



# SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

*Sunday, January 3, 2021 • 10:45 a.m.*

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.**

For music, the words in regular type are sung by all,  
unless otherwise noted.

Prelude

Welcome / Announcements

# Confession

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who was in the beginning,  
who makes a dwelling among us,  
who covers us with justice and mercy.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of goodness and lovingkindness,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.  
We have turned away from your invitation to new life.  
We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.  
In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,  
those we know and those known only to you,  
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!

God forgives us all our sins,  
not through our own work,  
but through + Jesus Christ, made known to all people.  
With all who come to the manger,  
rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

**Amen.**

# Opening Hymn • "He Came Down"

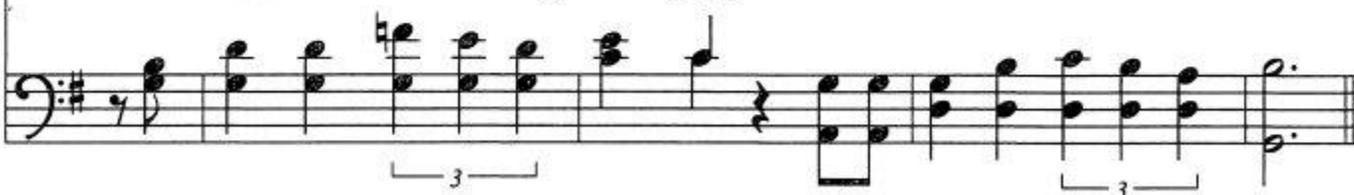
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 253



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



# Greeting

For unto us a child is born! 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.**

## Hymn of Praise • “Angels We Have Heard on High”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 289*



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.



Glo - ri - a



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

# Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,  
you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word.

By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# First Reading

A reading from Jeremiah.

## Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm 147 • "Praise the Lord, Jerusalem"

Lyric Psalter A • OneLicense #95458

Cantor sings the refrain first, **then all repeat.**

Cantor sings verses; **congregation sings refrain.**

Praise the Lord, Je - ru - sa - lem. Praise the Lord,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Je - ru - sa - lem.

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

O Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates;  
he has blessed your children within you.

**Refrain.**

He established peace on your borders:

he gives you your fill of the finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth,  
and swiftly runs his command.

**Refrain.**

He reveals his word to Jacob;

to Israel, his decrees and judgments.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his judgments.

**Refrain.**

# Second Reading

A reading from Ephesians.

## Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel Acclamation • "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Gather, Third Edition 428

## Refrain



Go tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;

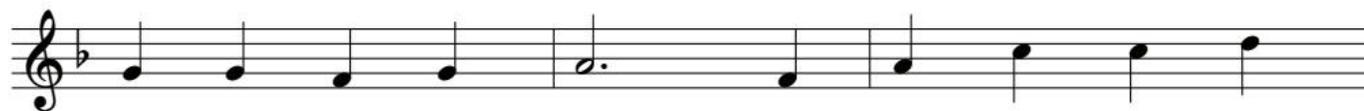


Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

## Verses



3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The



hum - ble Christ was born, And God sent us sal -



va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

# Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

Pastor Briana Merkle.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*



# Hymn of the Day • "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 295



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -

4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his

5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,

prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him

Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that

and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be

and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,

si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring

min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

# Nicene 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 and the Son,\*  
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

Joining our voices with the song of the angels,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace  
as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

# Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

# Offering

We give to the Lord of our tithes and offerings.

*You can mail an offering to:*

Mountain View Lutheran Church  
3505 - 122nd Ave E  
Edgewood WA 98372

*Ways that you can give electronically:*

## TEXT

- )] Text “Give” to 253-292-9599.
- )] You will be sent a message to (a) text your giving amount and/or (b) set up recurring giving.

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- )] Visit [www.mtviewlutheran.org](http://www.mtviewlutheran.org).
- )] Hover over the “GIVE” dropbox.
- )] Choose “Make a Donation via Bank Account” or “Make a Donation via Credit/Debit Card.”
- )] Fill out all information on the page and then click the blue “GIVE” button.
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# Offertory

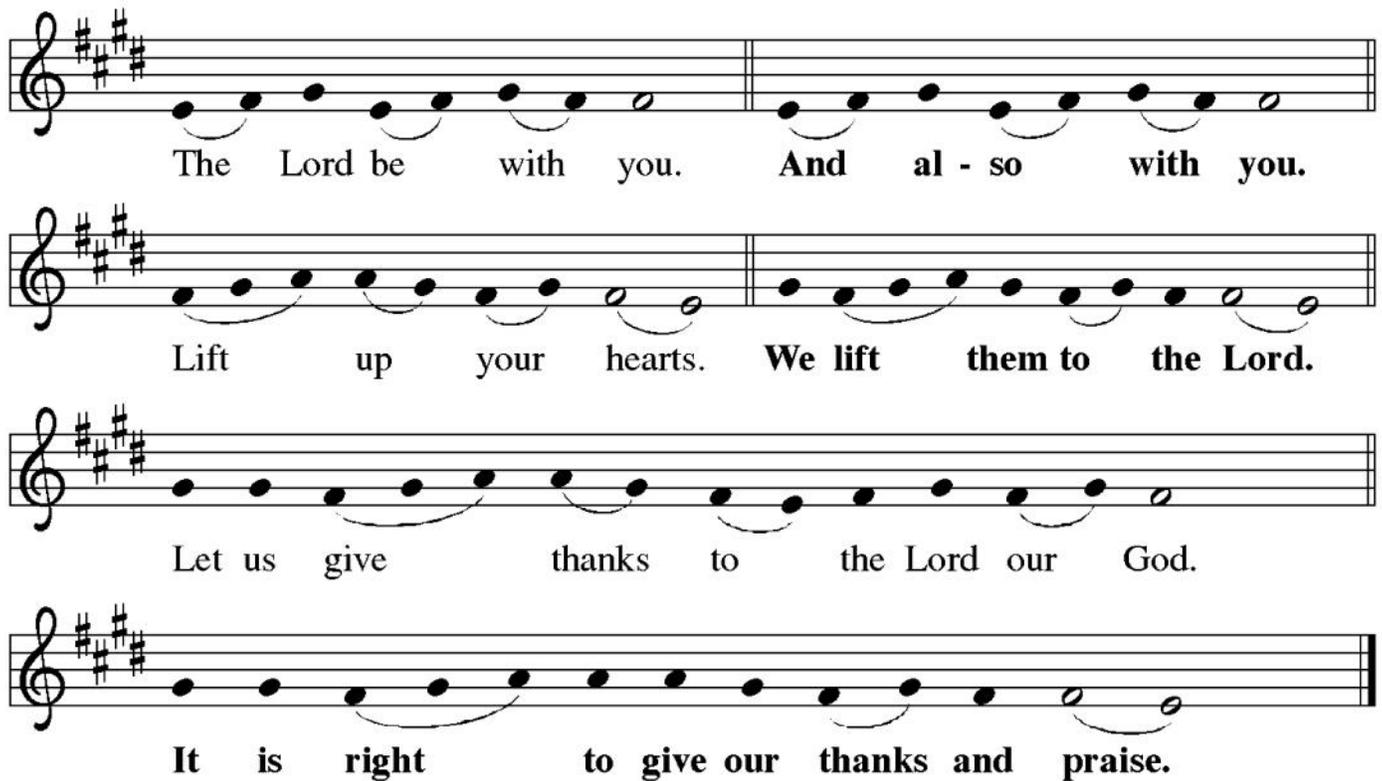
# Offertory Prayer

Gracious God,

**you came to us as one unknown,  
bringing joy and salvation to the earth.  
Nourish us at your banquet table,  
that with all who welcome your birth  
we may proclaim your peace,  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.**

# Great Thanksgiving

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship S 152*



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

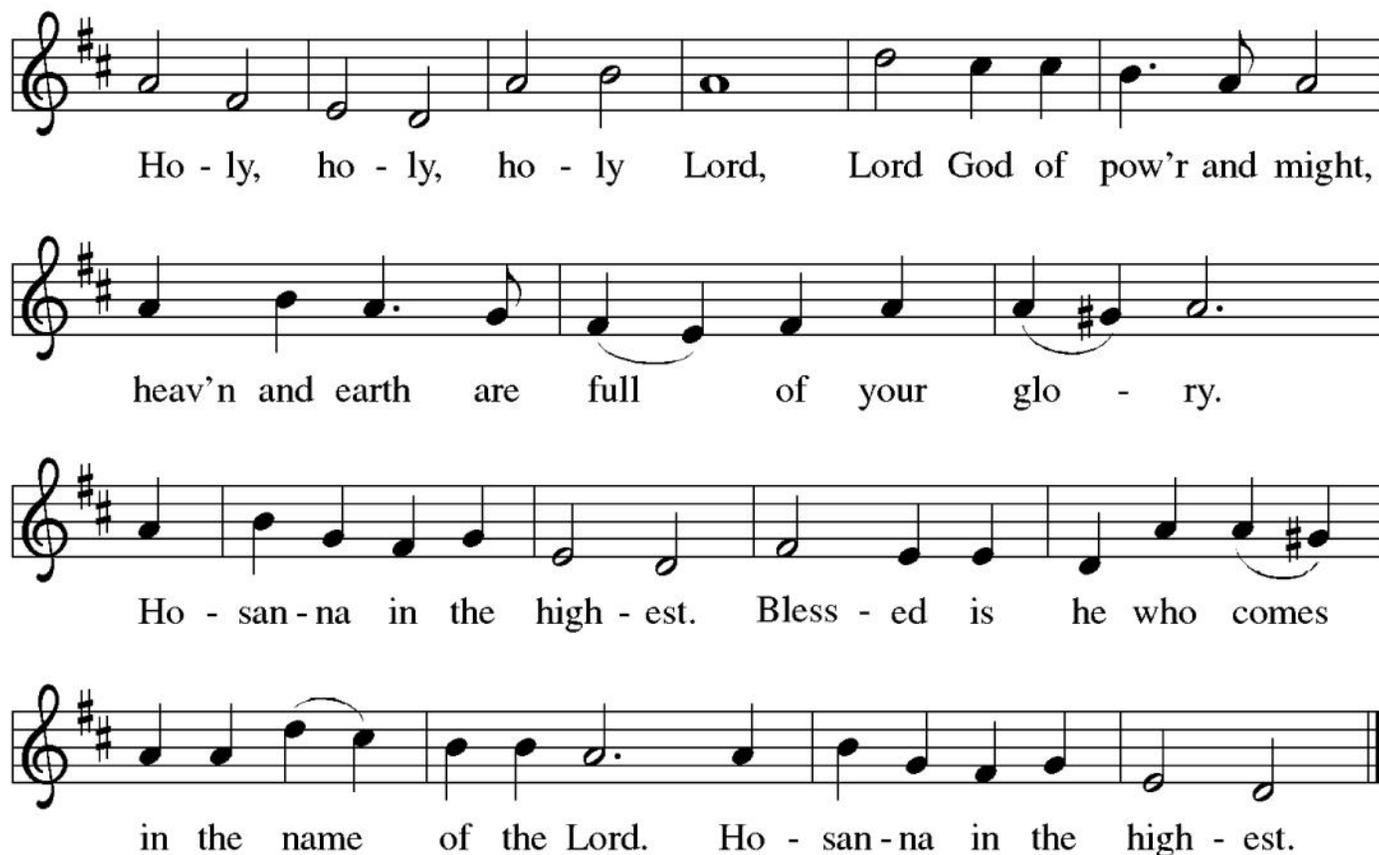
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times in in all places  
give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith  
to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn:

# Sanctus

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship S 153*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.**

# Lamb of God

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship S 154*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Invitation to Communion

The Word is revealed in a manger,  
in simple bread and wine.  
Come meet Christ in this meal.

The body of Christ, given to you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

# Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us from your very self  
with the body and blood of Christ.  
Through this mystery, send us forth  
to proclaim your promise to a world in need,  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

# Blessing

Almighty God,  
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,  
proclaimed joy through the angels,  
sent the shepherds with good news,  
and led the magi by a star,  
bless you this day + through the Word made flesh.

**Amen.**

+ *The sign of the cross may be made by all  
in remembrance of their baptism.*

# Sending Hymn • "On Christmas Night"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 274



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the  
2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er  
3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come  
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to  
made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since  
in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then  
sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great  
our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us  
life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and  
made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.  
free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?  
sing, all for to see the new-born king.  
heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

# Sending

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Postlude

*Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
by Al and Lois Carlson  
in praise and thanksgiving of God.*

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# Adult Education (via Zoom)

## **“The Forgotten Luther” with Pastor Paul Wee**

Epiphany means “manifestation,” a surprising, unexpected moment, a burst of light that illuminates the darkness. It recalls the star of Bethlehem and the visit of the three wise men, the Magi, to see the infant Jesus. Epiphany in the Western church begins on Wednesday, January 6 and continues to Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

Epiphany is a time to “open our eyes and ears” to grasp the meaning of those special moments in life that are unexpected, that catch us off guard, take us by surprise, and sometimes leave us breathless. These moments can be small and personal, like a baby discovered alive two weeks after an earthquake. They can be large and globally significant, like the fall of the Berlin Wall. In every case, such moments, or epiphanies, disclose something—about the world, about ourselves and perhaps also about God. The question for us is this: *Can we see, hear, and be grasped by their meaning?*

The first five Wednesdays of Epiphany 2021 will look at five “epiphanies” of the Reformation. They came in moments of insight to Martin Luther. They might come as a surprise to us as well.

### **7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84766484362>

Full Zoom meeting information can be found at

<https://mtviewlutheran.org/the-forgotten-luther>

### **Wednesdays 1/6 + 1/13 + 1/20 + 1/20 + 1/27 + 2/3**

- J Martin Luther’s War on Poverty: The Common Chest
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- J Reclaiming the Church’s Public Witness: The Political Role of the Church
- J The Subversive Luther: When Do We “Obey God Rather Than Men”?
- J Reclaiming the Vision of World Community: Luther and the Global Mission of the Church