

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.

The Lord has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

> MAGNIFICAT Luke 1:54-55

Prelude

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" • arr. Stephen DeCesare Bill Kohler, saxophone

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 forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

When our spirits despair and we deny our blessedness, when we ignore the mighty things you have done, **forgive us, O God.**

When we doubt your mercy, when we are proud in the thoughts of our hearts, **forgive us, O God.**

When our power rests on the oppression of others, when our wealth causes others to go hungry, **forgive us, O God.**

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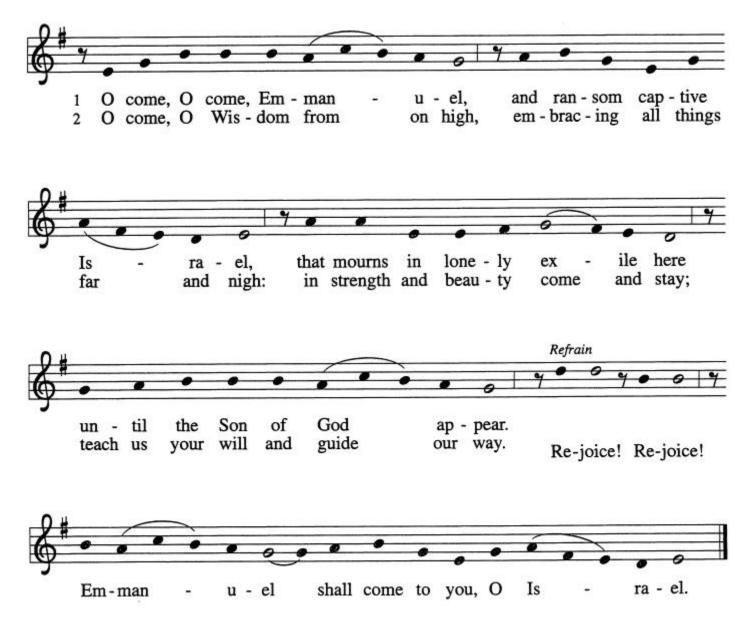
Help us, your servants, according to the promises you have made.

Absolution

The ancient promises of God are fulfilled. God forgives us and does not forget us. God's mercy extends from generation to generation. Oh how our souls rejoice in God! **Amen.**

Opening Hymn • "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 257



6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain.*

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.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Advent Wreath Reading based upon "The Magnificat"

Blessed are you, God of all creation, for your promise to send a Son, Emmanuel, who brings your presence among us, and for your promise to heal our brokenness and save us from our sin.

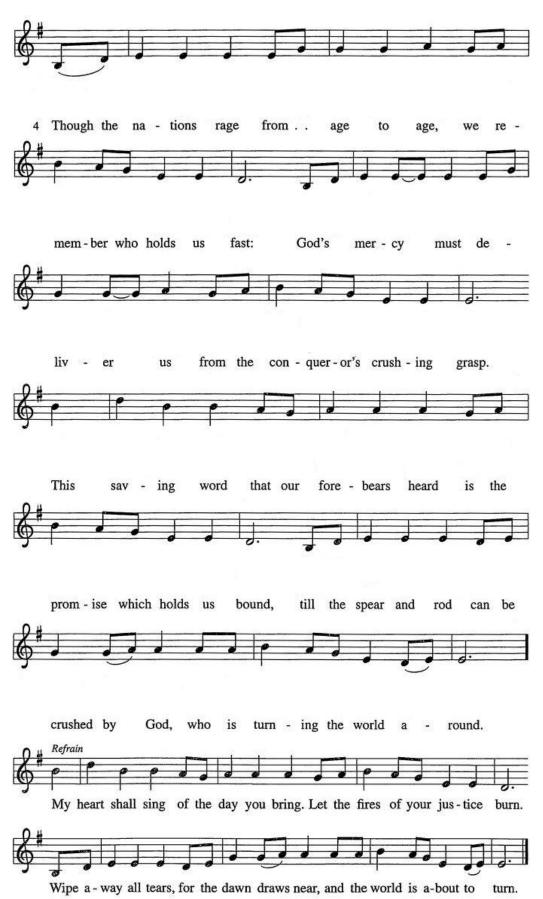
As we light these four candles, turn us again towards mercy, strengthen our faith by your spoken Word, restore us and gift us with such new life we become servants of all.

O house of David, of Joseph, of Mary, come

rejoice, for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Emmanuel, comes to be with us, now and forevermore. Amen.

Reading Response • "Canticle of the Turning"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 723



First Reading

A reading from Second Samuel.

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

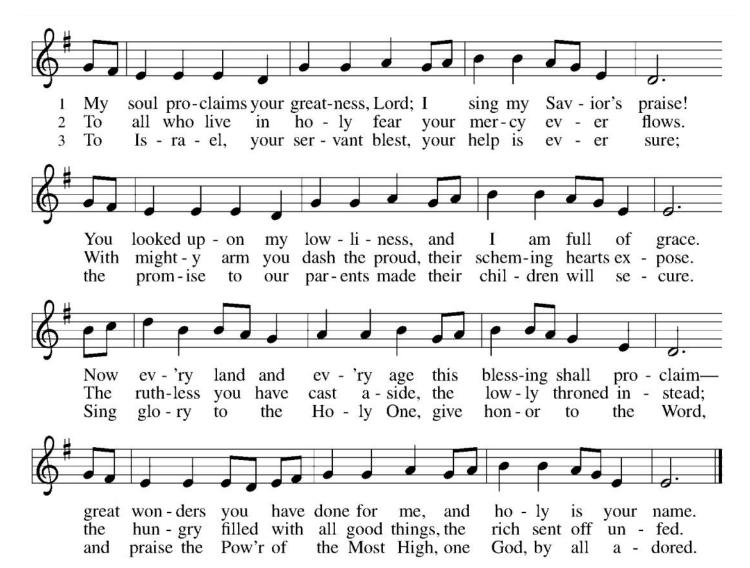
But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle • "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 251



Second Reading

A reading from Romans.

Romans 16:25-27

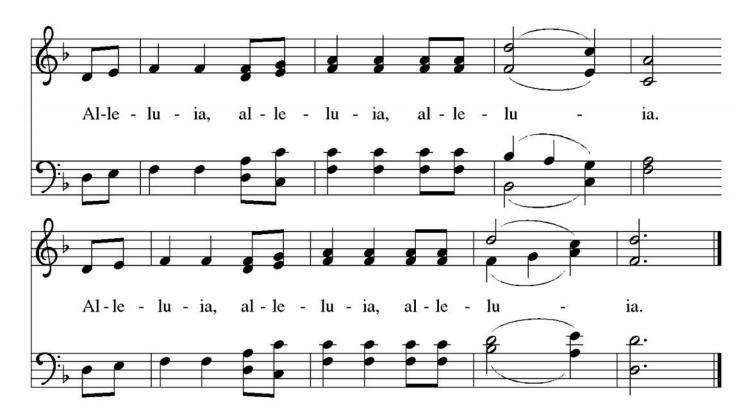
Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 175 **Congregation: refrain;** cantor: verse.



O Advent God of hope, joy, love, and peace, in you we pray our sad divisions cease. Bind us as one, a people of grace,

for at your table each one has a place. *Refrain.*

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"…let it be with me according to your word…" Rev. Kim Latterell.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Hymn of the Day • "Here I Am, Lord"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 574



Apostles' Creed

Together, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

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

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering Prayer

Dear God, you blessed Mary by making her the mother of your only Son, Jesus Christ.

You have blessed us, as well, with the gift of your Son, and indeed, with the gift of life itself.

Out of all these blessings, we give back our offerings to you this day.

Knowing that your promises will be fulfilled, we pledge our lives to you in anticipation of the coming of the one who brings peace to all.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

God is with us. **We are not alone.**

Christ is present here. **The Spirit moves within us.**

We give thanks to God. In memory and in hope.

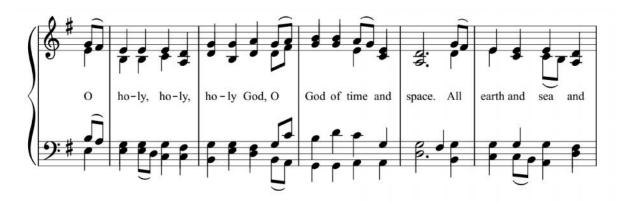
Blessings be to you, Creator God, for in the beginning you brought light and life to the world and you continue to bring it love and light everlasting.

You came to a young woman named Mary and laid out the promise in a new way: promising her a son, who would be called Jesus; promising her that in her son the world would be changed.

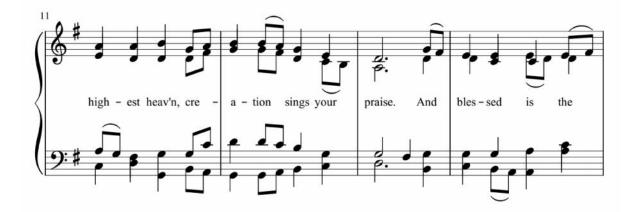
And now as we prepare for that child to be born, we echo the ancient cry: **O come, O come Emmanuel.**

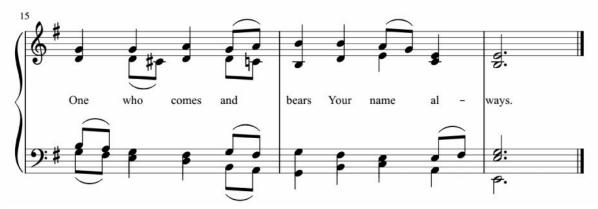
And we lift our voices together with the praise of the ages:

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Thanksgiving at the Table

Gathering the disciples together in an upper room to share the story of liberation, he prepared them for liberation anew. At the end of the meal Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, then passed it to them saying:

Take and eat. This bread is my body of Life, broken by the world. Eat it in remembrance of me.

After that Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and passed it to them saying:

This cup is the sign of the New Covenant. Whenever you drink it remember me, for I shall not eat or drink of it again until the time of the heavenly banquet.

We remember how he poured his love out on all he met and look forward to his return and the coming reign of peace, love, and justice.

God, you poured our your Spirit upon Mary and she sang words of defiance and hope. Pour out your Spirit upon us gathered here. Strengthen us in our time of waiting and working for peace and justice. Gift us with courage to make the Christmas promise a reality. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as beloved children of a loving Parent, we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

The Bread we break is the Bread of Life. The Cup we share is the Cup of Promise. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Come and eat, the banquet is ready.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.



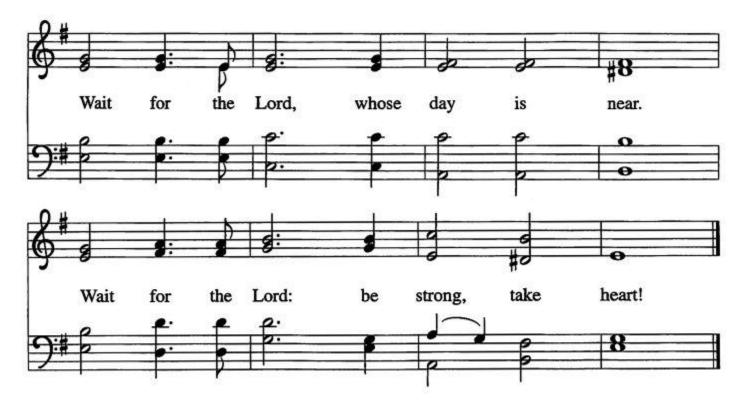
Open Wafer

The cup has a clear film top that noticeably reveals the wafer compartment. Lift the film to open and receive your wafer. (Hint: Bending the tab downward to snap will release the air tight seal on the film and make the edge very easy to find and open.)

Open Cup

Open the cup by pealing back the pre-cut tab on the foil seal to drink the juice.

Communion Song • "Wait for the Lord" Evangelical Lutheran Worship 262



Communion Sending Prayer

We pray:

O God of pregnant expectations, O God of Christmas promise, we have eaten and drunk from your table. Fill us with hope in a world of despair. Make us beacons of hope as we wait for the day when the world will be changed. Grant that this taste of your banquet which is to come will give us the hunger for peace and justice in our community and around the world. Amen.

Blessing

The mercy of God, which extends from generation to generation, be with you now and forever.

Amen.

The illumination of the Holy Spirit, prepare you for the coming of our Lord.

Amen.

The peace of the Christ child, who comes to partner with us, bring forth through you the kingdom that will never end.

Amen.

Sending Hymn • "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" OneLicense #89572



Dismissal

Go in peace, strive for peace, for Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please register your worship attendance online at www.mtviewlutheran.org/worshipattendance

Please submit prayer requests online at www.mtviewlutheran.org/prayerrequest

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.

ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

-) Visit 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.
-) If you want it to remember your information, visit "SIGN IN" and create an account.
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Christmas at MVLC

Wednesday, December 23, 2020 • 7:00 p.m.

CAROLS in CARS, a "Park and Praise"-style/drive-in "lessons and carols" worship service. In the MVLC parking lot. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverage in your Thermos and be ready to sing some Christmas carols, while hearing readings from the story of Christ's birth and Incarnation. Decorate your car in its finest holiday trimmings!

Thursday, December 24, 2020 • 5:00 p.m.

Nativity of Our Lord/Christmas Eve online worship service, with Holy Communion and candlelight "Silent Night." Obviously, the latter will look different due to the online nature of worship. You are encouraged to gather candles prior to worship and be ready to light them when prompted during the service, so that you can still sing "Silent Night" by candlelight, albeit in the comfort of your own home.

Sunday, December 27, 2020 • 10:45 a.m.

First Sunday of Christmas online worship service, with Holy Communion.

Sunday, January 3, 2021 • 10:45 a.m.

Second Sunday of Christmas online worship service, with Holy Communion.

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

(the meeting link will be included in a forthcoming MVLC E-news)

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

-) Martin Luther's War on Poverty: The Common Chest
-) Empowering the Common People: The Role of Youth and Women
-) Reclaiming the Church's Public Witness: The Political Role of the Church
-) The Subversive Luther: When Do We "Obey God Rather Than Men"?
-) Reclaiming the Vision of World Community: Luther and the Global Mission of the Church