

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 221

JESUS HEALS and TEACHES

Sunday, January 7, 2024 • 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.

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.

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,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel or continue standing. Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

**We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.**

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

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 • "WHEN A STAR IS SHINING"

All Creation Sings 915



1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,
2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,
3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,
where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"
guide us through the shad-ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,
Where an earth - ly pow-er makes the heart turn cold,
show us in a man-ger our re - demp-tion's sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.
there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.
bring us to a morn-ing where the prom - ise shines.



Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn-ing where the



prom-ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,



to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of forgiveness,
you healed a paralytic
by forgiving his sins.

Forgive us,
heal us,
and teach us
to walk in your ways.

Amen.

Sit.

PSALM • "THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL"

The Lyric Psalter • Psalm 103

Cantor sings refrain; then all repeat.

Cantor: verses; congregation: refrain.

Refrain

The Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful, the
Lord is kind and mer-ci - ful.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Refrain.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals everyone of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

Refrain.

The Lord does just deeds,
gives full justice to all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

Refrain.

The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.

Refrain.

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

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 2:1-22

¹When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷“Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he said to the paralytic— ¹¹“I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.” ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!” ¹³Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. ¹⁴As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. ¹⁵And as he sat at dinner in Levi’s house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples—for there were many who followed him. ¹⁶When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹⁷When Jesus heard this, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" ¹⁹Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. ²⁰The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

²¹"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. ²²And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "I DANCED IN THE MORNING"

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VERSE

G Em Bm Em



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
 2. I danced for the scribe _ and the Phar - i - see, but they
 3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the ___ lame, _ the
 4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned _ black; _ It's
 5. They cut Me _ down _ and I leapt up ___ high,

3 Am D⁷ G Em



danced in the moon and the stars _ and the sun, and I came down from heav - en and I
 would not _ dance and they would -n't fol - low Me; I ___ danced for the fish - er - men, for
 ho - ly ___ peo - ple _ said it was a shame; They _ whipped and they stripped _ and they
 hard to _ dance with the dev - il on your back; They _ bur - ied My bod - y and they
 I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll ___ live in ___ you ___ if you'll

6 Bm Em Am D⁷ C/G G



danced on the earth, _ at Beth - le - hem I ___ had My birth.
 James and _ John; _ They came with _ Me and the dance went on.
 hung Me on high; And they left Me ___ there on a Cross to die.
 thought I'd ___ gone, _ But I am the dance and I still go on.
 live in ___ Me; "I am the Lord of the Dance," said He.

CHORUS

9 G Bm Em G Am D D/C



"Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance," said He. "And I'll

13 G/B Am⁷ G C/E G/D D/C G/B C D⁷ G C/G G



lead you all ___ wher - ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance," said He.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
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

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form,
we pray for God's blessing on the church,
the world, and all of creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us,
we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts
in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

God intends to unite all creation,
so that all may share in the promises of God's new reign.

Therefore, with gratitude and joy,
let us render tributes and bring gifts,
for we have access to God in boldness and confidence
through faith in Christ.

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



OFFERTORY

10:45 a.m.

“Music of the Morning Star”

MVLC Sanctuary Choir

Stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, Holy One,
for all good things come from you.

In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table,
that we receive what we seek
and follow your Son, Jesus,
in whose name we pray.

Amen.

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

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.

Come and see.

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.

WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

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 • "SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 489



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of
2 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing
3 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est



sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der.
though the souls it feeds are count - less;
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



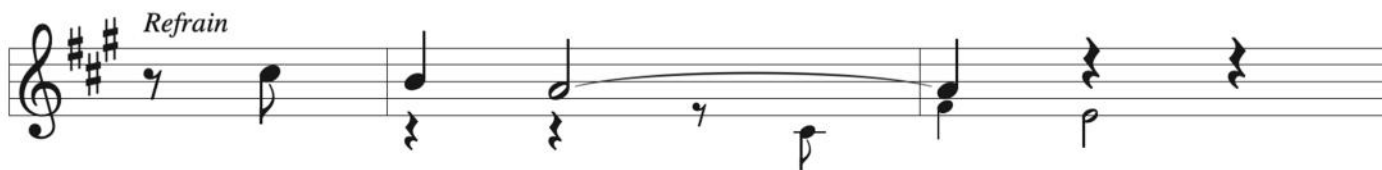
Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet
with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is
hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a -



found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly,
giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion,
dore you; wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you,



deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.



Be thank - ful! Be thank - ful!



Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, and re - joice!



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed is our joy.

COMMUNION HYMN • "TASTE AND SEE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 493

Refrain – All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.
3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain

for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

COMMUNION HYMN • "FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 494



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.



Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift,

**Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever.**

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

God who names you,
Christ who claims you,
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,
+ bless you and remain with you always.

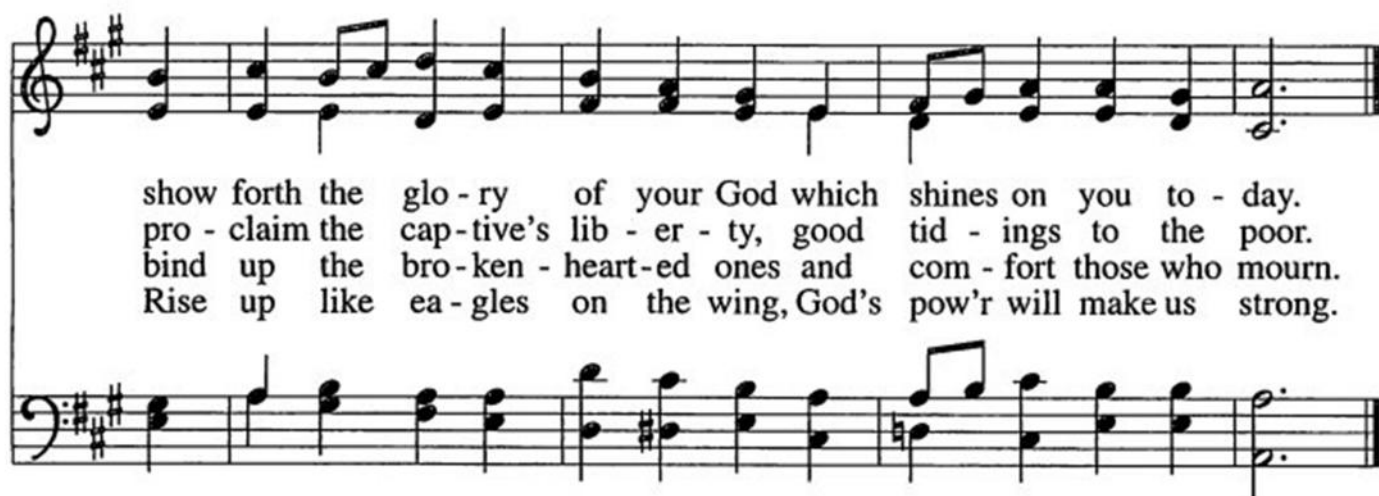
Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 314



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

SENDING

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar
are given to the glory of God
by the MVLC Altar Guild.*

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Worship leaders include:

Both services

- J PREACHER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J PRESIDERS: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Bob Linden.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Karen Lonn, Dotty Shireman, Diana Smith, Sandi Swanson.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Chris Ray, Karen Slavens, Ken Swanson (head usher).
- J GREETER: Karyn Williamson.
- J LECTOR: Lori Neptun.
- J ACOLYTES: Penelope Neptun, Addison Williamson.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carol Powers, Sandi Swanson.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: John Dahle, Erik Knierim (head usher), Keith Wright.
- J GREETER: Marlene Wright.
- J LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barb Edmonds, Marlene Wright.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday mornings • 9:30 a.m.

For Sunday Adult Education in January, join Pastor Eric in Bible Study of a fascinating book, Revelation. The sad truth is that Revelation is the most misused, abused, and misunderstood book of the Bible. But if you quiet all the noise surrounding Revelation and simply let the text of Revelation speak for itself, we will discover a message of resilient hope when life is tough. Revelation points to Christ, the lamb who was slain, with hope and a powerful vision of heaven and earth coming together. Please bring your Bible and join us for this study of Revelation.

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WEDNESDAYS AT THE WELL

Wednesday evenings

5:30 p.m. = dinner in the Life Together Hall

6:30 p.m. = worship / classes

1/10 = Holden Evening Prayer

1/17+ = Meaningful Conversations on Gun Violence

We are starting from the premise that everyone is concerned about the level of gun violence in the U.S. which has become the leading cause of death for our children and teens. Through the sharing of our personal stories we hope to practice listening to the variety of narratives we hold around guns. Through shared reflection we hope to name realities, fears and hopes that we hold in common. And through conversation that can withstand division, we hope to name meaningful courses of action to help our community begin to change the realities of gun violence we face.

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*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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