



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 131

FORGIVENESS

Sunday, February 26, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;
we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,
+ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

Stand.

KYRIE • "O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US"

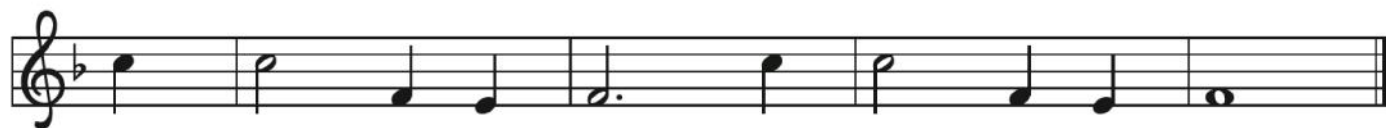
All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting Eleven



O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

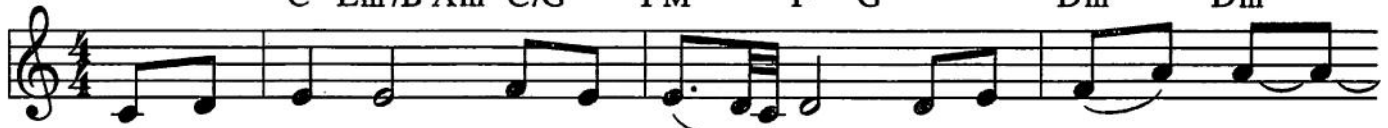
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE • "HOLY, HOLY"

Worship & Praise 60

Sing verses one through four, then sing verse one again.

C Em⁷/B Am⁷ C/G FM⁷ F⁶ G⁷ Dm Dm⁷




1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 2 Gracious Fa - ther, gra-cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your
 3 Pre-cious Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -

G⁷ C C⁷ F F/E Dm⁷ B⁷/D#



Lord God Al - might - y; and we lift our hearts be-fore you as a
 chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be-fore you as a
 deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be-fore you as a
 new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be-fore you as a

Em Em⁷ Am Dm G⁷ F/C C



to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.
 to - ken of our love, gra-cious Fa - ther, gra-cious Fa - ther.
 to - ken of our love, pre-cious Je - sus, pre-cious Je - sus.
 to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Forgiving God,
as you encouraged your people to forgive, you modeled forgiveness by releasing us from our bondage to sin. Help us to forgive others, so that we might live in harmony with all your children. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit.

PSALM 32 • "I TURN TO YOU, LORD"

Lyric Psalter B

*Cantor sings refrain; **then all repeat.***

*Cantor sings verses; **congregation sings refrain.***

I turn to you, Lord, in
time of trou-ble, and you fill me with the
joy of sal - va - tion.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
Blessed the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **Refrain.**

To you I have acknowledged my sin;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord."
And you have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **Refrain.**

Rejoice in the Lord; exult you just!
Rejoice in the Lord!
Ring out your joy, all you upright of heart!
Ring out your joy! **Refrain.**

Stand.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting Eleven



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word,



we will trust your word.

READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 18:15-35

¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?"

²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

²³For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "LEAD ME, GUIDE ME"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 768

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r



2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,



3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.



be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.



I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.



I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.



Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift our prayers to you, O God,
trusting in your steadfast love
and your promise to renew your whole creation;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.

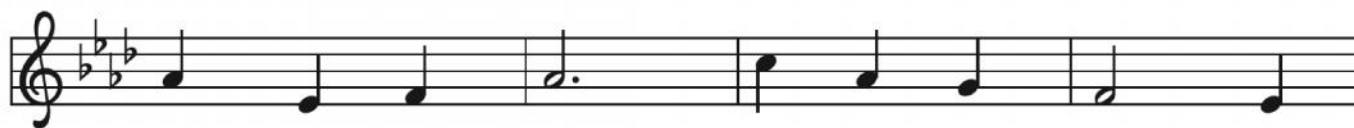
OFFERTORY

“Come Sunday”
Amy Fuller

Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"

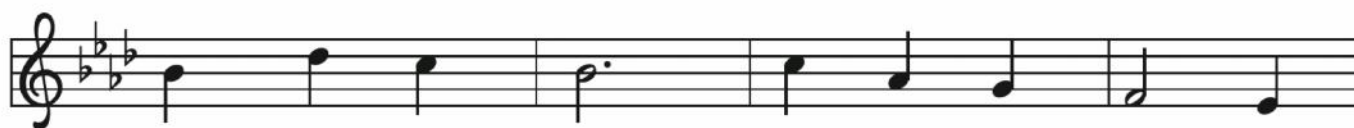
All Creation Sings 1000



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

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, 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 call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that renewed with the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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"

All Creation Sings 1089



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,



your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.



. . . Bless - ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

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 receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

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.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting Eleven

O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

sin of the world; . . . have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

[illegible]

O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

sin of the world; . . . have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

sin of the world; . . . have . . . mer - cy up -

on us, have . . . mercy up - on us.

Grant us your peace. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN • "I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME"

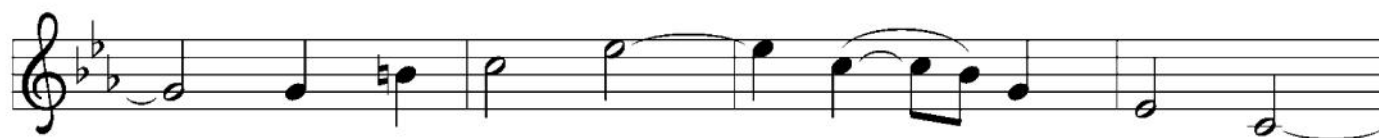
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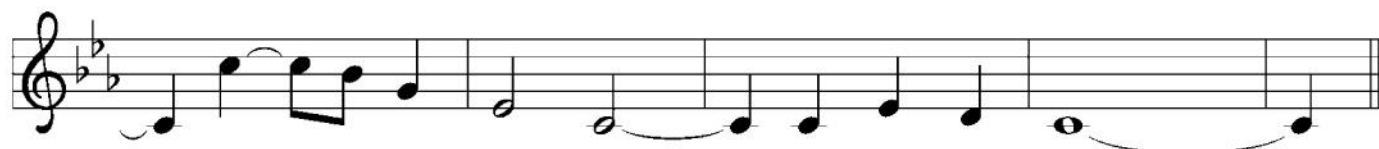
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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

Embodied God,

at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.

**With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.**

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.

Eternal God,

**whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, 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 and strengthen those to whom we bring this
communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all
feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

God, the giver of love,
+ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Upcoming stories from the Bible:

MARCH 5 • *Laborers in the Vineyard* • Matthew 20:1-16

MARCH 12 • *Wedding Banquet* • Matthew 22:1-14

MARCH 19 • *Bridesmaids [or Talents]* • Matthew 25:1-13 [14-25]

MARCH 26 • *Last Judgment* • Matthew 25:31-46

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Adult Education next week (Sunday 3/5) is Lutheran outdoor ministries, specifically, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and Holden Village.

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Both services

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- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
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8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Joe Anderson, Michelle Schweikl.
- J GREETER: Karen Slavens.
- J LECTOR: Diane Tyler.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Chris Ray, Anne Roff.
- J SOUND: Tore Sleveland.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: John Dahle, Erik Knierim (head usher), Keith Wright.
- J GREETER: Barb Edmonds.
- J ACOLYTE: Parker Thornton.
- J LECTOR: Bob Linden.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mary Beth Dahl, Terry Jensen.
- J SOUND: Jon Thornton.

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