



NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 113

FAITH as a WAY of LIFE

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27, 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.

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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.

GATHERING SONG • "STAY HERE AND KEEP WATCH"

Taizé

Congregation: refrain; cantor verses.

Ostinato Refrain

Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.

Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the lyrics 'Stay here and keep watch with me. The hour has come.' The second system contains the lyrics 'Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray.' The music is in a simple, repetitive style with a key signature of one flat and a common time signature. Dashed lines connect notes across measures, indicating a continuous melodic line.

My heart is nearly broken with sorrow.
Remain here, remain here
and stay awake with me. **Refrain.**

Father, if it is possible,
let this cup pass me by. **Refrain.**

Father, if this cannot pass me by
without drinking it,
then your will be done. **Refrain.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever.

Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new beginnings,

we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

**Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on + Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

Amen.

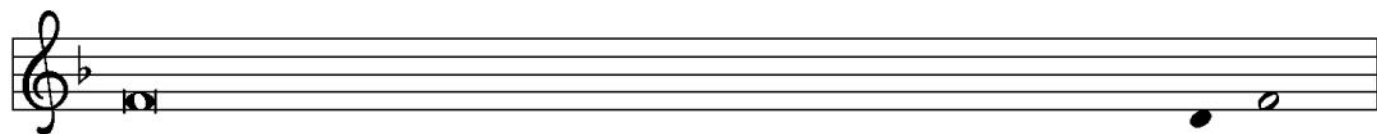
Stand.

KYRIE • "KYRIE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting Three



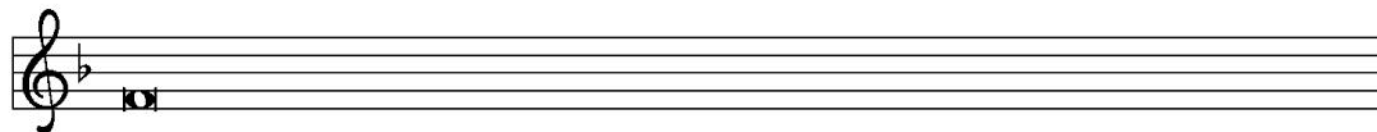
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



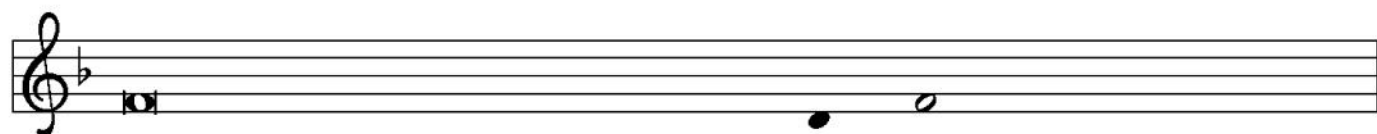
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



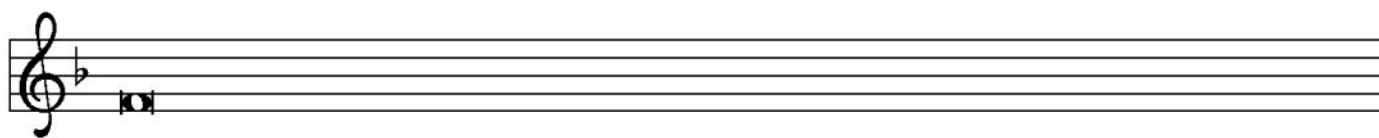
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



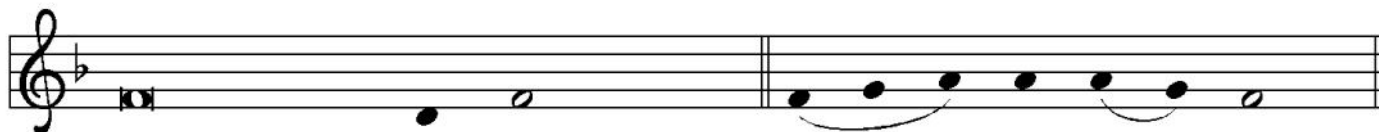
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

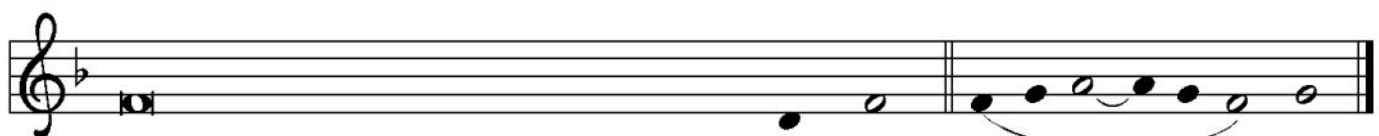


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

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.

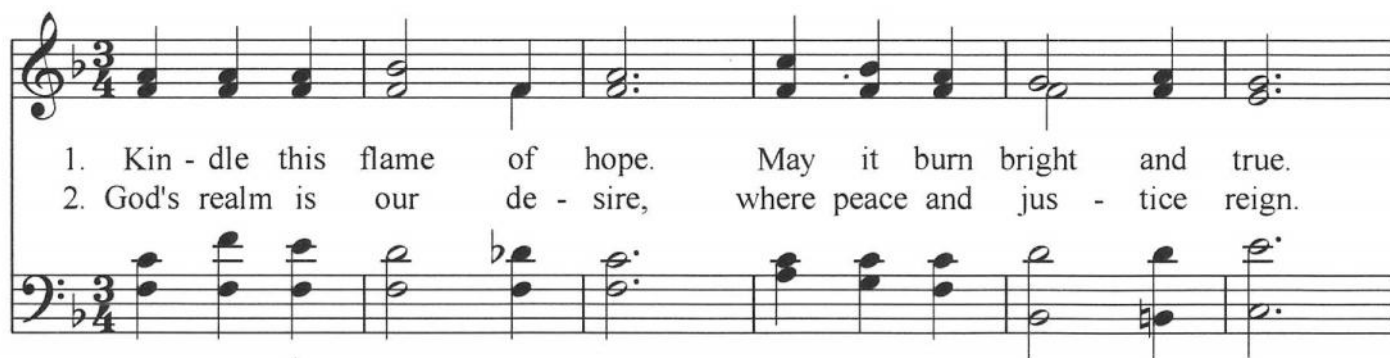
ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING • "ADVENT 1"

The United Methodist Church

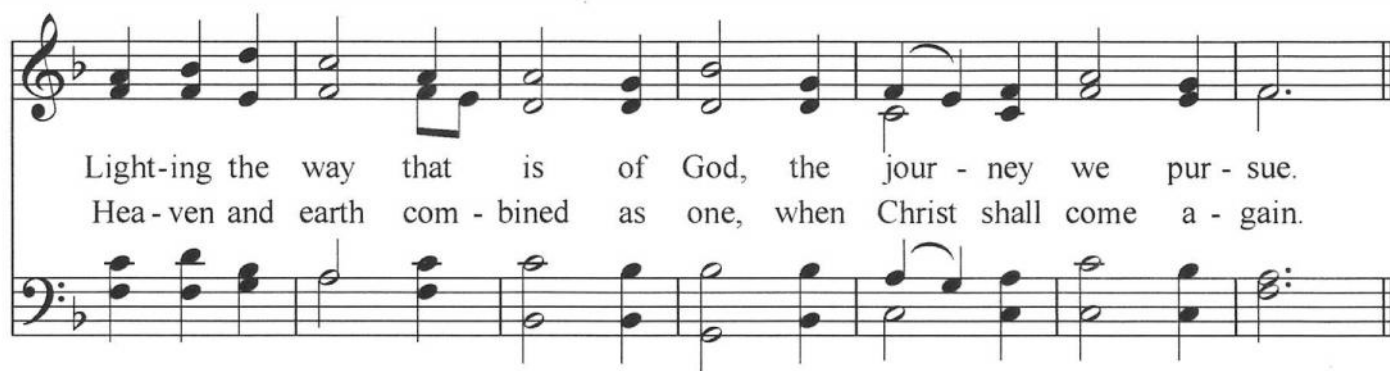
Congregation sings verse 1.

Candle lighters light Advent candle and read the prayer.

Congregation sings verse 2.



1. Kin - dle this flame of hope. May it burn bright and true.
2. God's realm is our de - sire, where peace and jus - tice reign.



Light-ing the way that is of God, the jour - ney we pur - sue.
Hea - ven and earth com - bined as one, when Christ shall come a - gain.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Faithful God,
over and over again,
you proved your faithfulness
to your people when they cried out
to you in distress.

Today we light a candle of hope,
trusting that you are present in our distress.

Show us how to be faithful to you
even in the midst of suffering.

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

Amen.

Sit.

READING

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk.

Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:3b-6, 17-19

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

⁵Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. ⁶For I am rousing the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own. ⁷Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

² I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

3 ³His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. ⁴The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden. ⁵Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind. ⁶He stopped and shook the earth; he looked and made the nations tremble. The eternal mountains were shattered; along his ancient pathways the everlasting hills sank low.

¹⁷Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM"

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Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla - vor of
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home - land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King-dom of peace; Bring forth the King-dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

CREED • “WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 411 / Martin Luther

Together, let us confess our faith.

**We all believe in one true God,
who created earth and heaven,
the Father, who to us in love
has the right of children given.
God in soul and body feeds us;
all we need God’s hand provides us;
through all snares and perils leads us,
watching that no harm betide us.
God cares for us day and night;
all things are governed by God’s might.**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s own Son, our Lord, possessing
an equal Godhead, throne, and might,
source of ev’ry grace and blessing;
born of Mary, virgin mother,
by the power of the Spirit,
Word made flesh, our elder brother;
that the lost might life inherit,
was put to death on the cross,
and raised by God victorious.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost
who, in highest heaven dwelling
with God the Father and the Son,
comforts us beyond all telling;
who the church, Spirit’s creation,
keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation
daily come through Jesus’ merit.
All flesh shall rise; we shall be
in bliss with God eternally. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence,
let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of our longing,
you know our deepest needs.

By your Spirit, gather our prayers
and join them with the prayers of all your children.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

When we voted for a spending guideline at Mountain View last week, it was an act of trust. We don't yet know how many pledge cards will be turned in. We can't know what offering will be for the remainder of the year. But we trust that God has provided enough. When the many households of this community all contribute, God provides enough through all of us to fulfill our mission and ministry commitments for the year. Today, our generosity will reveal God's generosity in our life and in the world.

You can mail an offering to:

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

You can give electronically:

ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

-) Visit www.mtviewlutheran.org.
-) Hover over the "GIVE" dropbox.
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-) 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.
-) NOTE: Online giving is a one-time gift unless you check "Make this Gift Recurring."

OFFERTORY

8:15 a.m.

“The King Shall Come”

MVLC Sanctuary Choir

Stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, we pray.

**Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.**

**Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.**

We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting Three

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has one measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

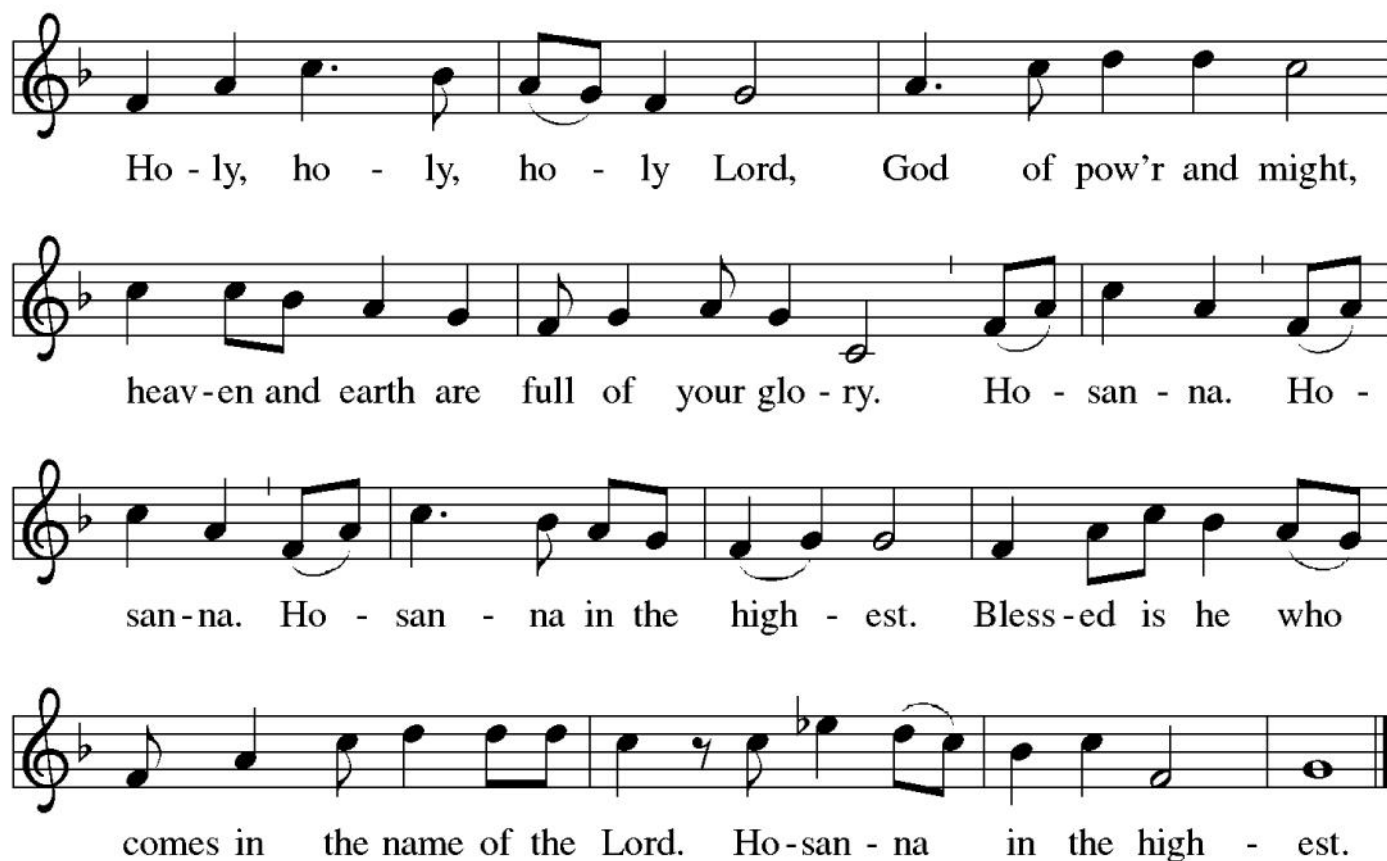
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people
with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes
to judge the world in righteousness.

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 • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting Three



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a comma, the second with a period, the third with a period, and the fourth with a double bar line.

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

Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

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.

If gluten-free wafers are required for health reasons, then please ask the pastor serving communion for a wafer.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting Three

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.

COMMUNION HYMN • "LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 490



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard on the way;
4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,



pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav' n - ly food.
comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

COMMUNION HYMN • "EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 492



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,

**in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.**

**As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.**

**Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and 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.

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

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
+bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Upcoming stories from the Bible:

DECEMBER 4

Esther • Esther 4:1-17

DECEMBER 11

Light to the Nations • Isaiah 42:1-9

DECEMBER 18

Jesus as Immanuel • Matthew 1:18-25

JANUARY 1

Genealogy of Jesus • Matthew 1:1-17

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- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Harris, Sandy Knierim, Karen Lonn, Helen Oren.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Joe Anderson, Skip Harrison (head usher), Michelle Schweikl.
- J ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS: Chloe Robertson, Julie Williams.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barb Edmonds, Genie Lennon.
- J LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
- J SOUND: Gene Quandt.

10:45 a.m.

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