

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 213

PROMISE of the MESSIAH

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3, 2023 • 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.

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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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross +, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who opens the heavens
and draws near to us with salvation.

Amen.

God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance.
Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Everlasting God,

you love justice and you hate wrongdoing.

**We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness
that make us reluctant to work against oppression.**

We are complicit in systems of exploitation.

We choose comfort over courage.

We are careless with creation's bounty.

Look upon us with mercy.

Turn our hearts again to you.

**Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways
for the sake of our waiting world.**

Amen.

Hear these words of assurance:

God clothes you with garments of salvation
and covers you with robes of righteousness.

In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ,
your sins are forgiven.

God's covenant is eternal,
and God's blessing rests upon us all.

Amen.

KYRIE • "KYRIE"

Behold, I Make All Things New

Cantor sings verses; congregation sings refrain.

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

REFRAIN: ALL

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer -
- cy up - on us.
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ, have mer -
- cy up - on us.

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

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. **Refrain.**

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **To Amen.**

ALL:

A - men, 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE • "COME AND FILL"

Songs and Prayers from Taizé 28

Ostinato Refrain



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.



Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING • "O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Re-joice! Re-joice!



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

① *leader 1* ② *leader 2* ㉟ *congregation*

① At every beginning, there is a yearning for the one who is coming.
O Emmanuel,

㉟ **wake us up to your coming.**

② We gather together to expect the unexpected
and imagine the unimaginable. O Emmanuel,

㉟ **wake us up to your coming.**

① We wait for the day when God will recycle tanks into tractors
and transform minefields into soccer fields. O Emmanuel,

㉟ **wake us up to your coming.**

② We stay awake by telling stories that offer a glimmer of a future
and agitate dormant hope within us. O Emmanuel,

㉟ **wake us up to your coming.**

① Jesus, we welcome your presence now with the lighting of this candle,
whose flame brings warmth to winter
and fills this place with the glow of hope. O Emmanuel,

㉟ **Amen.**

Light the first candle.

The congregation sings verse 3 of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

**O come, O come, O Lord of might,
as to your tribes on Sinai’s height
in ancient times you gave the law
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the promised Messiah,
as we wait for the fulfillment
of your promise,
we watch, we listen,
and we open our hearts for your Word.

Show us signs of your presence:
a light in the darkness,
a voice in the silence,
and a stirring deep within us.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Behold, I Make All Things New

Leader:



Al-le-lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life. —

5 ALL:



Al-le - lu - ia! — Al-le - lu - ia! — Al-le - lu - ia —

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Al-le - lu - ia! — Al-le - lu - ia! — Al-le - lu - ia —

READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 33:10-11, 14-18

¹⁰Thus says the Lord: In this place of which you say, “It is a waste without human beings or animals,” in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without inhabitants, human or animal, there shall once more be heard ¹¹the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank offerings to the house of the Lord: “Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!” For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first, says the Lord.

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

¹⁷For thus says the LORD: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, ¹⁸and the levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to make grain offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "WE SING TO YOU, O GOD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 791



1 We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us
2 We wan - dered far from home out in a des - ert
3 You bear us through the world, an ea - gle to its
4 O God, e - ter - nal God, we hide with - in your



birth, let our re - joic - ing sing your name in
land, you shield - ed with your love our fear - ful
young; you rise up on your wings and bear us
wings, the ev - er - last - ing arms to whom our



all the earth. To you, O God, let
pil - grim band. You kept us safe with -
toward the sun. We ride the vaults of
prais - es ring. Your word is true, your



songs be raised, in joy - ful hymns, our feast of praise.
in your arms and shel - tered us a - gainst the storm.
light and air and trust in your un - fail - ing care.
way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.

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 hope and expectation,
we offer our prayers for the church, the world,
and all who await God's day of restoration.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Listen to these and all our prayers,
O God of hosts,
and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

During this season of Advent,
our most important preparations will happen here in our hearts
when we make a way for God to come into our lives,
when we "prepare the way of the Lord."

In the midst of preparations, we bring gifts to share
so that God's love will shine brightly through the ministry
of this church and in our own lives as well.

*You can participate in the Offering electronically
by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.*



OFFERTORY

*“An Advent Carol”
MVLC Sanctuary Choir*

Stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider,
by your merciful hand
abundance springs up from the earth.
Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty.

Let them be a sign of your steadfast love
and faithfulness for all people,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Behold, I Make All Things New

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Leader, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. — And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts." The second staff is for ALL, with lyrics: "We lift them to the Lord. — Let us give thanks to the Lord our — God. —". The third staff is also for ALL, with lyrics: "It is — right — to give our thanks — and praise. —". The fourth staff is a piano accompaniment consisting of chords and melodic lines, with "Mmmm" written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, slurs, and a triplet in the first staff.

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 God,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ,

who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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"

Behold, I Make All Things New

Sing each line once.



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might



2. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san - na in the high - est



3. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord

To conclude, we will sing all three lines at the same time; doing such twice.

You choose which line (1, 2, or 3) you want to sing each time.

(So you will sing line 1, line 2, line 3, line 1/2/3, line 1/2/3.)

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

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.
Come, take your place at the table.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice an open communion table, which means that everyone is welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (You don't have to be a member of MVLC.)

If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who are loved by God,
whether you feel loved or not.

It is for those who desire to grow in love with God.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

Come, you who have tried to follow
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

Come, not because the Church invites you;
it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed and loved here.

Please come. Receive the gifts of God for all the people of God.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

Behold, I Make All Things New



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "WHAT FEAST OF LOVE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 487



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

COMMUNION HYMN • "EACH WINTER AS THE YEAR GROWS OLDER"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 252



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

COMMUNION HYMN • "DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 470



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,
in bread and cup you have revealed your glory
for all people to see together.

Nourished by this meal, send us to be a community following Christ:
to LOVE with an open heart, GROW with a curious mind,
and SHARE with a generous spirit.

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

The God of peace bless you,
the love of Christ sustain you in hope,
and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 270



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



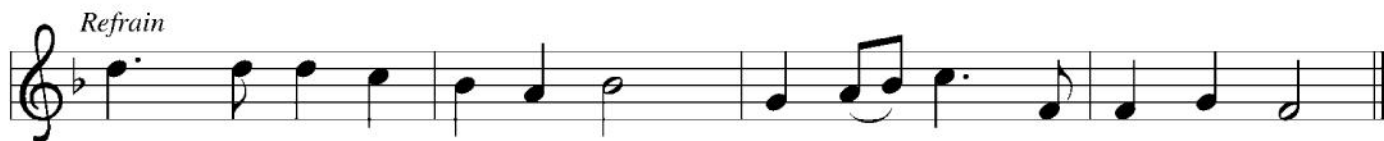
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

SENDING

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Soon and Very Soon”

*As a community following Christ,
we **LOVE** with an open heart
GROW with a curious mind
and **SHARE** with a generous spirit.*

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Both services

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- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Jon Edmonds.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Flora Larson, Diane Nelson, Karen Slavens.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), George Rowe, Karen Slavens.
- J GREETERS: Carol Powers, Michelle Schweikl.
- J LECTOR: Pat Clement.
- J ACOLYTE: Emilia Olson.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jeanne Anderson, Anne Roff.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: John Dahle, Julie Kibler, Mark Kibler (head usher).
- J GREETERS: Diane Nelson, Lindy Nelson.
- J LECTOR: Bob Linden.
- J ACOLYTES: Nora Thornton, Parker Thornton.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Ken Edmonds, Terry Jensen.
- J SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN LIFE TOGETHER

Rainier Ringers Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 3 • 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Rainier Ringers present “Home for the Holidays.” Admission is free. Donations are accepted.

Advent Adventures for Rock Ministry

Sunday mornings • 9:30 a.m.

-) Sunday 12/3 = Cookie baking for homebound members in the Gym.
-) Sunday 12/10 = Decorate the MVLC Christmas tree in the Sanctuary.
-) Sunday 12/17 = Assemble Tacoma Seafarers gift boxes in the Gym.

Bunco Night

Friday, January 5, 2024 • 7:00 p.m. in the Life Together Hall

Let the good times roll! You’re invited to join in a night of fun in support of our Children & Youth Retreat Fund. Tickets cost \$25 each and include bunco, hors d’oeuvres, and prizes. Purchase tickets after church or online!

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POINSETTIAS • ALTAR GUILD

Help the MVLC Altar Guild beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas.

Please fill out this form, attach/include \$11 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: _____

Please note that this is considered a donation and does not guarantee that you will receive a poinsettia.