

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 117

BIRTH of JESUS * Christmas Sve.

Saturday, December 24, 2022 • 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.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.

During the 7:00 p.m. worship service, 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, the Word made flesh, our life and salvation.

Amen.

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life,

you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace.

We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security.

We nurture conflict and build barriers.

We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation.

Have mercy on us.

Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.

Where we are reluctant, give us courage.

Where we are cynical, restore our trust.

Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In + Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

Amen.

Stand.

KYRIE • "KYRIE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting Three

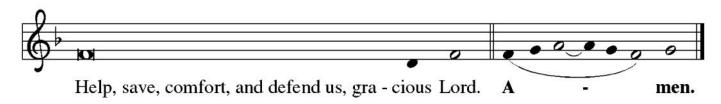


have mer - cy.



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





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 • "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 270



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Loving God,

you sent your only Son, Jesus, into the world, so that all might know of your love.

Remind us daily that we are your precious children, too.

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

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting Three



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READING

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11 to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

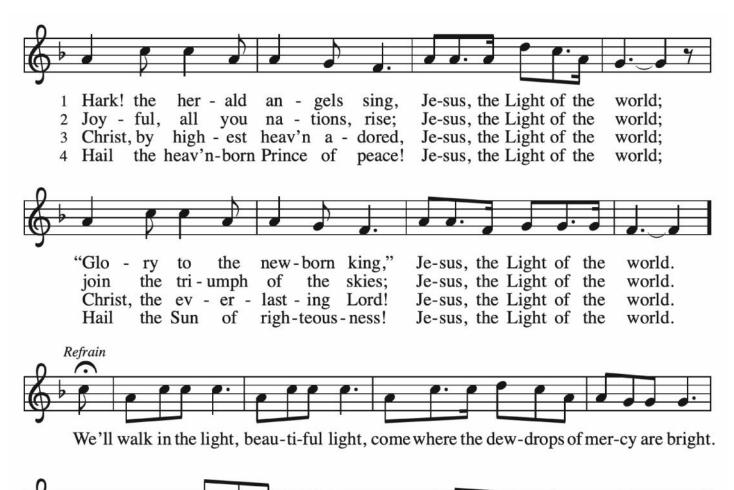
CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

All Creation Sings 914





Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

The Gospel of Matthew shares the story of Magi from the East traveling a great distance in order to present gifts fit for a king to the baby Jesus. On this Christmas night, let us join with the Magi in worshipping the newborn king with our own gifts of treasure, tithes, and offerings. May the gifts we give now build up and grow God's mission of love, grace, and mercy for all people through Jesus Christ, our Heavenly King, the babe, the son of Mary, whom shepherds guard and angels sing.

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- *y* Visit www.mtviewlutheran.org.
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- Fill out all information on the page and then click the blue "GIVE" button.
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OFFERTORY

7:00 p.m. MVLC Bandestra 10:00 p.m. MVLC Sanctuary Choir

Stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, we pray.

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered.

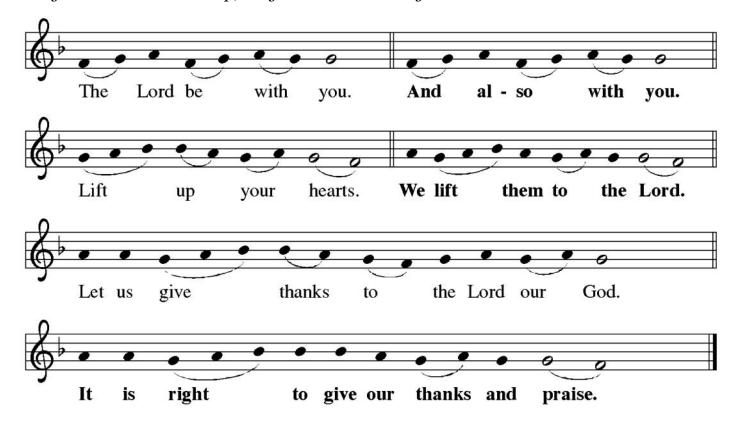
Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration.

Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting Three



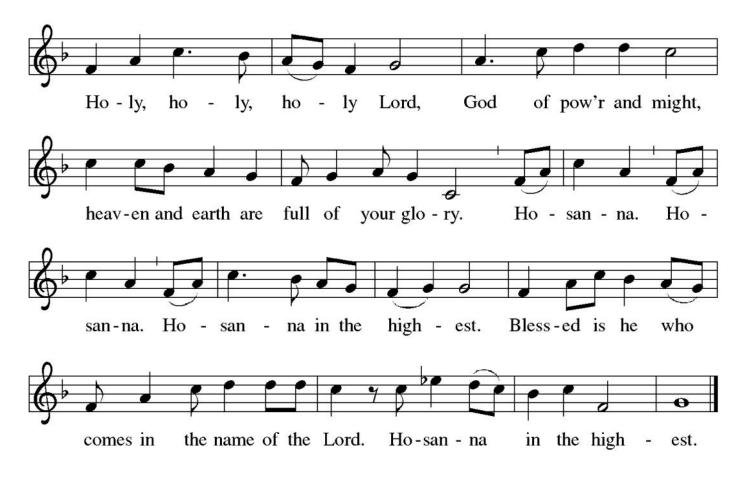
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

Sit.

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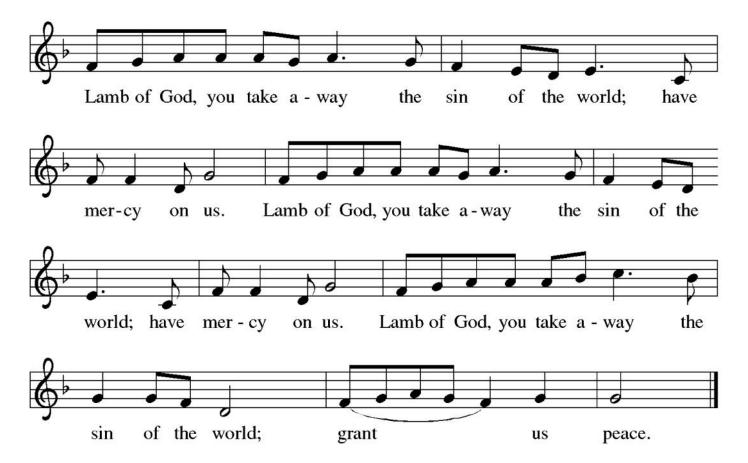
All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

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

After you receive communion, please pick up a candle from the center aisle as you return to your seat.

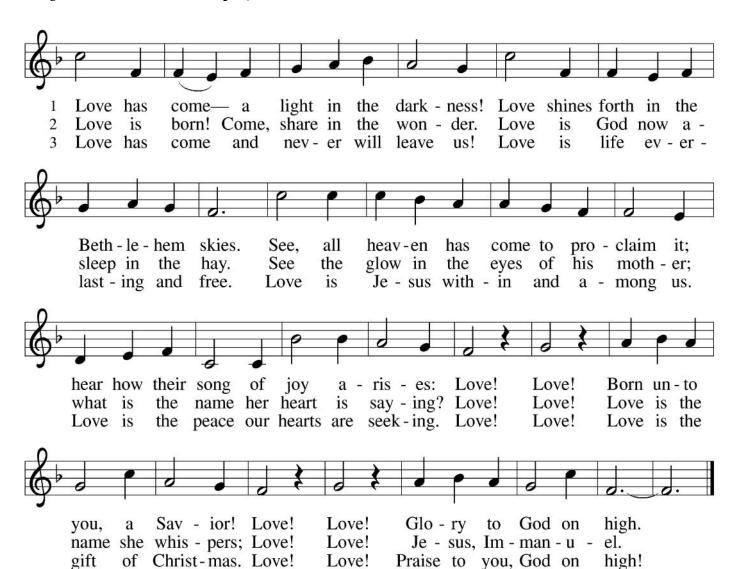
LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting Three



COMMUNION HYMN • "LOVE HAS COME"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 292



COMMUNION HYMN • "AWAY IN A MANGER"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 277



- 1 A way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit tle Lord
- 2 The cat tle are low-ing; the ba by a wakes, but lit tle Lord
- Be near me, Lord Je sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



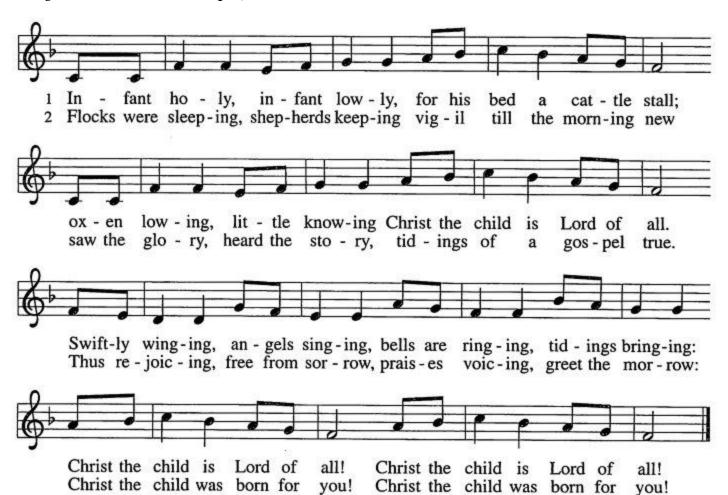
Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay. down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh. your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

COMMUNION HYMN • "INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 276



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our redeemer,

you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life.

As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace.

Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CANDLELIGHT HYMN • "SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT!"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 281

Everyone is asked to make the sign of the cross with their candles, during each verse, following the lead of the pastor, as a remembrance of our baptisms.



BLESSING

God bless you and keep you, + Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

Christ the Savior is born! God in peace. Proclaim this good news.

Thanks be to God.

Extinguish candles.

Please continue to hold onto your candle once it is extinguished, in order that wax doesn't get onto the chairs or floor.

Place your candle in the provided boxes when you exit the worship space at the conclusion of the service.

POSTLUDE

Upcoming stories from the Bible:

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

JANUARY 22 • Beatitudes • Matthew 5:1-20

POINSETTIAS

The poinsettias on the altar and in the Sanctuary worship space are given to the glory of God by

- Gordon, Corie, and Dutcher Adams in memory of Linda Robertson.
- Ann Marie Bachner in memory of John Bachner.
- Jeanne Anderson in honor of Mountain View wonderful pastors and congregation.
- Carolee and Chris Berntsen in memory of Dave Berntsen.
- Kristi Ceder in honor of Eleanor, Margaret, Beatrice, Juliet, and Marin.
- Pat Clement in memory of Helen C. Miller, S.N.D., and Ben, Helen, and Mike McFeeley.
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- Connie McCrossin in memory of her grandparents.
- Glenn and Carol Petersen in memory of their son Hans Petersen and their parents Raymond and Luella Rowberg and Ken and Clair Petersen.
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- GREETER: Pat Clement.
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- LECTOR: Chris Schaefer.
- SOUND: Megan Hutton.

10:00 p.m.

- ASSISTING MINISTER: Ken Edmonds.
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WEDNESDAY EVENING MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

How often do you experience *meaningful conversation* in the span of a week? Social researchers who study this are finding that we are experiencing less meaningful conversation today and this is reflected in the church.

What is meaningful conversation? It's conversation between two or more people that goes beyond small talk about weather, sports, our kids, and home improvement projects. Meaningful conversation is big talk about experiences and stories that touch our heart, stir our faith, and open our eyes. As Christians we have so many meaningful experiences and stories of faith to share with each other in conversation, but the reality is, we rarely make space and time for these meaningful conversations.

On **Wednesday evenings**, during the months of January and February 2023, we will gather for **dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Life Together Hall**. At **6:30 p.m. we are making space and time for meaningful conversation**. This will be a safe space, and no one will be forced to share anything they don't want to share, but this will also be a courageous space to practice the art of storytelling and meaningful conversation. We will talk about our faith, our hopes and dreams, our questions and doubts. These experiences will be guided by Pastor Eric and Pastor Bri based on a book they are reading, *How the Body of Christ Talks* by C. Christopher Smith.

- January 11 Pastor Eric and Pastor Bri teach about recovering the practice of conversation in the church.
- *January 18* Guided intergenerational-group story sharing.
- *January 25* Guided conversation in women and men's groups.
- *February 1* Guided one-on-one conversations.
- *February 8* New Mountain View mission statement using World Café method.
- February 15 MVLC property along 35th using Open Space Technology method.

We hope you join us for these Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Also, come for the community meal at 5:30 p.m. The more the merrier!

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