



# **BAPTISM of OUR LORD**

*Sunday, January 11, 2026 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.*

*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.*
- *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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, at creation,  
the Spirit hovered over the waters of the deep.

**In the waters of the flood,  
God cleansed the earth and humankind.**

God caused the waters to part  
so that Israel could cross from slavery to liberation.

**God formed Jesus in the waters of Mary's womb.**

Jesus taught us how to live  
by washing his disciples' feet in water.

**Drinking water from a well,  
Jesus met a Samaritan woman,  
the first person to recognize that he was the Christ.**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus, the Christ.

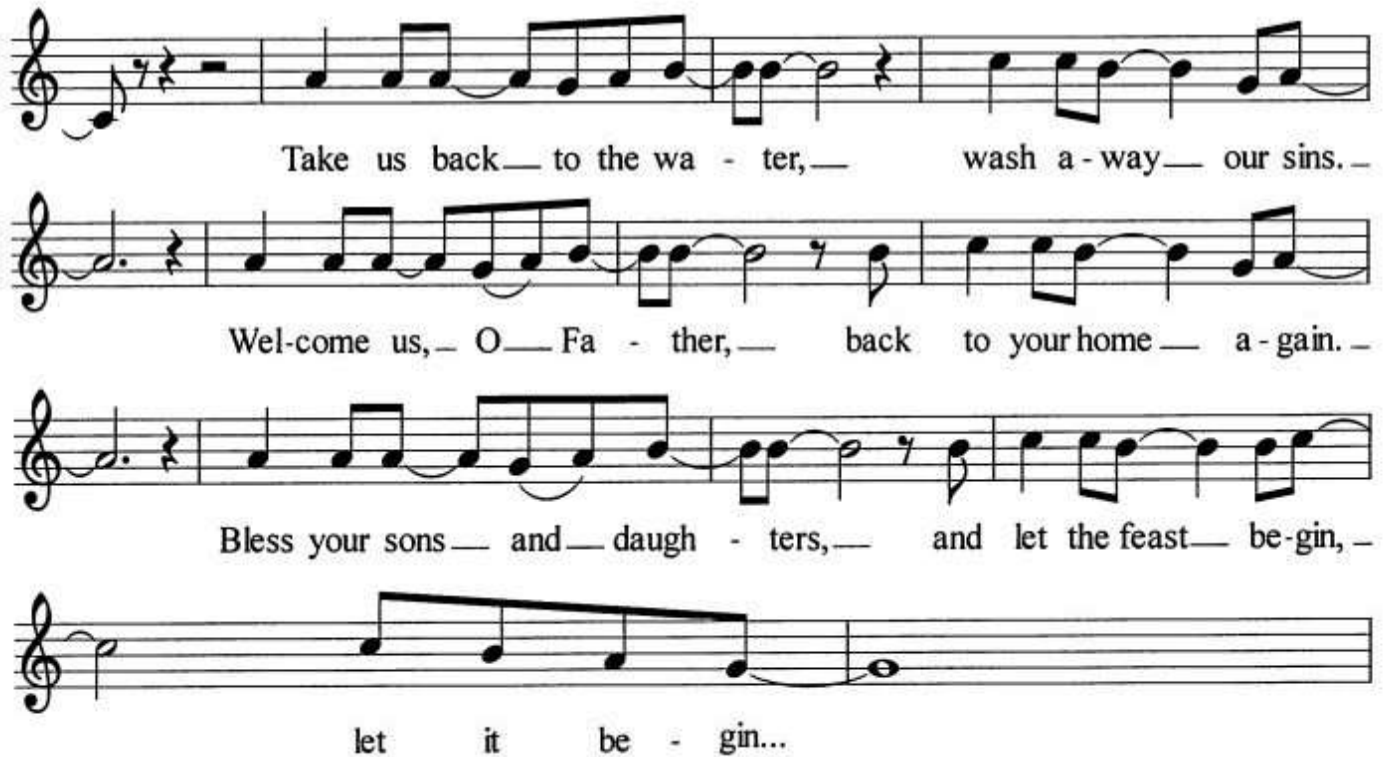
**God meant for Jesus to be the firstborn  
in a large family. Praise be!**

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS • "I CONFESS TO YOU, O LORD"

True Vine Music / Michael A. Schmid

The musical score is written for a single voice in 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff also continues the melody and lyrics. The fourth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The fifth staff continues the melody and lyrics. The sixth staff begins with a first ending bracket over the first measure, followed by a second ending bracket over the next two measures. The seventh staff continues the melody and lyrics. The lyrics are: "I con - fess to you, — O — Lord, that I have sinned. — I con - fess to you, — O — Lord, that I have sinned. — I con - fess to you, — O — Lord, all my sin with - in. — I have fess to you, — O — Lord, all my sin with - in. — I have failed to live for you — in the things I say and placed my - self a - bove, — and have hurt the ones I do, — and have fall - en short — of liv - ing in — your love. — love, — and I know that on - ly you — can set — me free. — I con - Lord, have mer - cy — on — me. — Lord have mer - cy — set me free. — O for - give me, Lord, I pray, and — take my sin a - way, by the cross and emp - ty grave for my soul. —"

I con - fess to you, — O — Lord, that I have sinned. — I con -  
fess to you, — O — Lord, that I have sinned. — I con -  
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love, — and I know that on - ly you — can set — me free. —  
1. I con - Lord, have mer - cy — on — me. — Lord have  
2. mer - cy — set me free. — O for - give me, Lord, I pray, and —  
take my sin a - way, by the cross and emp - ty grave for my soul. —



*The pastor declares the absolution over instrumental music.*

**You take us back to the water. You wash away our sins.**

**You welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.**

**You bless your sons and daughters.**

**Now let the feast begin, let it begin.**

**Lord, your mercy covers me.**

**Lord, your mercy has set me free.**

**You've forgiven me today, and my sins are washed away,  
by the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

## 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 • "SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 423*

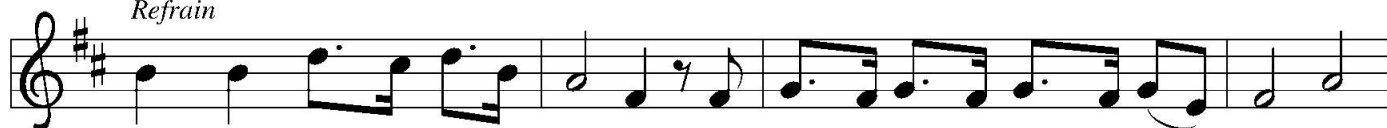


- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



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.  
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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life and new life,  
you are splendid and strong!

Your voice thunders above the sound of loud waters.

You sit enthroned above the floods of life.

As Jesus heard you speak to him in his baptism,  
may we also hear you calling us your beloved,  
through Jesus Christ, your son, our brother.

**Amen.**

## TEMPLE TALK

*Presentation of MEF Grant Awards.*

## READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

### Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand.*



# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • "ALLELUIA"

*Now the Feast and Celebration*

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.  
<sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit.*

## CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON

*Stand.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY • "SONG OVER THE WATERS"

Worship & Praise 127

*Refrain*  
Dm<sup>7</sup>/G G<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G

God, you have moved up - on the wa - ters, you have sung in the

G<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G

rush of wind and flame; and in your love you have called us sons and

G<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G Last time to coda ⊕ G<sup>2</sup>

daugh - ters: make us peo - ple of the wa - ter and your name.

Am<sup>7</sup> G/B

1 Come fill our wait - ing hearts with the spir - it of  
2 Give us a thirst for love, give us a hun - ger for

4 Come, o - pen ev - 'ry heart, come now and wake us to

C Eb Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>2</sup> *Refrain*

Je - sus, let us shine with your light and peace.  
jus - tice, make us one with the mind of Christ.  
won - der, make us ves - sels of light and peace.

⊕ Coda  
G<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G G<sup>2</sup>

name. Make us peo - ple of the wa - ter and your name.

# 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 to the dead.**

**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 God's beloved children united in Christ,  
let us pray for the church,  
the whole human community,  
and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit  
receives our prayers and answers us,  
we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness  
made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*Sit.*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God gives us not only genesis life  
but the new life born of repentance, forgiveness, and resurrection.

Therefore, with generous hearts,  
let us give back a portion of what has already been given to us  
in our baptismal covenant with God and each other.

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



## OFFERING

*10:45 a.m.*

*MVLC Choir*

*“Down to the River to Pray”*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "THANK YOU, LORD"

*All Creation Sings 1092*



1	Thank	you,	Lord,	thank	you,	Lord,	thank	you,
2	Been	so	good,	been	so	good,	been	so
3	Been	my	friend,	been	my	friend,	been	my
4	Love	you,	Lord,	love	you,	Lord,	love	you,



Lord,	I	just	want	to	thank	you,	Lord.
good,	I	just	want	to	thank	you,	Lord.
friend,	I	just	want	to	thank	you,	Lord.
Lord,	I	just	want	to	thank	you,	Lord.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.

Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

## 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

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

*Sit.*

## DISTRIBUTION

We are here because Jesus has called us—  
strangers and friends, locals and visitors,  
believers and doubters, the certain and the curious.

It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers  
and invites to his table where, in bread and wine,  
he meets us and through him, we are joined to each other.

So come,  
not because you understand,  
but because you are understood.

Come,  
not because of how you feel,  
but because God has food for you.

Come,  
not because you deserve a place,  
but because Jesus invites you,  
just as you are.

*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.*

# LAMB OF GOD • "OI JUMALAN KARITSA"

All Creation Sings 960



*Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo-ka pois o-tat maa-il-man syn - nin,*  
*O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .*



*ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä.*  
*have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.*



*Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo-ka pois o-tat maa-il-man syn - nin,*  
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*have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.*



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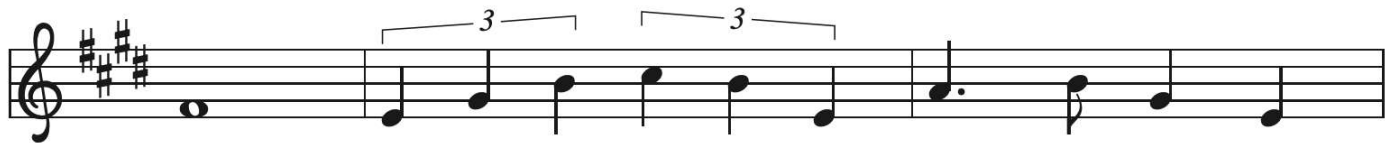
*an - na meil-le rau-ha, an - na meil-le rau-ha ja siu - na - uk - se - si.*  
*grant . . us your peace, . . grant . . us your peace, your peace, O Lamb of God.*

# COMMUNION HYMN • "COME TO THE WATER OF LIFE"

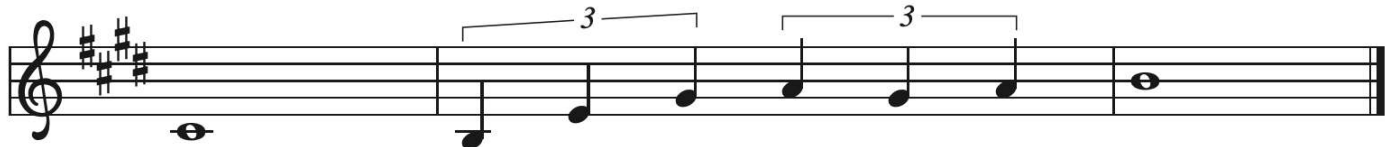
All Creation Sings 955



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

# COMMUNION HYMN • "SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 396*

*Refrain*




Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness




call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,




stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.


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- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
  - 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
  - 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
  - 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



*Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.



*Stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.**

**Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**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 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

May the God who called Jesus “beloved”  
speak blessing to you, beloved sons and daughters,  
and empower you to bring that good news to others  
who still need to hear it.

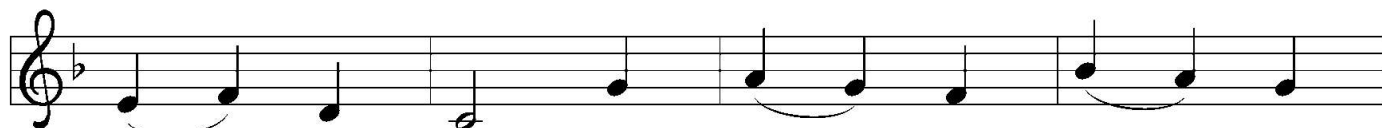
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN • “THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE”

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 551*



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## SENDING

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## ADULT EDUCATION

*9:30 a.m. in the Life Together Hall*

- 1/11 = Mission Endowment Fund “ministry fair” to meet and experience the 18 projects of our MEF grant recipients.
- 1/18 = Fred and Meleney Albert lead an interactive learning experience regarding their trip to visit Border Servant Corps.
- 1/25 = Jason Cornell and Jon Edmonds teach expanded ways to support the mission/ministry of MVLC through required minimum distributions, donor advised funds, Thrivent Choice Dollars, and Thrivent Action Grants.
- 2/1 = Brooke Nelson presents on her time in Argentina with ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission.
- 2/8 = Pancake breakfast hosted by MVLC-chartered Scouting USA units.

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PRESIDERS: Pastor Eric Bostrom, Pastor Andrew Conley-Holcom.  
ASSISTING MINISTER: Karin Weberg.  
DIRECTOR of MUSIC: Amy Boers.  
VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.  
ALTAR GUILD: Corie Adams/Sandall, Janet Larson, Diana Smith, Sandi Swanson.

8:15 a.m.

USHERS: Corie Adams, Walt Freed, Sandi Swanson (head usher), Terry Wolfe.  
GREETERS: Janet Larson, Eileen Newton.  
ACOLYTE: Penelope Neptun.  
LECTOR: Eileen Newton.  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Janet Larson, Lori Neptun.  
SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

USHERS: Karen Hansen, Rick Hansen, Marlene Wright, Bob Yost (head usher).  
GREETER: Linda Roa.  
LECTOR: John Dahle.  
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Diane Nelson, Deborah VanderLey.  
SOUND: Megan Hutton.

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God

- by the MVLC Altar Guild.

Flowers on the altar on 1/4 were given to the glory of God

- by Ken Edmonds in memory of Barb Edmonds.

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