



NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 115

# **LIGHT to the NATIONS**

Third Sunday of Advent

*Sunday, December 11, 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.*

# ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING • "KINDLE THE FLAME"

*The United Methodist Church*

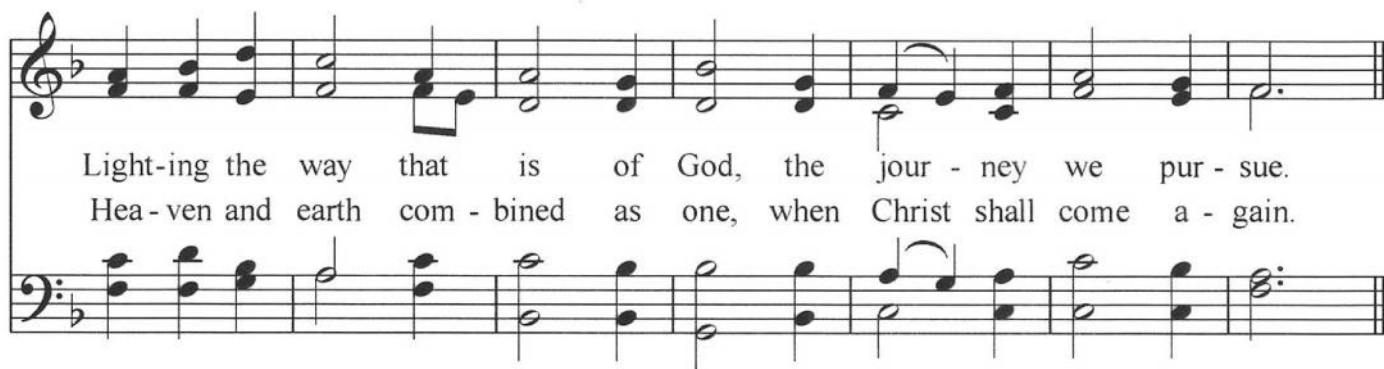
**Congregation sings verse 1.**

*Candle lighters light the third Advent candle and read the prayer.*

**Congregation sings verse 2.**



1. Kin - dle this flame of joy. 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.

God of light, you sent a savior into the world to bring justice and release to all who are in bondage. As we light this candle, shine your light upon us and show us how to bring justice and peace to all who suffer.

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

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

# **Rhapsody in Bluegrass**

## A Christmas Jubilee

*By Joseph M. Martin, with orchestrations by Wes Ramsay.*

**“Hear the Wondrous Story”**

**“The King Shall Come”**

*solo, Debbie Hushagen*

**“Star of Promise, Light of Glory”**

**“Mary Went A-Riding”**

*solo, Ellen Leapaldt*

**“O Little Town”**

*solo, Paul Watson*

**“Here Comes the Light”**

**“A Christmas Answer”**

*alto solo, Debbie Hushagen; soprano solo, Ellen Leapaldt*

**“A Little Light Was Born”**

*solo, Brenna Sage*

*Narrator*

Ken Swanson.

**CHOIR**

*Soprano*

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

*Alto*

Jeanne Anderson, Carianne Kehm-Goins, Carol Petersen.

*Tenor*

Eric Bostrom, Ken Edmonds, Ken Swanson, Paul Watson.

*Bass*

Kevin Dahl, Glenn Petersen.

**BAND**

*Piano/conductor*

Brenna Sage.

*Guitar*

Jim Hushagen.

*Mandolin*

Eli Lockhart.

*Fiddle*

Kyra Kehm-Goins.

*Bass*

Morgan Hushagen.

*Drums/percussion*

Don Neptun.

## 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

During the wedding at Cana, Jesus turned six stone jars filled with water into wine, showing us that God's goodness has no end. We are invited to anticipate God's gifts, the best of which are yet to come.

As a congregation, let us join together in anticipating the goodness God will bring forth from the gifts we offer up today. Knowing what can be accomplished through simple water, we give joyfully of our money, our time, and our selves.

## OFFERTORY

*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 flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' followed by 'And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' followed by 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third and fourth staves each have one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' respectively. The melody is simple and uses 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.

## 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 • "SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 396

*Refrain*



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*



"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 263*



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child—from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5

Now your manger, shining bright,  
hallows night with newborn light.  
Night cannot this light subdue;  
let our faith shine ever new.

6

Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity  
praise we sing eternally!

*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 • "CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



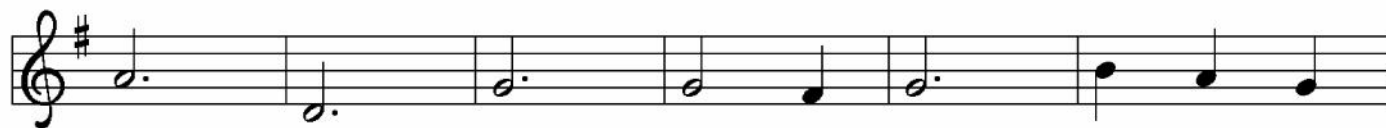
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is near.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Upcoming stories from the Bible:*

DECEMBER 18

*Jesus as Immanuel • Matthew 1:18-25*

DECEMBER 24

*Birth of Jesus • Luke 2:1-20*

JANUARY 1

*Genealogy of Jesus • Matthew 1:1-17*

JANUARY 8

*Jesus' Baptism: Matthew • Matthew 3:1-17*



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*Both services*

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- J ALTAR GUILD: Flora Larson, Diane Nelson, Marie Philipsen, Karen Slavens.

*8:15 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Joe Anderson, Chris Ray.
- J GREETER: Betsy Tunstall.
- J ACOLYTE: Ezra Holden.
- J ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS: Paul and Jean Hoseth.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Eileen Newton, Carol Powers.
- J SOUND: Gene Quandt.

*10:45 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson.
- J GREETER: Barb Edmonds, Ken Edmonds.
- J ACOLYTE: Parker Thornton.
- J ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS: John, Sam, Lucille, and John Tvetter.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Diane Nelson, Tore Sleveland.
- J SOUND: Jon Thornton.

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*Help the MVLC Altar Guild beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas.*

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

We welcome the light of the Christ child.

Filled with the light that shines in our lives,  
we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

**Christmas Eve Worship** • Saturday, December 24, 2022  
7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Christmas Day** • Sunday, December 25, 2022  
NO worship services

**First Sunday of Christmas Worship** • January 1, 2022  
9:30 a.m. (only one worship service)