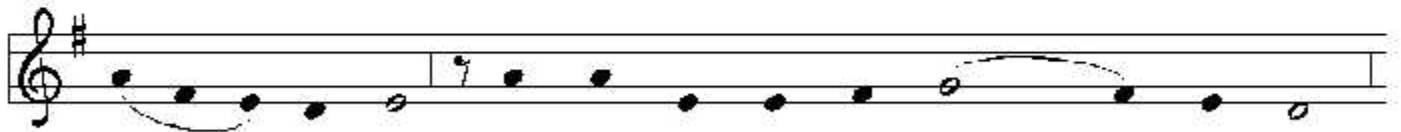
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and night: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING • "COME TO US"

Gift of God



Come to us, O Em - man - u - el.



Come to us, O Em - man - u - el.



Come to us, O Em - man - u - el,



Come to us, O Em - man - u - el,

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

One candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

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.

A brief pause for silence.

Let us pray.

God of the future,
make us ready for the coming of your reign,
when you will bring everlasting peace
and renew the face of the earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • "MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS"

Hymnal Supplement 1991

Refrain

The musical notation for the refrain is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains the notes: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), and F#4 (half). The lyrics "For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness" are written below. The second staff continues with a G4 (half note, marked with a fermata), followed by a 2/4 time signature change, then F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half), C4 (half), and B3 (half). The lyrics "waits, tru - ly my hope is in you." are written below. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness

waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

GOSPEL

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "VIEW THE PRESENT THROUGH THE PROMISE"

Sing! A New Creation 90

Unison *Harmony*

G C/G G Am7 G/B C Am7 D7sus D7

1 View the pres - ent through the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 2 Probe the pres - ent with the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.
 3 Match the pres - ent to the prom - ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Unison *Harmony*

Em C G/B Am7 G/B C6 D Em CM7 Dsus D

Trust de - spite the deep - ening dark - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit - ness, Christ will come a - gain.
 Make this hope your guid - ing prem - ise, Christ will come a - gain.

Unison

Am F/A G/B Am/C Em Am7 Bm C D/C

Lift the world a - bove its griev - ing through your watch - ing and be - liev - ing
 Let your lov - ing and your giv - ing and your jus - tice and for - giv - ing
 Pat - tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing and the world you are cre - a - ting

Harmony

G G/B C Am G/B C Am7 D7 G

in the hope past hope's con - ceiv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
 to the ad - vent you are wait - ing: Christ will come a - gain.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In our waiting and watching,
we come to you in prayer, O God,
trusting your promise to renew the church,
the nations, and the whole creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God,
as we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy
through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Come with gratitude and joy
to the table of the Lord.

Bring the works of your hands
and the gift of your lives
as an offering of praise.

You can participate in the Offering electronically
by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.



OFFERING

MVLC Cohort

“A Present for the Future” • by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • “GOD OF JUSTICE EVER FLOWING”

Sing! A New Creation 101



Some may cel - e-brate with pres-ents; some may greet the day through tears.



Still in all, your ho - ly pres-ence glad - dens hearts, casts out our fears.



Teach us how to live more sim - ply, that we all may sim - ply live,



car - ing for the poor and lone - ly, in Christ's name our love to give.

OFFERING PRAYER

Nourishing God,
you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Through this meal, satisfy our parched places,
that we may rejoice and be for the world
signs of your kingdom come.

Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

COMMUNION

Here is life. God is with us.

Come, receive what God has promised.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

We are here because Jesus has called us—
strangers and friends, locals and visitors,
believers and doubters, the certain and the curious.

It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers
and invites to his table where, in bread and wine,
he meets us and through him, we are joined to each other.

So come,
not because you understand,
but because you are understood.

Come,
not because of how you feel,
but because God has food for you.

Come,
not because you deserve a place,
but because Jesus invites you,
just as you are.

If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please
let your server know.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an
usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

LAMB OF GOD

With One Voice, Light of Christ

© Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 254



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

COMMUNION HYMN • "WE ARE WAITING FOR JESUS"

All Creation Sings 905



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "WAIT FOR THE LORD"

Sing! A New Creation 96

Refrain Em C Am6 B

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Em D G Am B Em

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our host,

at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness.

Send us forth, eager to share the feast,

welcome the stranger,

and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to “make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example.” (1 Timothy)

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Gracious God,

as Mary set out to visit Elizabeth before she gave birth to her son, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish those to whom we bring this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son we may all know the hope of your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May the grace of Christ,
the love of God,
and the Spirit's joy surround you
as you walk in the light of the Lord.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "HE CAME DOWN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 253

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have peace; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.
he came down that we may have joy;

SENDING

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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