



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

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.*

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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.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 321

JESUS' BAPTISM

Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 12, 2025 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

OPENING HYMN • "SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 423



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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"

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, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

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

ALL:

A - men, A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,

With joy and awe we praise you
for claiming us as your sons and daughters,
and for pouring your Holy Spirit upon us.

Help us to prepare this earth for your glory,
and shine your light on all your faithful children,
for the sake of the one whose birth and baptism
brought renewal and transformation to this world, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Sit.

TEMPLE TALK

Wendy Wadnizak.

PSALM 51 • "BE MERCIFUL, O LORD"

Gather, Third Edition 51

Cantor sings refrain; then all repeat.

Cantor: verses; congregation: refrain.

Refrain



Be mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be
mer-ci-ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness,
in your compassion, blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and sorrow,
and cleanse me from all my sin. **Refrain.**

My offenses, truly I know them,
and my sins are always before me;
against you alone I have sinned, O Lord,
what is evil in your sight I have done. **Refrain.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
put your steadfast spirit in my soul.
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
and take not your spirit from me. **Refrain.**

Give back to me the joy of your salvation,
let your willing spirit bear me up
and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered
and bring them all home to your side. **Refrain.**

Stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 3:1-22

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” ⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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.

⁹Even 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.” ¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Loren Leapaldt.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN"

Dancing at the Harvest 64



Bright - er, bright-er than the sun is the can - dle of the



Ho - ly One. Big - ger, big-ger than the sea are the



waves of God wash - ing o - ver me.



1 Gon - na light my can - dle from the ho - ly flame
2 Gon - na meet God's chil - dren at the foun - tain of life,
3 Gon - na gath - er 'round and gon - na wel - come in



of the one that's bright-er than . . . my . . . own name.
where the word and the wa - ter and the Lord . . . Je - sus Christ
ev - 'ry child to be and ev - 'ry one who's ev - er been.



Gon - na wash my bod - y in the ho - ly sea,
make a new cre - a - tion out of ev - 'ry one:
Gon - na breathe to - geth - er with this spark of life:



in the wat - er of life that's . . . big-ger than me. Oh,—
Ho - ly Spir - it of love, let the wa - ters run. Oh,—
Ho - ly Spir - it of God, make our flame burn bright. Oh,—

Refrain

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

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us,
let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God,
in the sure and certain hope that your promise
is revealed among the people.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As people who have passed through the waters of baptism,
let us make our grateful offering to God our Redeemer.

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



OFFERING

8:15 a.m. • Choir anthem

“Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

OFFERING HYMN • "LET THE VINEYARDS"

Behold, I Make All Things New

May be sung in canon. 1

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Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord; _____ Fill to the



brim our cup of bless - ings. _____ Gath - er the har - vest from the seeds that were



sown _____ And be fed with the bread of _____ life. _____ Gath - er the hopes and the



dreams of all; _____ U - nite them with the prayers _____ we of - fer _____ now. _____



Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence; _____ Give us a fore - taste of the feast, _____



Give us a fore - taste of the feast, _____ Give us a fore - taste of the feast to come. _____

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace,
your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

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 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"

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

The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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

because the gifts of God are free.

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 • "COME TO THE WATER OF LIFE"

All Creation Sings 955



1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for



love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,



come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

COMMUNION HYMN • "THIS IS CHRIST'S BODY"

All Creation Sings 967

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with

The first system of the hymn consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the upper staff, and the accompaniment is in the lower staff. The lyrics are: "This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with".

mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
with mer - cy and love.

The second system of the hymn consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats. The melody is written in the upper staff, and the accompaniment is in the lower staff. The lyrics are: "mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y, with mer - cy and love.".

bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

The third system of the hymn consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats. The melody is written in the upper staff, and the accompaniment is in the lower staff. The lyrics are: "bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.".

COMMUNION HYMN • "TASTE AND SEE"

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Cantor: verses; congregation: refrain.

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



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.

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourishing God,

**at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.**

**Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.**

In the name of Christ we pray, 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.

Compassionate God,

**as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth
to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or
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 Spirit of the triune God
+ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "BAPTIZED AND SET FREE"

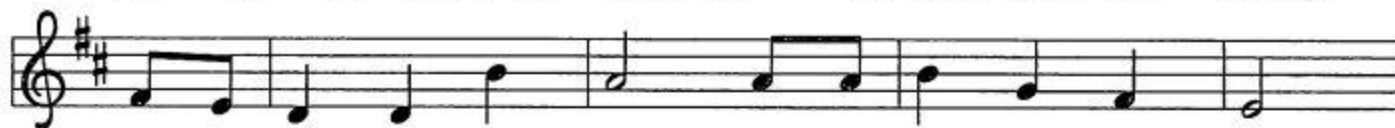
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1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

SENDING

Go in peace.

Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Joe Anderson, Eileen Newton, Ken Swanson (head usher), Diane Tyler.
- J GREETER: Sandi Swanson.
- J LECTOR: Pat Clement.
- J ACOLYTE: Penelope Neptun.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Kathy Harris, Lori Neptun.
- J SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

12:00 - 3:00 PM

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