



# **SECOND SUNDAY in LENT**

*Sunday, March 1, 2026 • 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

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

We cannot earn God's grace or favor.

It comes to us, not as something owed,  
but as a gift freely given.

Confident in God's love for us, even when we are out of alignment,  
we confess our sins in faith.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, we come before you  
in need of forgiveness and grace.**

**You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not.**

**We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead.**

**We justify our actions and words,  
though we know they are not what you require.**

**We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers,  
preferring old habits to risky change.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Help us to be born again into the life of Christ,  
trusting that you have included us by grace  
in the family of faith.**

**In Christ's name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, God is for us and not against us!

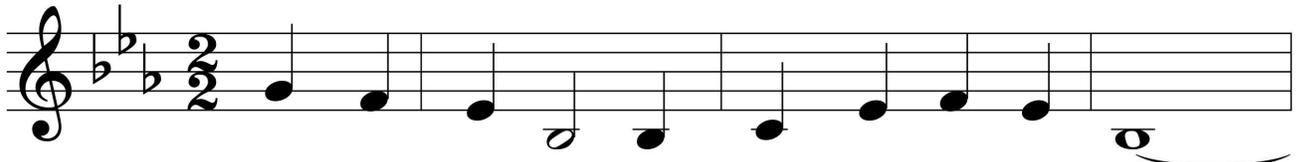
For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world  
not to condemn the world  
but that the world might be saved through him.

Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

# GATHERING HYMN • "BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE"

*Tree of Life*

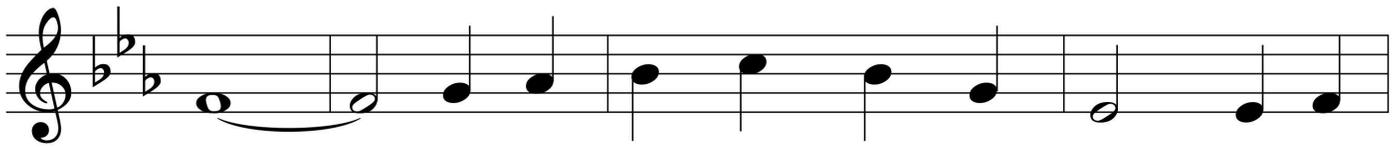
## Refrain



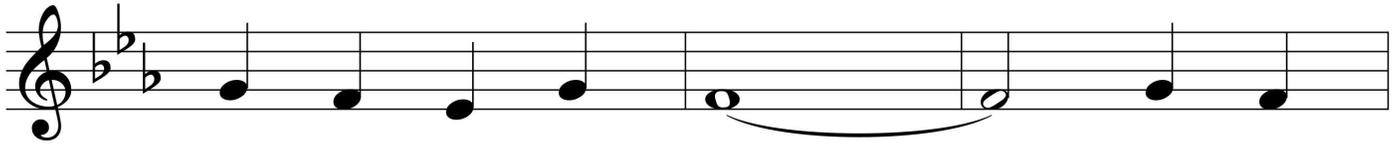
Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



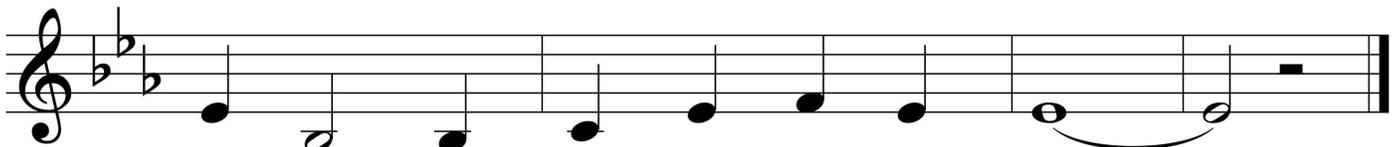
Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of

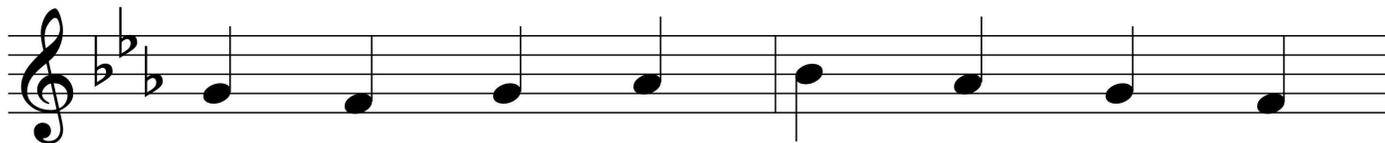


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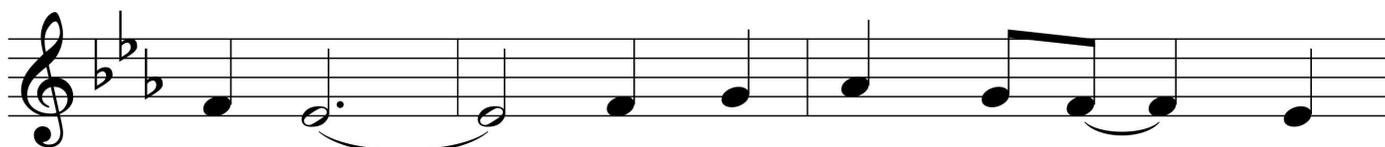


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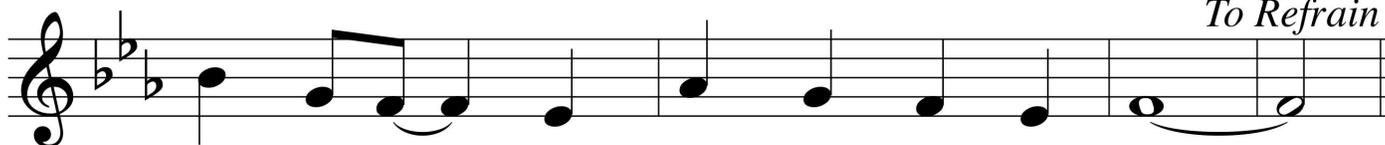
## Verses



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and
3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -
4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your
5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your



Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who  
pas - sion, Oh how sweet the taste, how  
va - tion, come and die to sin, rise  
mer - cy, we in - voke your name, re -  
Gos - pel, may we bear the fruits your



leads us on from death in - to new life.  
deep and rich the well - spring of your love.  
up to life with - in the Reign of God.  
mem - ber how your love has set us free.  
Word has plant - ed deep with - in our hearts.

## 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

*Tree of Life*



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



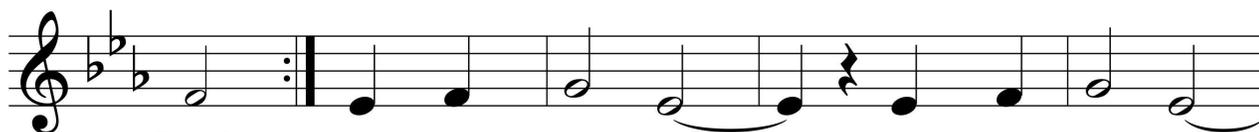
Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. **A** 1. For the  
**A** 2. For your



reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
peo - ple here who have come to give you



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the



Lord: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord:



**A** Help, save, and de -  
Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.



fend us, O God: **C** A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, our helper,  
our shade, our protector,  
you are able to give life to the dead,  
to call into being things that do not exist.

We trust in your power  
to make all things new;  
to keep us in sunlight and moonlight,  
along rocky paths and pathways unknown;  
until all our going and coming brings us at last  
to your kingdom promised in Christ,  
in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

# PSALM 121 • "I LIFT UP MY EYES"

*Gather, First Edition 105*

*Cantor sings refrain; then all repeat.*

*Cantor: verses; congregation: refrain*

Refrain

To you, O Lord, I have lift-ed up my eyes. To  
you, O Lord, I have lift-ed up my soul.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made the heavens and the earth.

**Refrain.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade,  
forever by your side.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night.

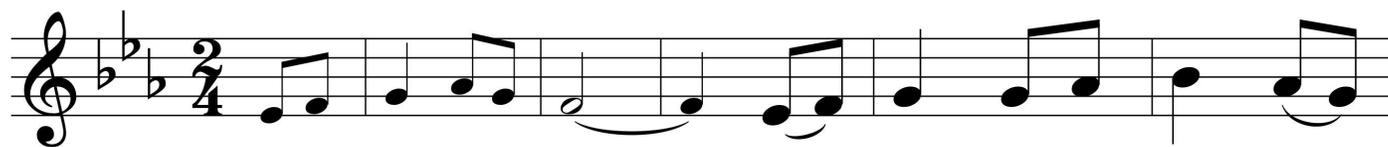
**Refrain.**

The Lord ever watches over you,  
the guardian of your soul.  
The Lord will guard your coming  
and your going now and forever.

**Refrain.**

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • "RETURN TO THE LORD"

*Tree of Life*



Re - turn to the Lord, your



God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast



love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

# GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## John 3:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

<sup>11</sup> “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

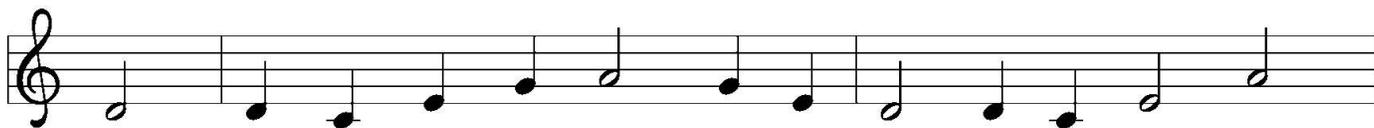
*Sit.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON

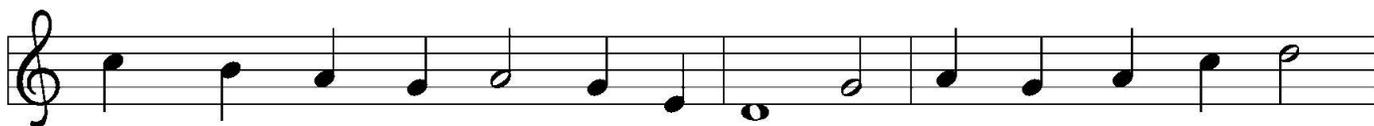
*Stand.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY • "WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"

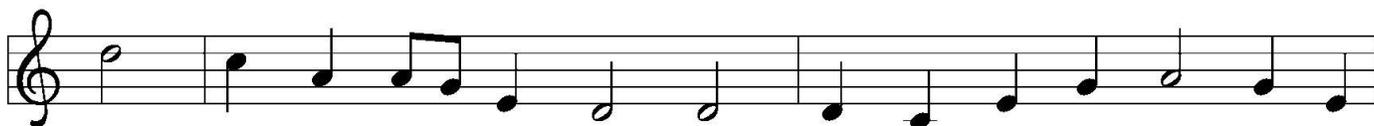
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 666*



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

# 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

Reconciled by God's mercy  
and sustained by God's presence,  
let us pray for the world and its needs.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God,  
through Jesus Christ,  
our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Sit.*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

All that we have is a gift from God.

In faith and gratitude,  
we return now a portion  
of what we have so abundantly received,  
as grateful heirs of the promises of God.

*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  
“Hold On”*

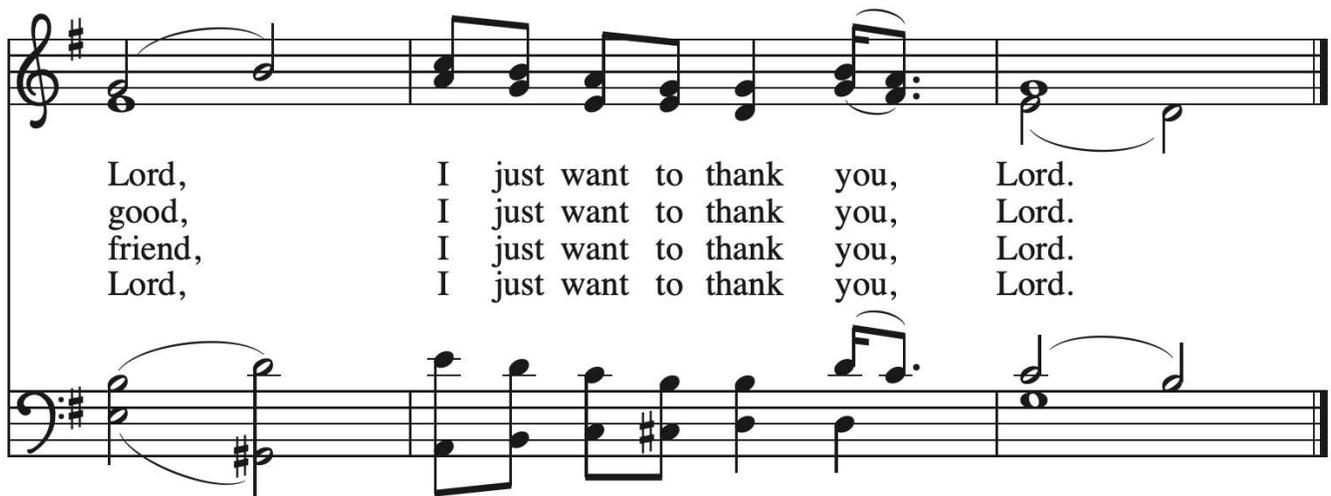
*Stand.*

# 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

O God, maker of heaven and earth,  
your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth  
and bring forth its bounty.

Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

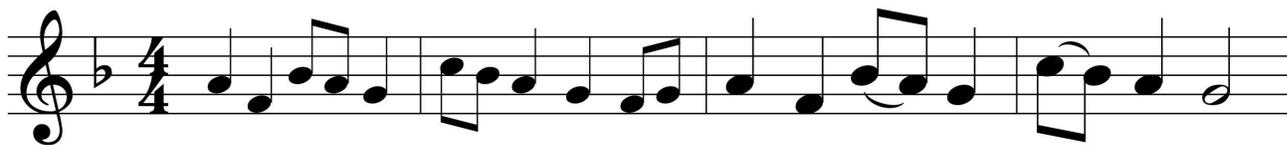
# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Tree of Life*

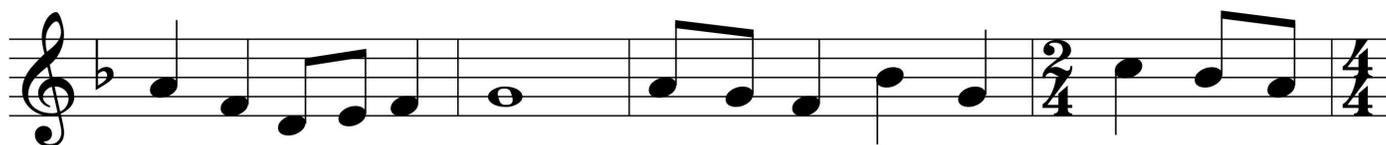


# SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

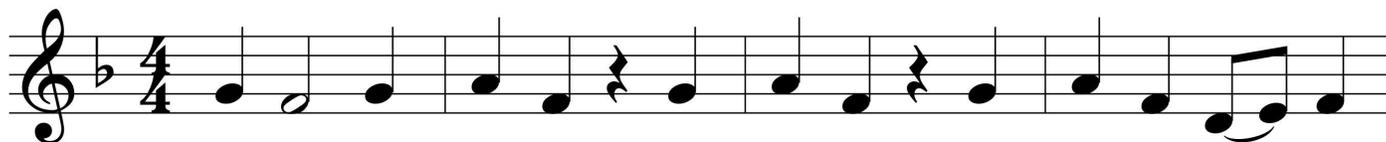
*Tree of Life*



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,



God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your



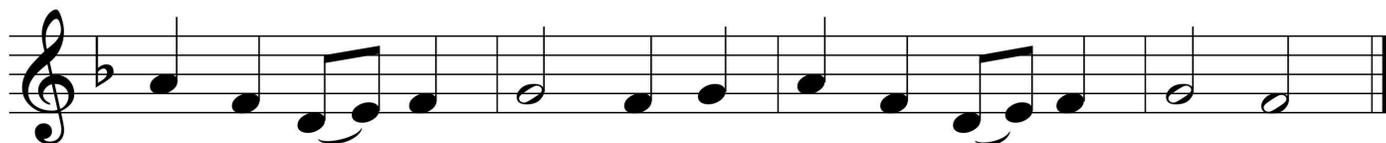
glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na, ho -



san - na in the high - est, 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

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*Sit.*

## DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church  
we practice an open communion table.

The bread and wine of this table  
do not belong to any church or any pastor;  
they belong to Jesus Christ.

Jesus openly shares his life with you now  
because he loves you and welcomes you.

And we pray that this open table  
will open our hands, hearts, and home tables  
to more and more,  
so that the world might experience  
the openness of God's love and welcome.

*If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please  
let your server know.*

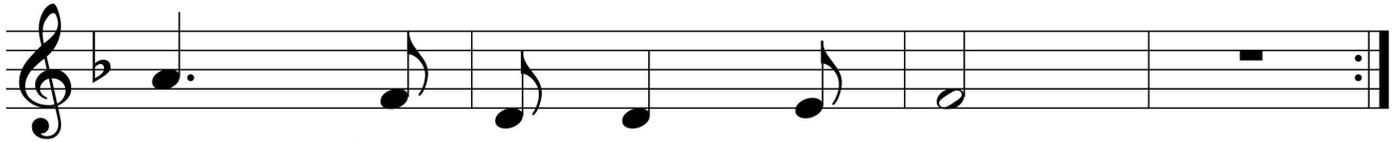
*If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an  
usher know and you will be served where you are seated.*

# LAMB OF GOD

*Tree of Life*



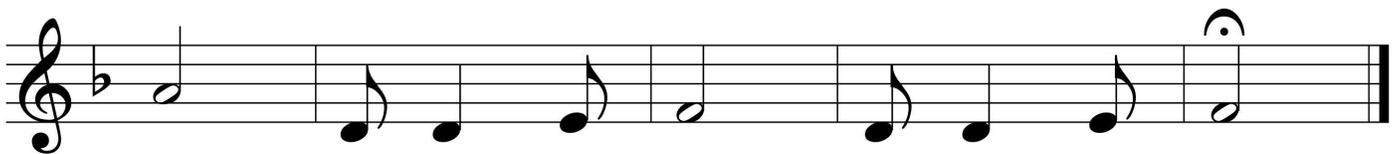
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us.



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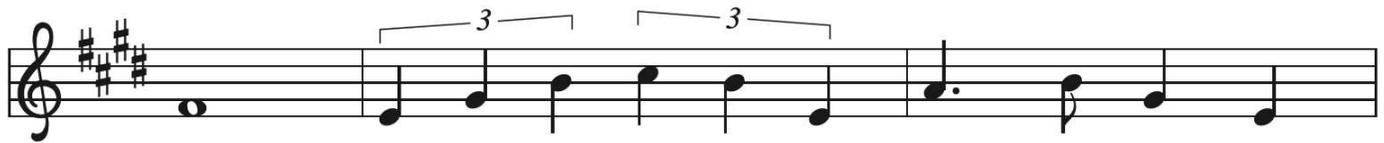
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

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

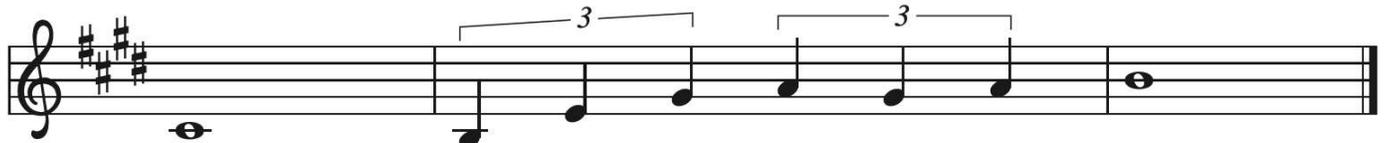
All Creation Sings 955



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



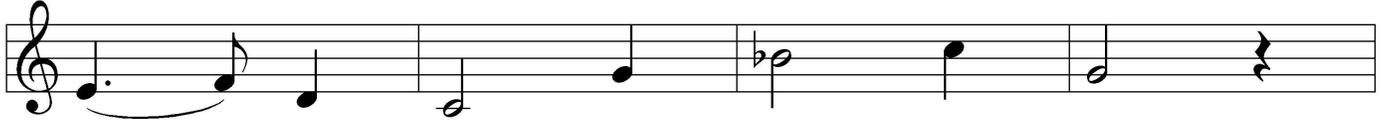
love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,  
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,  
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,  
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,



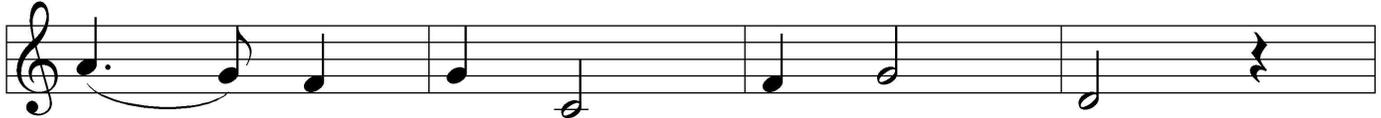
come: come to the Wa - ter of life.  
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# COMMUNION HYMN • "BABY BORN AGAIN"

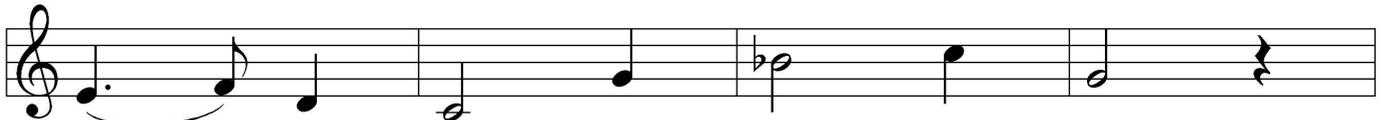
*Dancing at the Harvest 67*



1 Ba - by born, now born a - gain  
2 Ba - by born, this gift re - ceive.  
3 Ba - by born, now born a - new,



in the wa - ter with - out end.  
Let all e - vil now take leave.  
let God's Spir - it dwell in you.



Ba - by born, now born once more  
Ba - by born, let good im - part  
Ba - by born, be wel - come here.



in the Word that we a - dore, the  
joy and peace with - in your heart, all  
Let our love dis - pel all fear, and



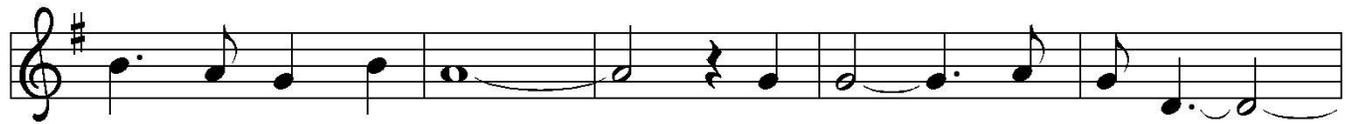
liv - ing Word that we a - dore.  
joy and peace with - in your heart.  
let our love dis - pel all fear.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "ONE BREAD, ONE BODY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 496



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



- |   |            |     |        |            |              |        |        |
|---|------------|-----|--------|------------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Gen - tile | or  | Jew,   | ser - vant | or           | free,  |        |
| 2 | Man - y    | the | gifts, | man - y    | the          | works, |        |
| 3 | Grain      | for | the    | fields,    | scat - tered | and    | grown, |



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.	
one	in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.	

*Stand.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you  
always in his grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.**

**Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
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.

Eternal God,

**whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord,  
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament  
with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound.**

**In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those  
to whom we bring this communion  
in the body and blood of your Son,  
that we may all feast upon your abundant love  
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

# BLESSING

As you go out and come in,  
may God keep you by sunlight and moonlight;  
may Christ encompass you with love;  
and may the Holy Spirit empower you with new life;  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN • "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 638*



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

## SENDING

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

### **Wednesday evenings**

**3/4 + 3/11 + 3/18 + 3/25**

**6:00 p.m.**

Soup and bread dinner in the Life Together Hall.

**6:30 p.m.**

Lenten Midweek Worship in the Sanctuary.

**7:00 p.m.**

MVLC Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

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Worship leaders include:

PREACHER: Pastor Andrew Conley-Holcom.

PRESIDER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Janet Larson.

DIRECTOR of MUSIC: Amy Boers.

VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.

ALTAR GUILD: Kay Coody, Janice Harrison, Sandy Knierim, Diana Smith.

8:15 a.m.

USHERS: Mary Beth Dahl, Mike Lindstrom, Sandi Swanson (head usher), Terry Wolfe.

GREETERS: Emily Thompson, Diane Tyler.

ACOLYTE: Olivia Williamson.

LECTOR: Mary Beth Dahl.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carol Powers, Diane Tyler.

SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

USHERS: Cathie Freiling, Mark Kibler, Erik Knierim (head usher), Diane Nelson.

GREETERS: Steve Petersen, Ryan Riley.

LECTOR: Karla Briggs.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Bob Linden, Michelle Schweikl.

SOUND: Clayton Hashley.

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## UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION

### **Sunday mornings • 9:30 a.m. in the Life Together Hall**

#### **March 1**

Four-year anniversary celebration for Pastor Eric.

#### **March 8**

Membership Mixer to meet new folks curious about membership.

#### **March 15**

Pastor Eric Bible Study on Sunday's Gospel Passage: John 9:1-41.

#### **March 22**

Pastor Andrew leads Adult Ed.

#### **March 29**

Pastor Andrew leads Adult Ed.

#### **April 5**

Easter breakfast (instead of Adult Education).

#### **April 12**

TBA.

#### **April 19**

PLU Professor Seth Dowland.

#### **April 26**

PLU Professor Seth Dowland.

#### **May 3**

PLU Professor Seth Dowland.

#### **May 10**

Camp Sunday, Camp Director Kevin Beebe from Lutherwood.

#### **May 17**

First unified worship service (9:30 a.m.) for the summer and Congregational Meeting.

# PIZZA & POTLUCK PARTY

PLUS GAME NIGHT AND PARENT SUMMIT



**FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026**

**GAME NIGHT 6-8:30 p.m. GYM/ED.BLDG.**

Junior High and Senior High youth gather for games and fellowship (including BINGO hosted by Jenny Grayum with prizes).

**PARENT SUMMIT 6-7:30 p.m. LIBRARY**

Parents gather with Pastor Andrew, Rock Ministry Coordinator Deborah, and MVLC Mentors to share questions, praises, concerns, and hopes for Rock Ministry as we enter a new era here at MVLC.