

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 121

BAPTISM of JESUS

Sunday, January 08, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sin.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Stand.

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.

KYRIE • "KYRIE"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



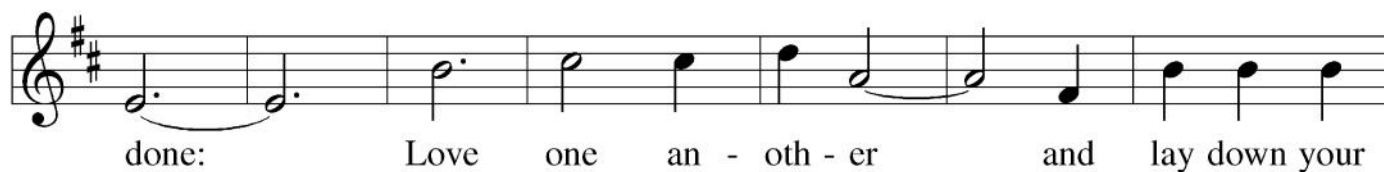
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HYMN OF PRAISE • "LIVE IN MY LOVE"

Bread of Life 7

Sing twice.

Refrain



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Righteous God,
you sent your son Jesus to be baptized
by John in the Jordan,
so that all might hear the proclamation of your love.

Make us voices of proclamation,
so that all might know of your love
through our words and actions.

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

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 3:1-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "BAPTIZED IN WATER"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 456



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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

Called together to follow Jesus,
we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God,
trusting your wisdom and power
revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

We set before God the gifts that God has already given us to sustain our lives and to share with others.

You can mail an offering to:

Mountain View Lutheran Church
3505 - 122nd Ave E
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ONLINE via the MVLC WEBSITE

- Visit www.mtviewlutheran.org.
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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

Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "THE PROMISE"

Don Neptun

Side 1 is the band side. Side 2 is the pulpit side.

Side 1

For the pro mise is for you and your

Side 2

Piano Intro

For the pro mise is for me

chil- dren, And the pro-mise is for me and my

and my chil- dren, and the pro-mise is for you

Both sides

chil dren, and all God's peo- ple. We de

and your chil dren, and all God's peo- ple.

(Both sides)

vote our lives_ to the word of the Lord in the fel- low ship of the bo- dy of Christ. We

Side 1

take of the bread, and we drink of the wine, and we lift one a- no - ther in prayer. For the

(Side 1)

pro-mise is for you and your children, and the

(Side 2)

For the pro-mise is for me and my children,

pro-mise is for me and my chil - dren,

and the pro-mise is for you *rit.* and your

and all God's peo - ple.

chil - dren, and all God's peo - ple.

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, we pray.

**Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

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

By the leading of a star
he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,
and in the miracle
of water turned to wine
he revealed your glory.

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"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life

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

Come and taste the joy of God!

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"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life

■ 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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 479



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 • "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,

**we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.**

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 Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth
to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and
homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers,
that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may
know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor’s rod
+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "DOWN BY THE JORDAN"

Carolyn Winfrey-Gillette



1. Down by the Jor - dan, a pro - phet named John was bap - tiz - ing,
 2. There by the riv - er, the crowd came with great ex - pec - ta - tion:
 3. Je - sus you went to be bap - tized a - long with the oth - ers,
 4. Here in the Church, we are bap - tized and filled with God's Spi - rit.



Preach - ing a mes - sage the peo - ple found bold and sur - pris - ing:
 "Are you God's Cho - sen One, sent here to res - cue our na - tion?"
 Tak - ing your place a - mong sin - ners, God's lost sons and daugh - ters.
 Freed and for - giv - en, we're wel - comed with joy! Can you hear it!



"God will for - give! Show that you'll change how you live!
 "No!" John re - plied. "He who is might - ier than I
 Then with great love, God's Spir - it came as a dove!
 This is God's sign! This is how God says, "You're mine!"



Sure - ly God's new day is ris - ing!"
 Jud - ges and of - fers sal - va - tion!"
 Your work be - gan in those wa - ters.
 Let's take the good news and share it!

SENDING

God in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today
are given to the glory of God
by Keith and Marlene Wright.*

Upcoming stories from the Bible:

JANUARY 15 • *Tempted in the Wilderness* • Matthew 4:1-17

JANUARY 22 • *Beatitudes* • Matthew 5:1-20

JANUARY 29 • *Treasure in Heaven* • Matthew 6:7-21, 25-34

FEBRUARY 5 • *The Golden Rule* • Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

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- J **ALTAR GUILD:** Diane Nelson, Dotty Shireman, Sandi Swanson.

8:15 a.m.

- J **USHER:** Joe Anderson, Michelle Schweikl, Ken Swanson (head usher).
- J **GREETER:** George Rowe.
- J **LECTOR:** Pat Clement.
- J **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Lori Neptun, Anne Roff.
- J **SOUND:** Tore Sleveland.

10:45 a.m.

- J **USHER:** Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson, Bob Yost (head usher).
- J **GREETER:** Barb Edmonds.
- J **LECTOR:** Amy Lewis.
- J **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Kristi Ceder, Terry Jensen.
- J **SOUND:** Beth Ann Johnson.

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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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