



NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 116

JESUS as IMMANUEL

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18, 2022 • 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Baptism of Dutcher Russell Adams,
son of Gordon and Corie Adams.
Terry Jensen and Heidi Anderson, sponsors.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

PRESENTATION

Terry and Heidi

We present Dutcher Russell Adams for baptism.

Dutcher, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Dutcher

I do.

Gordon and Corie, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Dutcher baptized into Christ?

Gordon and Corie

We do.

As you bring Dutcher to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people; bring him to the word of God and the holy supper; teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in his hands the holy scriptures; and nurture him in faith and prayer; so that Dutcher may learn to trust God; proclaim Christ through word and deed; care for others and the world God made; and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Dutcher grow in the Christian faith and life?

Gordon and Corie

We do.

Terry and Heidi, do you promise to nurture Dutcher in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Terry and Heidi

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Dutcher and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you, as a baptismal party, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Baptismal party

We renounce them.

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Dutcher Russell Adams,
I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Congregation sings twice:



Up from the wa - ters God has claimed you, up___ from the wa - ters, child of light.



Praise to the One who called and named you up___ from the wa - ters in - to life.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Dutcher with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Dutcher Russell Adams, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

Let us welcome Dutcher:

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The congregation returns to their seats while singing "All Earth Is Hopeful."

GATHERING SONG • "ALL EARTH IS HOPEFUL"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 266



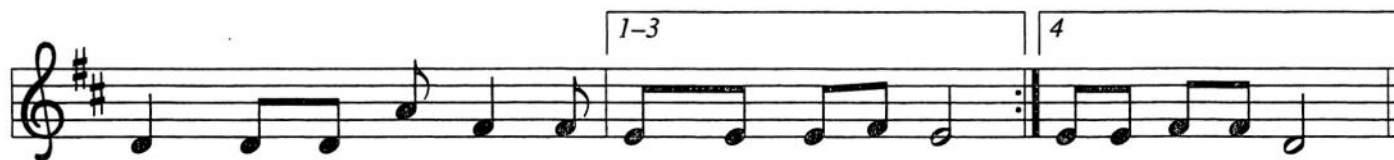
1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



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 -
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world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



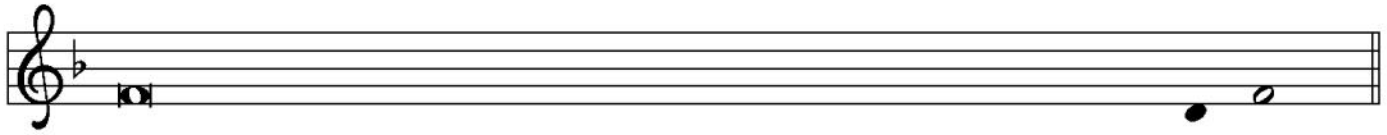
God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

KYRIE • "KYRIE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting Three



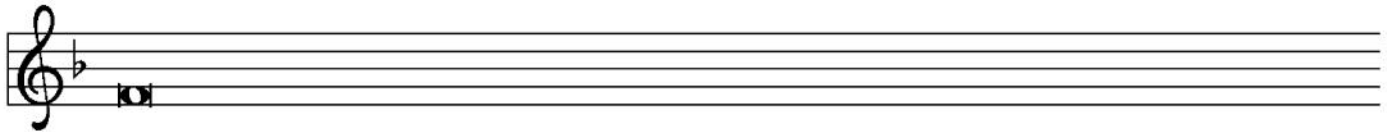
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



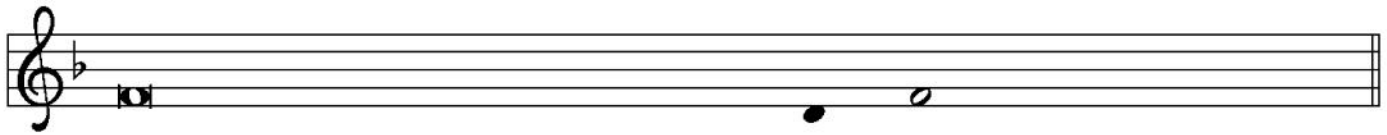
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



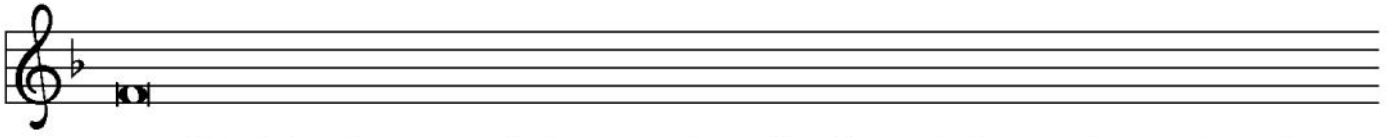
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.

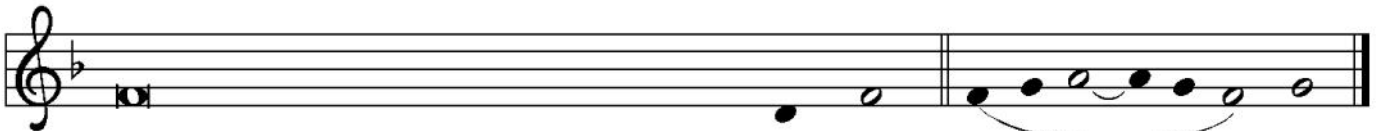


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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 • "KINDLE THIS FLAME"

The United Methodist Church

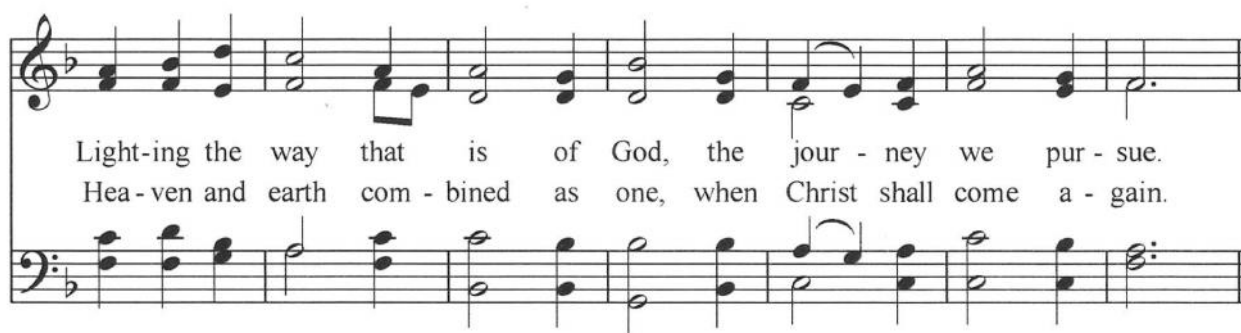
Congregation sings verse 1.

Candle lighters light the second Advent candle and read the prayer.

Congregation sings verse 2.



1. Kin - dle this flame of love. 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 promise, you made a commitment to Joseph that you would make Jesus a savior to all. Renew your commitment with us, so that all may know the saving grace of your son, Jesus.

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

Amen.

Sit.

READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 1:1-25

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.


CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

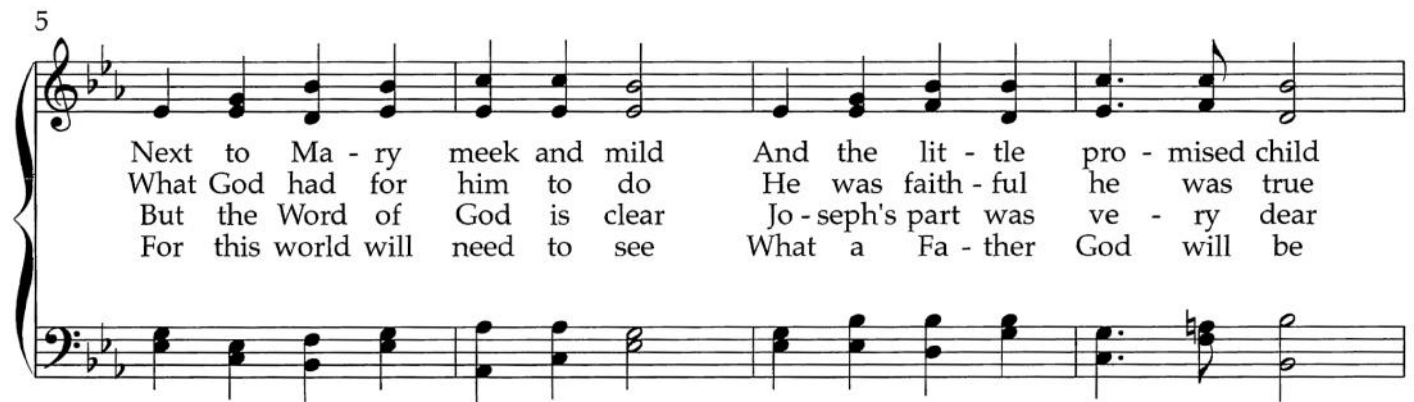
HYMN OF THE DAY • "O HOW TENDER WAS THE MAN"

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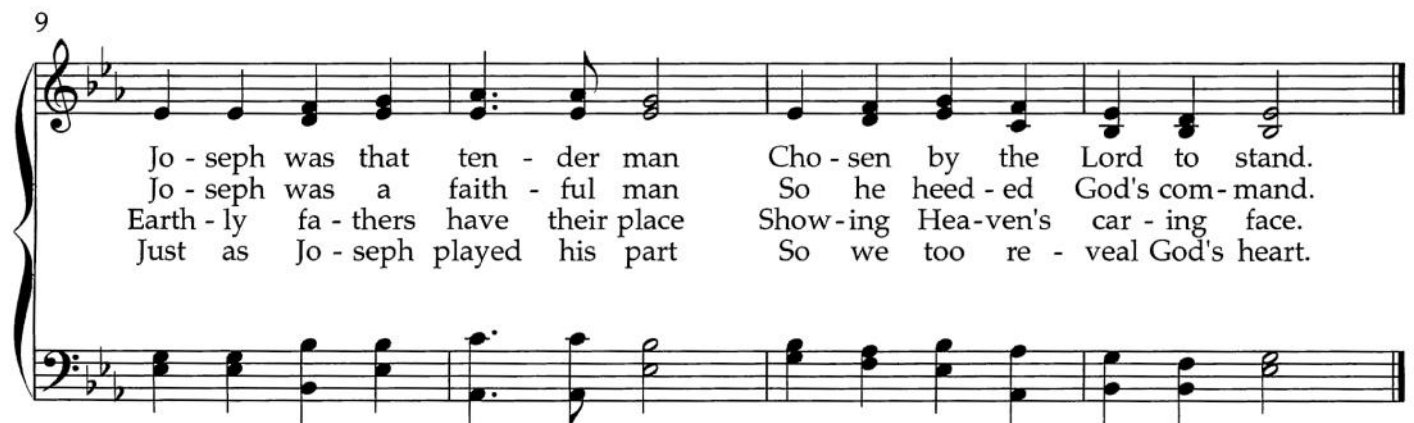
1. O how ten - der was the man Cho - sen by the Lord to stand
2. Jo - seph came to un - der - stand By an an - gel's sure com - mand
3. Jo - seph so we oft may think From the scene must al - ways shrink
4. Let us all like Jo - seph be Serv - ing God so faith - ful - ly

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Next to Ma - ry meek and mild And the lit - tle pro - mised child
What God had for him to do He was faith - ful he was true
But the Word of God is clear Jo - seph's part was ve - ry dear
For this world will need to see What a Fa - ther God will be

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Jo - seph was that ten - der man Cho - sen by the Lord to stand.
Jo - seph was a faith - ful man So he heed - ed God's com - mand.
Earth - ly fa - thers have their place Show - ing Hea - ven's car - ing face.
Just as Jo - seph played his part So we too re - veal God's heart.

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

A wise seminary professor once said, “The best cure for self-centeredness is to worship.” When we worship God, we place God into the center of our life and experience our life as being held in the orbit and the gravity of God’s love and grace. When we worship God, we also remove our self from being at the center of everything. This is why worship involves some element of sacrifice. Giving an offering to God is an act of worship because we give something that is central in our life like money, and we invite God to become center stage in our life. So let us now give of our tithes and offerings as an act of God-centered worship.

OFFERTORY

*“An Antiphonal Christmas” • David Haywood
flute duet, Ellen Leapaldt and Eli Lockhart.*

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 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.

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 • "WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST"

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1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

COMMUNION HYMN • "STAR-CHILD"

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D A Bm F#m

1 Star - Child, earth - Child, go - be - tween of God,
 2 Street child, beat child, no place left to go,
 3 Grown child, old child, mem - 'ry full of years,
 4 Spared child, spoiled child, hav - ing, want - ing more,
 5 Hope - for - peace Child, God's stu - pen - dous sign,

Em D G A

love Child, Christ Child, heav - en's light - ning rod:
 hurt child, used child, no one wants to know:
 sad child, lost child, sto - ry told in tears:
 wise child, faith child, know - ing joy in store:
 down - to - earth Child, Star of stars that shine:

Refrain

D A Bm A D

this year, this year let the day ar - rive when

G D G Asus4 A D

Christ - mas comes for ev - ery - one, ev - ery - one a - live!

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 • "JOY TO THE WORLD"

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Upcoming stories from the Bible:

DECEMBER 24

Birth of Jesus • Luke 2:1-20

JANUARY 1

Magi Visit • Matthew 2:1-23

JANUARY 8

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

JANUARY 15

Tempted in the Wilderness • Matthew 4:1-17

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Help the MVLC Altar Guild beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas.

Please fill out this form, attach/include \$10 per plant, and return it to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate.

Your name: _____

Number of poinsettias: _____

Given in memory of *or* in honor of: _____

Donation amount: _____

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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, 2023
9:30 a.m. (only one worship service)