

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 103

JOSEPH in PRISON

Sunday, September 25, 2022 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.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.

Child care is available for children ages 5 years and under in the Child 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.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and forgiveness,

we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

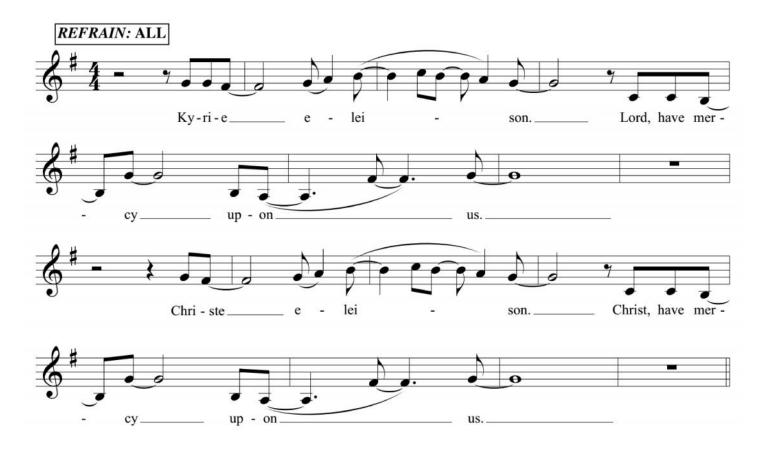
Amen.

Stand.

KYRIE • "KYRIE" Behold, I Make All Things New

Cantor sings verses; congregation sings refrain.

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. Refrain.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. To Amen.



GREETING

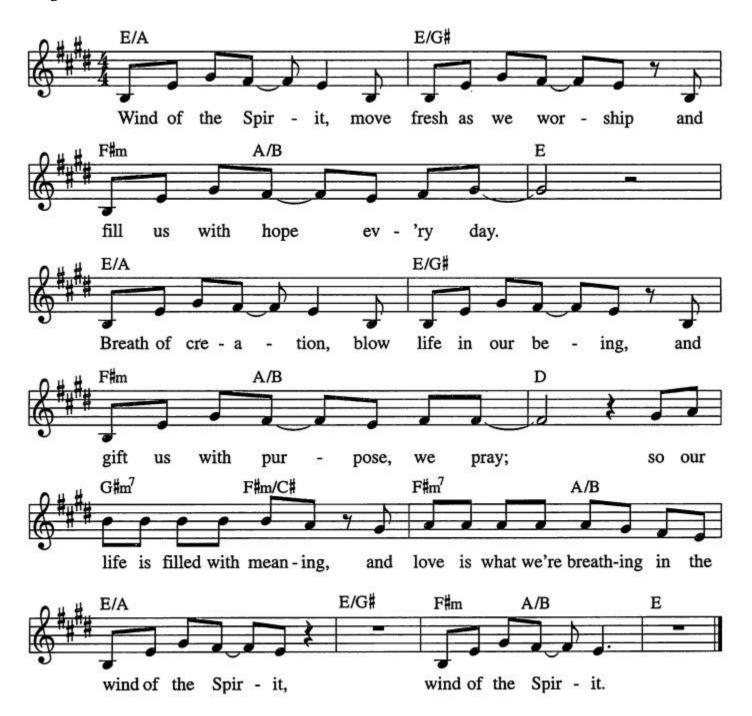
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE • "WIND OF THE SPIRIT"

Worship & Praise

Sing twice.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of presence, you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit.

Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world.

We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Behold, I Make All Things New



READING

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 39:1-23

Now Joseph was taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. ²The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man; he was in the house of his Egyptian master. ³His master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hands. ⁴So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him; he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. ⁵From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. ⁶So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge; and, with him there, he had no concern for anything but the food that he ate. Now Joseph was handsome and good-looking.

⁷And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, with me here, my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my hand. ⁹He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except yourself, because you are his wife. How then could I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" ¹⁰And although she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not consent to lie beside her or to be with her. ¹¹One day, however, when he went into the house to do his work, and while no one else was in the house, ¹²she caught hold of his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand, and fled and ran outside.

¹³When she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled outside, ¹⁴she called out to the members of her household and said to them, "See, my husband has brought among us a Hebrew to insult us! He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice; ¹⁵and when he heard me raise my voice and cry out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside." ¹⁶Then she kept his garment by her until his master came home, ¹⁷and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to insult me; ¹⁸but as soon as I raised my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me, and fled outside."

¹⁹When his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, saying, "This is the way your servant treated me," he became enraged. ²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined; he remained there in prison. ²¹But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him steadfast love; he gave him favor in the sight of the chief jailer. ²²The chief jailer committed to Joseph's care all the prisoners who were in the prison, and whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. ²³The chief jailer paid no heed to anything that was in Joseph's care, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

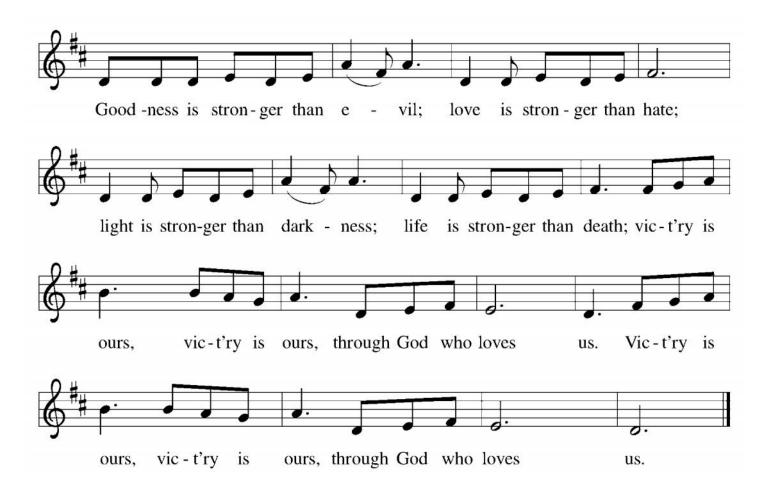
Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Sing twice.



APOSTLES' CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. 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 THE CHURCH

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

Because God first loved us, we are made to love one another.

For the sake of the life of the world, offer yourselves, your time, and your possessions as signs of love.

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

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OFFERTORY

Stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

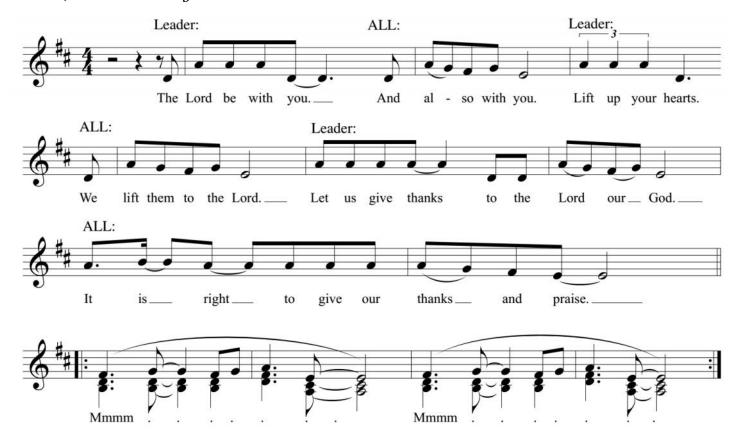
Together, we pray.

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Behold, I Make All Things New



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,

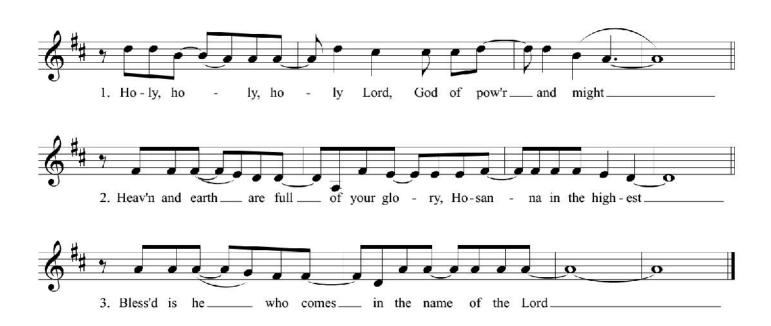
who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.



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

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

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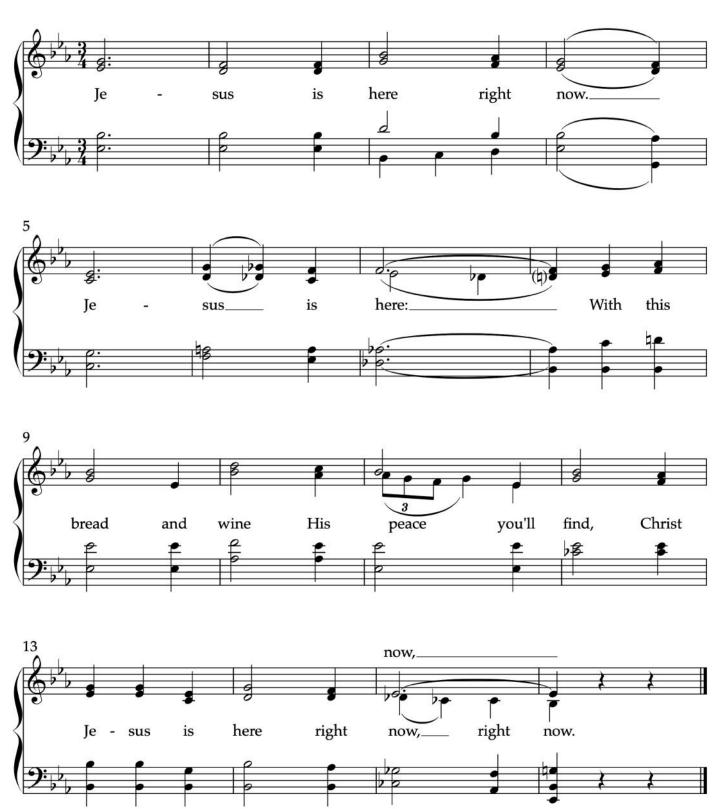
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Behold, I Make All Things New



COMMUNION HYMN • "JESUS IS HERE RIGHT NOW"

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COMMUNION HYMN • "GOD OF THE FERTILE FIELDS"

All Creation Sings



Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

O God of tender compassion,

as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound.

May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

8:15 a.m.

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

10:45 a.m.

"Blessing" • John Leavitt MVLC Sanctuary Choir

SENDING HYMN • "WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship



We are dancing... We are praying...

We are singing...

SENDING

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Keith and Marlene Wright in honor of their wedding anniversary and the 26th birthday of their son Connor.

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Both services

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    8:15 a.m. worship
    USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison, Terry Wolfe.
    GREETER: Jeanne Anderson.
    COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Genie Lennon, Gloria Ratcliffe.
    LECTOR: Fred Albert.
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10:45 a.m. worship

USHERS: Julie Kibler, Mark Kibler, Diksha Knierim, Erik Knierim (head usher).
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