

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 225

DEATH of JOHN the BAPTIST

Sunday, February 4, 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.

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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,
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"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting 11



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.

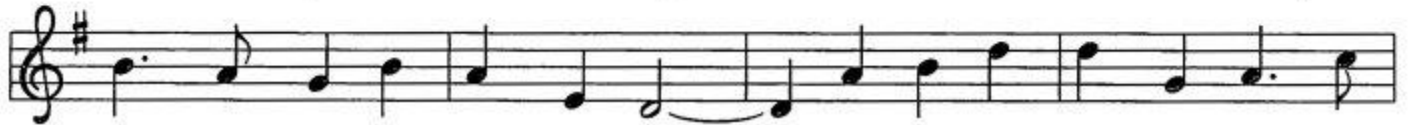
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE • "TO BE YOUR PRESENCE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 546



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy Jesus, you sent many into the world to proclaim your kingdom on earth. Send us, equip us, and walk with us so that everyone can learn of your abundant love.

Amen.

Sit.

PSALM • "I REJOICED WHEN I HEARD THEM SAY"

Psalms for All Seasons • Psalm 122

Cantor sings refrain; then all repeat.

Cantor: verses; congregation: refrain.

Refrain

Sha-lom, sha-lom, the peace of God be here.

Sha-lom, sha-lom, God's jus - tice be ev - er near.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of God."
And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem. **Refrain.**

Like a temple of unity is the city, Jerusalem.
It is there all tribes will gather, all the tribes of the house of God. **Refrain.**

It is faithful to Israel's law, there to praise the name of God.
All the judgment seats of David were set down in Jerusalem. **Refrain.**

For the peace of the nations pray: for God's peace within your homes.
May God's everlasting peace surround us; may it dwell in Jerusalem.
Refrain.

For the love of my friends and kin I will bless you with signs of peace.
For the love of God's own people I will labor and pray for you. **Refrain.**

Stand.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting 11

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

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in-deed.

READING

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 6:1-29

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” ¹⁵But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "INSPIRED BY LOVE AND ANGER"

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1. In - spired by love and an - ger, dis - turbed by need and pain, in -
 2. From those for - ev - er vic - tims of heart - less hu - man greed, their
 3. From those for - ev - er shack - led to what their wealth can buy, the
 4. To God, who through the proph - ets pro - claimed a dif - f'rent age, we
 5. God asks, "Who will go for me? Who will ex - tend my reach? And
 6. A - mused in some-one's kitch - en, a - sleep in some-one's boat, at -



formed of God's own bi - as, we ask him once a - gain, "How
 cru - el plight com - pos - es a lit - a - ny of need: "Where
 fear of lost ad - van - tage pro - vokes the bit - ter cry, "Don't
 of - fer earth's in - dif - f'rence, its ag - o - ny and rage: "When
 who, when few will lis - ten, will proph - e - sy and preach? And
 tuned to what the an - cients ex - posed, pro - claimed, and wrote, a



long must some folk suf - fer? How long can few folk mind? How
 are the fruits of jus - tice? Where are the signs of peace? When
 ques - tion our po - si - tion! Don't crit - i - cize our wealth! Don't
 will the wrong be right - ed? When will the king - dom come? When
 who, when few will wel - come, will of - fer all they know? And
 sav - ior with - out safe - ty, a trades - man with - out tools has



long dare vain self - in - t'rest turn prayer and pit - y blind?"
 is the day when pris - 'ners and dreams find their re - lease?"
 men - tion those ex - ploit - ed by pol - i - tics and stealth!"
 will the world be gen - 'rous to all in - stead of some?"
 who, when few will fol - low, will walk the road I show?"
 come to tip the bal - ance with fish - er - men and fools.

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

Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "GIVE THANKS"

Worship & Praise 41



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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.

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

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, Holy Communion, Setting 11



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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

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"

All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting 11



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.



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



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



on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



Grant us your peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN • "BY YOUR HAND YOU FEED YOUR PEOPLE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 469



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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 • "TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 583



Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.



1 Take my hands and let them move at the im -
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on -
4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be



pulse of thy love; take my feet and let
would I with - hold; take my in - tel - lect
ly for my King; take my lips and let
no lon - ger mine; take my heart, it is



them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

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 George Rowe
in memory of Andy and Marilyn Helling.*

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Both services

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- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Kevin Dahl.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Janice Harrison, Janet Larson, Helen Oren, Sandi Swanson.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Terry Freed, Walt Freed.
- J GREETER: George Rowe.
- J ACOLYTES: Ezra Holden, Addison Williamson.
- J LECTOR: Pat Clement.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Janet Larson, Karyn Williamson.
- J SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Corie Adams, John Dahle, Diksha Knierim, Erik Knierim (head usher).
- J GREETERS: Diane Nelson, Lindy Nelson.
- J ACOLYTE: Dutcher Adams.
- J LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carolee Berntsen, Barb Edmonds.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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THE LAST EIGHT DAYS OF JESUS

Lenten Midweek Worship at Mountain View Lutheran Church

Wednesday evenings

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

6:30 p.m. = Lenten midweek worship in the Sanctuary

This year's theme for our five Lenten midweek worship services is "A Week Like No Other." Together we will explore and reflect on significant moments in Jesus's final week before his death on the cross. With drama, song, preaching, liturgy, and prayer we will prepare ourselves for Holy Week. We invite you to make midweek worship a Lenten practice to prepare your heart and mind for a week like no other.

┆ February 21	Matthew 21:1-11	Triumphal Entry
┆ February 28	Mark 11:15-19	Jesus in the Temple
┆ March 6	Luke 22:1-34	The Last Supper
┆ March 13	Matthew 26:36-45	Jesus's Crucifixion
┆ March 20	Luke 24:5-7	The Resurrection