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The Service of Lessons & Songs

July 6, 2025

10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car,
please tune your radio to 98.7 FM or join us for the
livestream via Facebook or our website,
edisonlutheranchurch.org.

The Service of Lessons & Songs and Holy Communion

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Welcome to worship.

If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service. **We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.**

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews during reading of first lesson.

Gathering

10:25 am Pre-Service Music for meditation and quiet gathering

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

AM In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

AM God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the aid of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that,
attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins,
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

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

AM Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and
ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I
therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

◆ GATHERING CAROL "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" ELW 275

All Verses



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle)

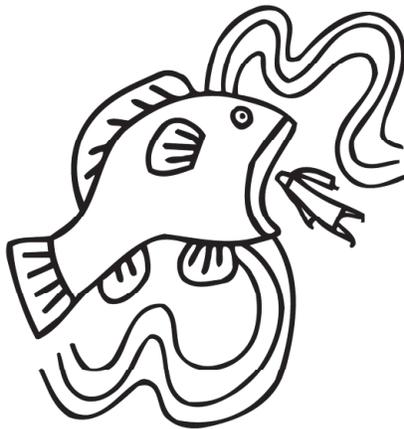
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INTRODUCTION

The story of Jonah is one of the better-known stories in the Bible. While some may be content to label Jonah as a children's story and leave it at that, the book has much to offer learners of all ages, from the youngest of us to the oldest.

Something that can make reading this book difficult, especially for adults, is the outlandish and larger-than-life nature of the story. To quote a seminary professor, "Is this a tale about a whale, or a whale of a tale?" Are we really to believe that Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire and destroyer of the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC, completely repented after what has to be the sorriest excuse for a sermon in the Bible? How come everyone in the story seems to "get it" except for the prophet himself? And how could Jonah have survived three days in that fish?

While these sorts of questions are worth asking, it can be easy to get lost in the details and lose sight of the gift that we have in this story. Whether it was intended to be satire, history, or some mix of the two, what we have in Jonah is the story of a God who persistently seeks the lost (whether they are resistant prophets, pagan sailors, or even enemy nations) and who will work through the unlikeliest means to accomplish it.



Verses 1 and 3



1 Oh, come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! Oh,
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



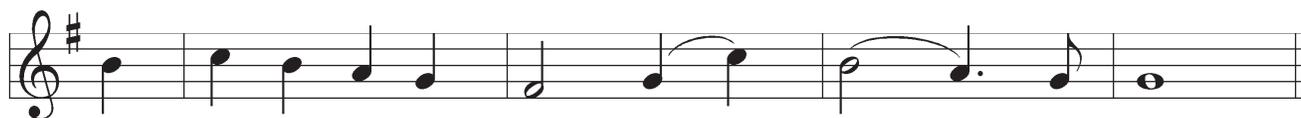
come ye, oh, come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Oh, come, let us a - dore him, oh, come, let us a - dore him,



oh, come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John F. Wade, c. 1711–1786

FIRST READING

Jonah 1:1-10

¹Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, ²“Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” ³But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

⁴But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. ⁶The captain came and said to him, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish.” ⁷The sailors said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, “Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” ⁹“I am a Hebrew,” he replied. “I worship the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them so.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMENT

Right away, we find out what sort of prophet we're dealing with in Jonah. Given a clear destination by God, Jonah immediately heads in the opposite direction, trying to go as far west as he can. Why does he respond in this way? Is it fear? Confusion? The story so far is silent on this. What's more, Jonah doesn't seem to have a very good grasp of God. Jonah is fleeing from the presence of "the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and dry land!" How foolish can a prophet be? Even these pagan sailors know that this is utter foolishness. Has he not heard that "If I...settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me" (Psalm 139:9-10)?

CAROL**"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"****ELW 270****Verses 1 and 2**

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.

Refrain

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

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915



SECOND READING

Jonah 1:11-17

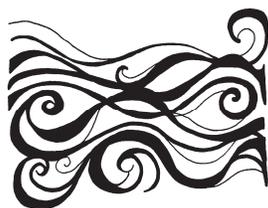
¹¹Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." ¹³Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴Then they cried out to the LORD, "Please, O LORD, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." ¹⁵So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the LORD even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows. ¹⁷But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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COMMENT

Jonah's downward spiral continues. First he "went down" to Joppa, then he "went down" into the hold of the ship, and now he is going down into the depths of the sea, carried in the belly of some sort of giant fish. Is Jonah resigned to his fate? Or was he simply continuing his attempt to escape from God at any cost? Regardless of his state of mind, he is about to discover the full meaning of Psalm 139:8 "If I make my bed in Sheol (the underworld), you are there." Clearly there is no escaping God. The question is, what will God do with this rebellious prophet?



Verses 1, 2, and 4



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our re-deem-er
 3 When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then life and health come
 4 All out of dark-ness we have light, which made the an-gels



an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to
 made us glad? Then why should we on earth be sad, since
 in its place. When sin de-parts be-fore his face, then
 sing this night. All out of dark-ness we have light, which



hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
 our re-deem-er made us glad, when from our sin he set us
 life and health come in its place. An-gels re-joice with us and
 made the an-gels sing this night: "Glo-ry to God in high-est



mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.
 free, all for to gain our lib-er-ty?
 sing, all for to see the new-born king.
 heav'n; peace on earth, and good-will. A-men."

Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.
 Music: SUSSEX CAROL, English traditional



THIRD READING

Jonah 2:1-10

- ¹Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, ²saying,
“I called to the LORD out of my distress, and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.
- ³You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood
surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows passed over me.
- ⁴Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight;
how shall I look again upon your holy temple?’
- ⁵The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped around my head ⁶at the roots of the mountains.
I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever;
yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O LORD my God.
- ⁷As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD;
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
- ⁸Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty.
⁹**But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;**
what I have vowed I will pay.
Deliverance belongs to the LORD!”
- ¹⁰Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

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COMMENT

While no one would call Jonah a quick study, it does seem that he is finally beginning to learn something about the nature of God. "Deliverance belongs to the LORD!" It remains to be seen, however, what Jonah will do with this newfound knowledge. So far, Jonah is the only character in the story who doesn't respond to God with obedience. The sailors made sacrifices and vows to the LORD once they discovered what was happening, and even the fish obeys God without hesitation! Jonah, however, is not so obedient.

It's easy here to forget that God's deliverance of Jonah isn't only for Jonah's sake. Certainly, Jonah has received more than he deserved by being

deposited safely, if uncomfortably, on the beach. However, by showing mercy on Jonah, God is also refusing to give up on Nineveh. God has a message for the Ninevites, and God won't let an unreliable messenger keep that word from arriving.

CAROL "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" **ELW 282**
Verses 1, 3, and 4



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876
 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

FOURTH READING

Jonah 3:1-10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.” ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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COMMENT

"Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" Perhaps never before or since has there been a sermon that required so little effort yet accomplished so very much. Jonah walks partway into the city (notice he doesn't even make it to the center!), utters four words in Hebrew, and leaves. In response, all the inhabitants of Nineveh, including their livestock, repent with fasting, with sackcloth, and with ashes. Jonah gave them no possibility of escaping their fate—he made no mention of mercy—yet somehow even the Ninevites know that the LORD is "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" (Exodus 34:6).

CAROL

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"
All Verses

ELW 288



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.



FIFTH READING

Jonah 4:1-5

¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMENT

Finally, Jonah reveals the reason for his unwillingness to go to Nineveh. It wasn't fear, and it wasn't confusion. Rather, Jonah could not stand the thought that God might be merciful to the Ninevites, terrors of the ancient world, whose kings were responsible for the destruction of countless cities and peoples. Jonah knew that God was a merciful God, and therefore Jonah sought to prevent that mercy by refusing to preach. Fortunately for the Ninevites, God was not willing to give up so easily, and instead used this unwilling preacher to accomplish the repentance of thousands of people, from the pagan sailors in the west to the ruler of the mighty Assyrian empire in the east. Time and again, God has proven faithful to and through Jonah. Jonah, however, still refuses to see it.



CAROL

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ELW 279

Verses 1, 3, and 4

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

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FINAL READING

Jonah 4:6-11

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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C Thanks be to God.

CONCLUSION

Here, at the end of the story, Jonah seems not to have changed. He can appreciate neither God's mercy to the Ninevites nor God's power that has so consistently worked through him. Will Jonah see the light, or will he continue nursing his bitterness outside the city? The story leaves it open.

What is not left open, however, is the character of God. Throughout this story, God is the very definition of "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing." In fact, this story isn't really the story of Jonah at all, but of the God who refuses to give up on those who are lost. God has determined to get to the sailors, the Ninevites, and Jonah, and God will not be foiled. Even here at the end, as Jonah's stubbornness proves to be the biggest obstacle of them all, God is not willing to give up on Jonah, but rather keeps working on him, correcting him, teaching him, and conversing with him.

The God of Jonah is our God, and the mercy shown to Jonah and the rest is the same mercy shown to us. We, too have a “gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.” This God does not give up on getting to us, and this God does not stop using us to get to others. Though we may not see the results, and though we may not even want the work to happen, God is faithful to the promises made to us in our baptisms, and is always working to save the lost.

This is the good news of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

◆ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition the following response is read)

AM God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**

Meal

◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,
“The peace of the Lord,” or similar words.*

THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY HYMN "Angels We Have Heard on High" ELW 289

Congregation remains seated to sing the hymn while offering is collected.

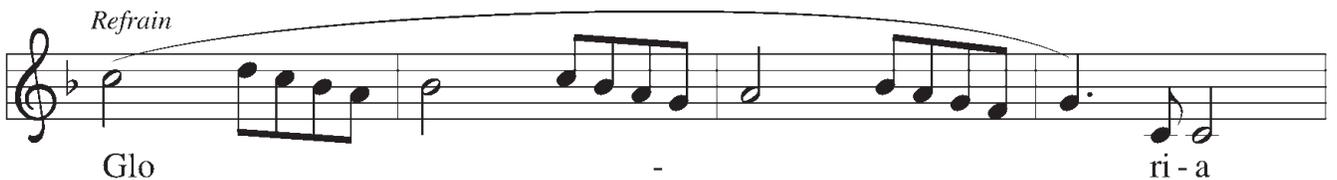
Verses 1 and 3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol



◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Setting 10

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We Lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

◆ LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

- ~ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**
- ~ **Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**
- ~ **For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION *All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.*

If you desire to commune at the altar rail: Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

If coming forward is difficult: Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

- "The First Noel" - **ELW 300**
"What Child is This" - **ELW 296**
"Away in a Manger" - **ELW 277**
"Silent Night" - **ELW 281**

◆ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CLOSING PRAYER

AM Let us pray

C **Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever — the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

◆ BENEDICTION

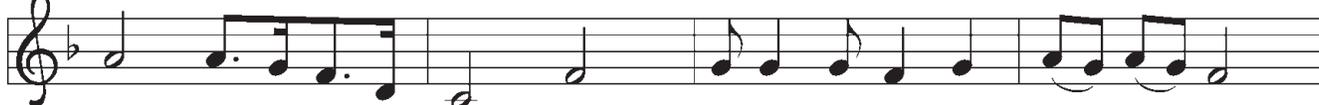
P The peace of God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

◆ SENDING HYMN "Go Tell It on the Mountain"
All Verses

ELW 290

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

◆ SENDING

- P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Thank you to all who serve in worship.

	Serving Sunday July 6	Serving Next Sunday July 13
Presiding Minister	Pastor Mark Johnson	Pastor Linda Larson
Music Ministers	Barbara Fredrickson	Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby
Assisting Minister	Darla Jensen	Will Benson
Acolyte	Eva Kllogjeri	
Lector	Bonnie Bowers	Kristin Caldwell
Greeters	Steven & Sarah Dahl	Cheryl Conner Janet Wyman
Ushers	Gordy Dahl	Brad Wyman Darla Jensen
Altar Guild	Kathy Shoop Janet Wyman	Janet Wyman Susie Forsythe
Fellowship Hosts	Jerry & Jenny Nelson Irene Fadden	Terri & Larry Olsen Katy Olson
Council Member of the Day	AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb	Cheryl Conner

Scripture Readings for next Sunday, July 13th, are:

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

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