



*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.*

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

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Care Area, across from the Life Together Hall.*

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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING • "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Refrain

Re-joice! Re-joice!



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

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

① *leader 1* ② *leader 2* ㉟ *congregation*

① At every beginning, there is a yearning for the one who is coming.
O Emmanuel,

㉟ **prepare us for your coming.**

② We gather together to get ready for what?
Only heaven knows. O Emmanuel,

㉟ **prepare us for your coming.**

① We wait for the day when God will create a prevailing peace on the
earth, and natural-born enemies turn into newborn friends.
O Emmanuel,

㉟ **prepare us for your coming.**

② We get ready for God to come close by laying our lives open to Jesus,
asking him to sort through all our mixed motives. O Emmanuel,

㉟ **prepare us for your coming.**

① Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of these
candles, whose flame brings warmth to winter
and fills this place with the glow of hope.

㉟ **Amen.**

Light two candles.

The congregation sings verse 6 of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

**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.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

The Song Heard 'Round the World

A Cantata for Christmas

By Joseph M. Martin. Orchestrations by Brant Adams and Stan Pethel.

“A Joyful Journey of Carols”

a medley that includes German, Catalan, English, Czech, Bohemian, Hebrew, French, West Indian, and East African melodies

“Hear the Song ‘Round the World”

traditional Catalonian melody

“An Advent Prayer”

traditional Russian melody

“Prepare the Way of the King”

traditional English melody

“Gesù Bambino”

solo, Debbie Hushagen

“Rejoice! Christ Is Born!”

solo, Debbie Hushagen

The Song Heard 'Round the World

A Cantata for Christmas

CHOIR

Soprano

Barb Edmonds, Debbie Hushagen, Beth Ann Johnson, Ellen Leapaldt.

Alto

Jeanne Anderson, Carianne Kehm-Goins.

Tenor

Eric Bostrom, Barry Johnsrud, Paul Watson.

Bass

Ken Edmonds, Jim Hushagen, Todd Kelley.

BAND

Piano/conductor

Brenna Sage.

Flute

Joan Kohler.

Soprano saxophone

Bill Kohler.

Trumpet

Don Neptun.

Keyboard strings

Jonas Lysne.

Percussion

Nancy Careaga.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

With hope and expectation,
we offer our prayers for the church, the world,
and all who await God's day of restoration.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Listen to these and all our prayers,
O God of hosts,
and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

During this season of Advent,
our most important preparations will happen here in our hearts
when we make a way for God to come into our lives,
when we "prepare the way of the Lord."

In the midst of preparations, we bring gifts to share
so that God's love will shine brightly through the ministry
of this church and in our own lives as well.

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



OFFERTORY

Stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider,
by your merciful hand
abundance springs up from the earth.
Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.

Let them be a sign of your steadfast love
and faithfulness for all people,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Behold, I Make All Things New

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a 'Leader:' part, followed by an 'ALL:' part, and ends with a 'Leader:' part featuring a triplet. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. — And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.' The second staff starts with 'ALL:' and ends with 'Leader:'. The lyrics are: 'We lift them to the Lord. — Let us give thanks to the Lord our — God. —'. The third staff is labeled 'ALL:' and the lyrics are: 'It is — right — to give our thanks — and praise. —'. The fourth staff is a piano accompaniment consisting of chords and melodic lines, with 'Mmmm' written below the notes.

Leader: ALL: Leader: 3
The Lord be with you. — And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

ALL: Leader:
We lift them to the Lord. — Let us give thanks to the Lord our — God. —

ALL:
It is — right — to give our thanks — and praise. —

Mmmm Mmmm

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

who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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 • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Behold, I Make All Things New

Sing each line once.



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might



2. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est



3. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord

*To conclude, we will sing all three lines at the same time;
doing such twice.*

You choose which line (1, 2, or 3) you want to sing each time.

(So you will sing line 1, line 2, line 3, line 1/2/3, line 1/2/3.)

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

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.
Come, take your place at the table.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice an open communion table, which means that everyone is welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (You don't have to be a member of MVLC.)

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.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who are loved by God,
whether you feel loved or not.

It is for those who desire to grow in love with God.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

Come, you who have tried to follow
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

Come, not because the Church invites you;
it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed and loved here.

Please come. Receive the gifts of God for all the people of God.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

Behold, I Make All Things New



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "WHAT FEAST OF LOVE"

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1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

COMMUNION HYMN • "I COME WITH JOY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

COMMUNION HYMN • "ONE BREAD, ONE BODY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 496



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain	for	the	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.	
one	in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.	

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,

**in bread and cup you have revealed your glory
for all people to see together.**

**Nourished by this meal, send us to be a community following
Christ: to LOVE with an open heart, GROW with a curious mind,
and SHARE with a generous spirit.**

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

The God of peace bless you,
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,
and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 266



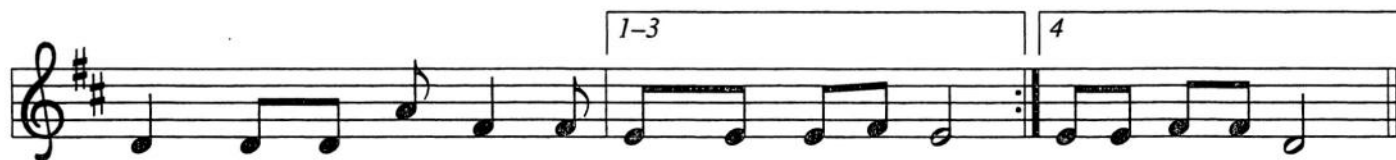
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
"A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All -
world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

SENDING

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Soon and Very Soon”

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Both services

- J PRESIDERS: Pastor Eric Bostrom, Pastor Briana Merkle.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: David Cowan.
- J DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Flora Larson, Diane Nelson, Karen Slavens.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Skip Harrison (head usher), Chris Ray, Michelle Schweikl, Emily Thompson.
- J GREETERS: Anne Roff, Sandi Swanson.
- J ACOLYTES: Gretchen Schaefer, Nate Schaefer.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gloria Ratcliffe, Karen Slavens.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: John Dahle, Diane Nelson, Lindy Nelson, Bob Yost.
- J GREETERS: Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson.
- J ACOLYTES: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Jensen, Bob Linden.
- J SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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Christmas Eve

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 24, 2023 • 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord with Christmas carols, sermon, prayers, Holy Communion, and candlelight "Silent Night."

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