



NATIVITY of OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.

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.
- Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

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.

Prelude

Brass Quintet and organ selections

Welcome and Announcements

Stand.

Call to Worship

Do not be afraid; for see—
I am bringing you good news of great joy.

**To us is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.**

This will be a sign for you:
you will find a child wrapped in cloth
and lying in a manger.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace!**

Let us now go to Bethlehem.

Gathering Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

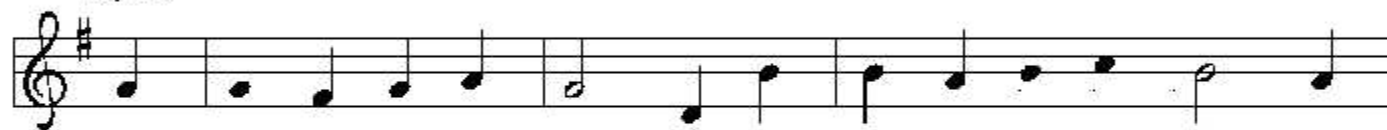


come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

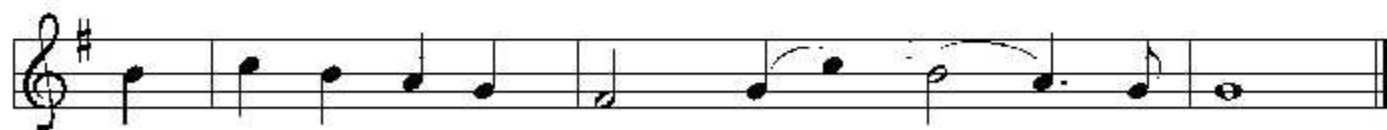


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num,
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Greeting

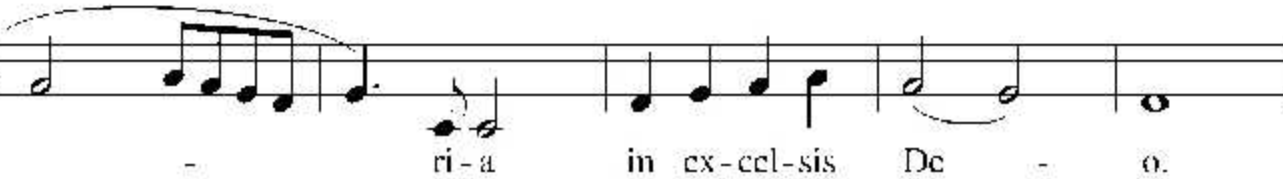
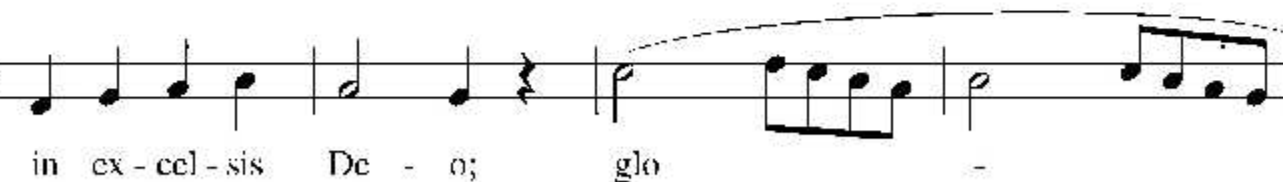
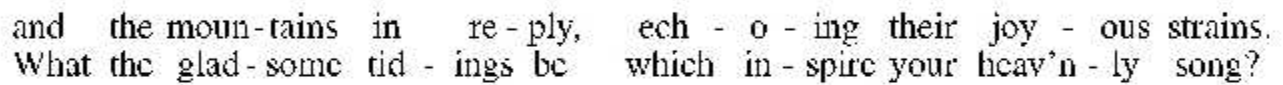
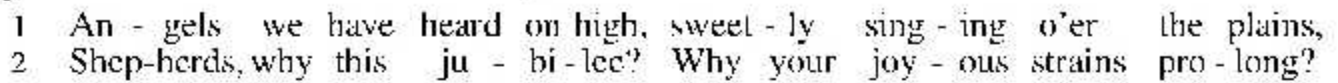
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Sit.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels We Have Heard on High



Prayer of the Evening

Living God, on this holy night we gather—
to stand with shepherds, amazed at your glory;
to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;
to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;
to sit with Mary, cradling your love.

May the good news of this night inspire us
to tell the world of our great joy:
for to us is born a Savior,
the Messiah, the Lord.

Glory and praise to you forever!

Amen.

Musical Offering

What Child Is This

MVLC Choir

Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Angels We Have Heard on High

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger.

¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

Children's Sermon + Sermon

Stand.

Hymn of the Evening

Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing,
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy,
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth,
let us pray boldly for the church,
creation, and all who are in need.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts,
we commend our prayers to you, O God,
trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

Invitation to the Offering

Ascribe to the Lord the glory that is due;
bring an offering, and come into God's house.

Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before God, all the earth.

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



Offering

The Shepherds

MVLC Choir

Offertory Response

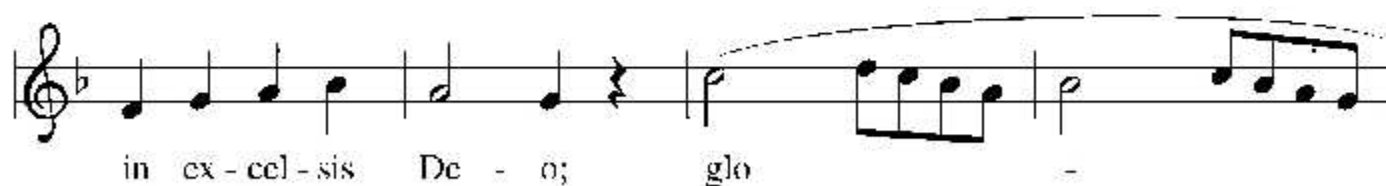
Angels We Have Heard on High



3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Offering Prayer

God of glory,
great are your wonders among us
and many are the blessings you bestow.

Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace,
through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Words of Institution

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 God thanks and praise.

On the night in which he was betrayed...

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

God is now in flesh appearing.
Come to the feast of joy!

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.

*After you receive communion, please pick up a candle
from the center aisle as you return to your seat.*

Communion Music

Comfort Ye from Messiah

Coleton Davis, tenor

Communion Hymn

Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der, Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies, See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers: Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el,
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Communion Hymn

Away in a Manger



- 1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



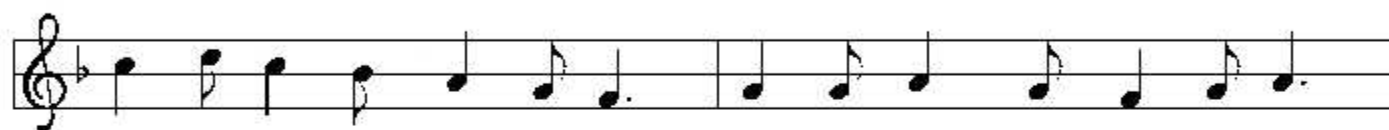
down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Communion Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Stand.

Prayer after Communion

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.

May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts
the mystery of your presence.

Move us to discover the wonders of your love
in the everyday moments of our lives,
through Christ born in us.

Amen.

Lighting of the Candles

While individual candles are lit, the choir will sing "Night of Silence,"
which leads into the singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Candlelight Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night

Everyone is asked to make the sign of the cross with their candles during each verse, following the lead of the pastor, as a remembrance of our baptism.



1	Si - lent	night,	ho - ly	night!	All	is	calm,
2	Si - lent	night,	ho - ly	night!	Shep - herds	quake	
3	Si - lent	night,	ho - ly	night!	Son	of	God,



all	is	bright	round	yon	vir - gin	moth - er	and	child.
at	the	sight;	glo - ries	stream	from	heav - en	a -	lar,
love's	pure	light	ra - diant	beams	from	your	ho - ly	face,



Ho - ly	In - fant,	so	ten - der	and	mild,	sleep	in	heav - en - ly	
heav'n - ly	hosts . . .	sing,	al - le - lu - ia!	Christ,	the	Sav - ior,	is		
with	the	dawn	of	re - deem - ing	grace,	Je - sus,	Lord,	at	your



peace,	sleep	in	heav - en - ly	peace.	
born!	Christ,	the	Sav - ior,	born!	
birth,	Je - sus,	Lord,	at	your	birth.

Blessing

The triune God,
glorious Mystery,
holy Incarnate One,
abiding Comforter,
+ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

Amen.

Extinguish candles.

Please continue to hold onto your candle once it is extinguished,
in order that wax doesn't get onto the chairs or floor.

Sending Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



- 1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
- 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
- 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



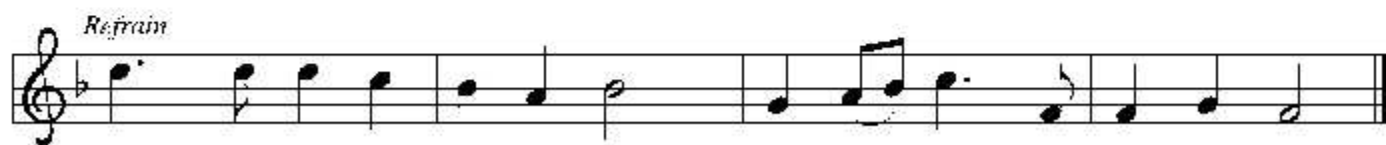
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Sending

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God's people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

Place your candle in the provided boxes
when you exit the worship space at the conclusion of the service.

Postlude

Brass Quintet

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

Worship Notes

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN LIFE TOGETHER AT MVLC

First Sunday of Christmas worship • 12/28 • 9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Christmas worship • 1/4 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

ADULT EDUCATION • 9:30 a.m. in the Life Together Hall

- 1/4 = Pastor Eric with an overview of the Gospel of Matthew.
- 1/11 = Mission Endowment Fund Committee and grant applicants.
- 1/18 = Learning about the Border Servant Corps.
- 1/25 = Stewardship and ways to give to the mission/ministry of MVLC.
- 2/1 = Brooke Nelson on her time with ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission.
- 2/8 = Pancake breakfast hosted by MVLC-chartered Scouting USA units.

Installation worship service for Pastor Andrew Conley-Holcom
3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, 2026

Ash Wednesday worship • 2/18 • 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
with lunch after worship (12 noon) and dinner before worship (5:30 p.m.)

Lenten Midweek worship services • 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 2/25 + 3/4 + 3/11 + 3/18 + 3/25
with dinner before worship (5:30 p.m.)

Palm Sunday worship • 3/29 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday worship • 4/2 • 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday worship • 4/3 • 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil worship • 4/4 • 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday worship • 4/5 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Vacation Bible School 2026
Monday, July 13 through Friday, July 17, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon each day

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