



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.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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



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



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!



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

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



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.
the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

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.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a soprano and bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The melody is simple and repetitive, with the soprano staff featuring a treble clef and the bass staff featuring a bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

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



1 “I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 “I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple’s pain.
3 “I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?”
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?”
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?”



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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:

Sanctus

cyberhymnal.org

O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly God, O God of time and space. All earth and sea and

The first system of the Sanctus, measures 1-6. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly God, O God of time and space. All earth and sea and".

7 sky a - bove bear wit - ness to your Grace. Ho - san - na in the

The second system of the Sanctus, measures 7-10. The music continues in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "sky a - bove bear wit - ness to your Grace. Ho - san - na in the".

11 high - est heav'n, cre - a - tion sings your praise. And bles - sed is the

The third system of the Sanctus, measures 11-14. The music continues in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "high - est heav'n, cre - a - tion sings your praise. And bles - sed is the".

15 One who comes and bears Your name al - ways.

The fourth system of the Sanctus, measures 15-18. The music continues in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "One who comes and bears Your name al - ways.".

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 out 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 peeling back the pre-cut tab on the foil seal to drink the juice.

Communion Song • "Wait for the Lord"

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The image displays a musical score for a two-part setting of the hymn "Wait for the Lord". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

First System:

Vocal: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Piano: Accompaniment for the first system.

Second System:

Vocal: Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Piano: Accompaniment for the second system.

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"

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F C⁷_F F C⁷_F F C⁷_G C⁷_E F C C_{sus} C C_{Bb} E_A C⁷_G F A_m

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
 2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a Child and
 3. Bless - ed Je - sus, we a - dore You, Light of Life and

G_m C⁷_{Bb} E_C C⁷ F F C⁷_F F C⁷_F F C⁷_G C⁷_E F C C_{sus} C C_{Bb} E_A C⁷_G

peo - ple free. From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us
 yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy
 Sun of Love. All Your chil - dren bow be - fore You, Speak Your

F A_m G_m C⁷_{Bb} E_C C⁷ F F F C⁷_E F C⁷ C_E C⁷_G

find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's Strength and Con - so -
 gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal
 name and lift You up. King of Kings, from high - est

C⁷ C_E C F F C⁷_G E_A E_A C⁷_E F C E_A F E_A C⁷_G C_E C⁷_G

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art - Dear de - sire of
 Spir - it, Rule in all our hearts a - lone. By Thine all - suf -
 heav - en, Lord of Lords, come rule a - lone. Son of God so

F E_A F C C⁷_E C_{Bb} E_A C⁷_G F B_b E_A B_b E_C C⁷ F

ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.
 sweet - ly giv - en, Make our hearts Your ho - ly throne.

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