

# THIRD SUNDAY in LENT

*Sunday, March 8, 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

God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Trusting in God's overflowing grace,  
let us confess our sin.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, you know who we are.**

**You know everything we have done.**

**We thirst for things that will never satisfy us.**

**We commit ourselves to things that will never last.**

**We worship things that will never bring salvation.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of living water.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life.**

**Forgive us, O Lord,  
and give us this living water,  
so that we may never thirst again.**

**Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news of God's grace:

Though we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Though we were enemies of God, God loved us.

Once we were lost and dead—  
now Christ has become our life and salvation.

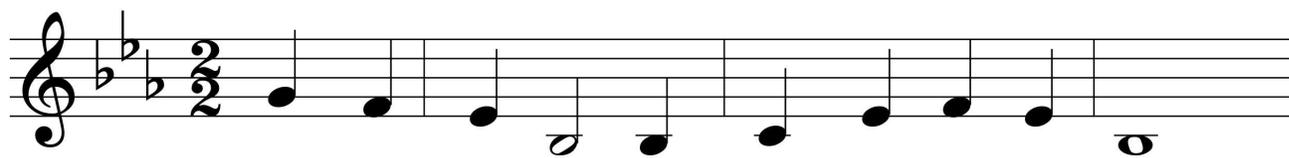
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

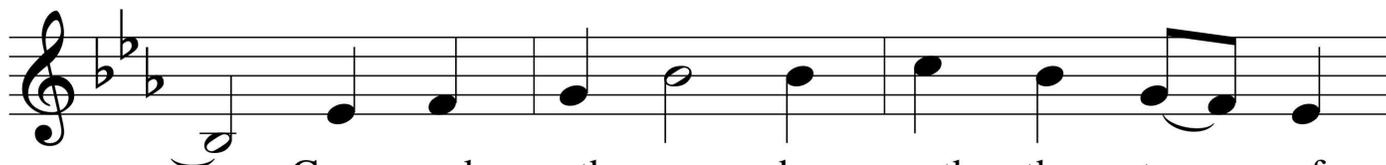
# GATHERING HYMN • "BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE"

*Tree of Life*

## Refrain



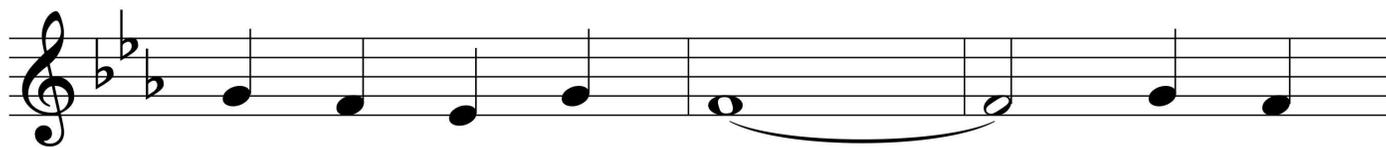
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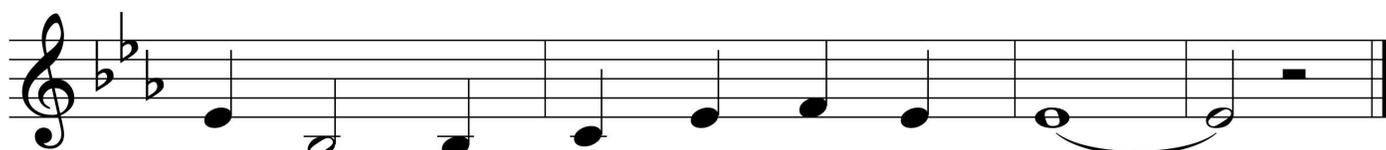
Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



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

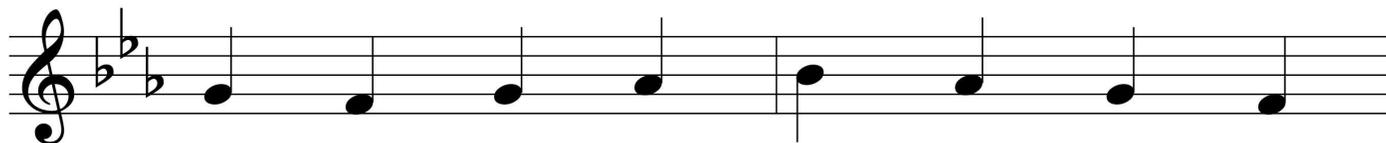


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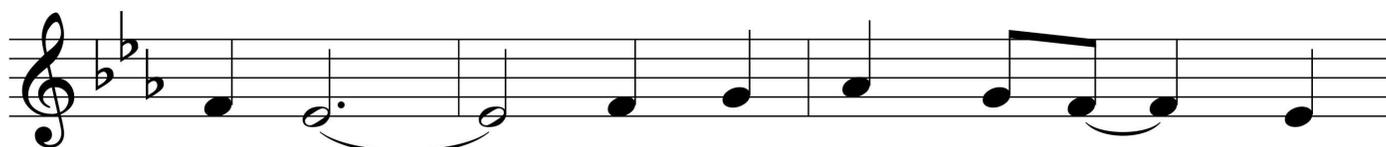
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## Verses



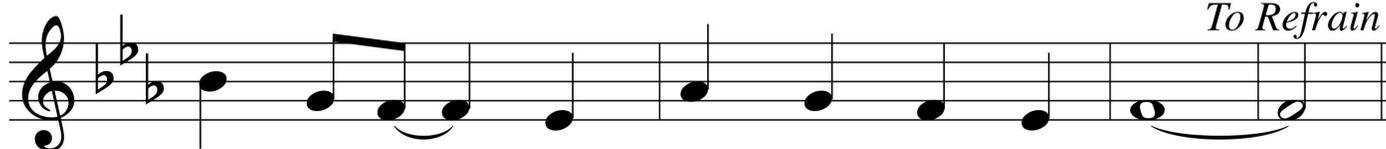
1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of

4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your



Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who

mer - cy, we in - voke your name, re -



leads us on from death in - to new life.

mem - ber how your love has set us free.

## 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.



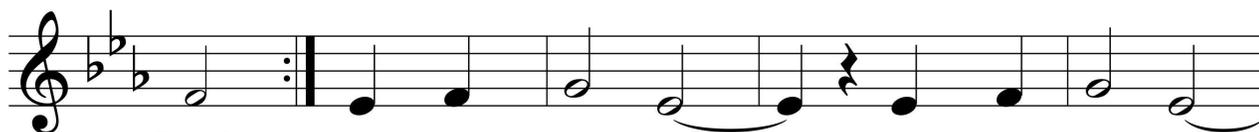
Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. **A** 1. For the  
**A** 2. For your



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

Lord God, great I AM,  
you are living water.

As we worship you this day  
show us who we are:  
channels of your love  
and vessels of your grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

## READING

A reading from the book of Exodus.

### Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

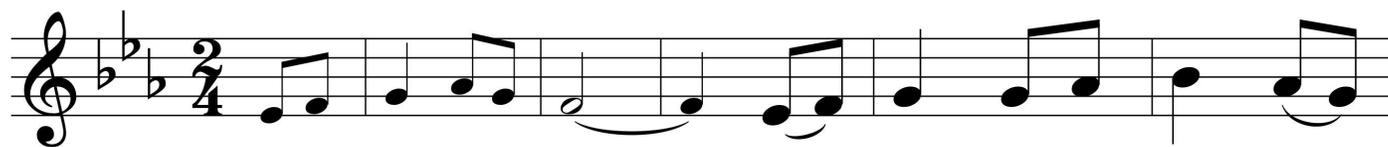
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand.*

# 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 4:5-42

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"

<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

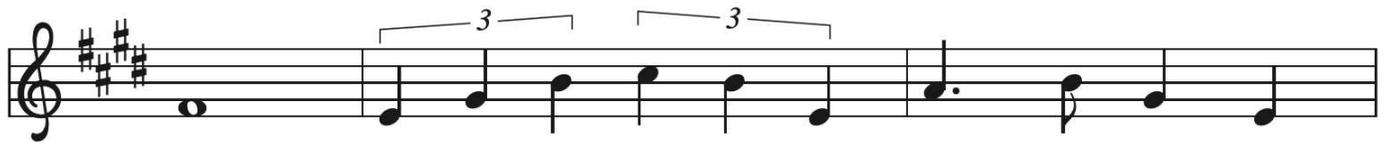
*Stand.*

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

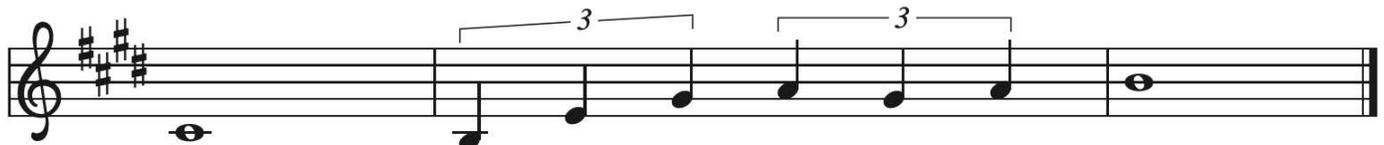
All Creation Sings 955



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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come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

# 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

See how the fields are ripe for harvest!

Already, God is gathering fruit for eternal life.

With rejoicing, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

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



## OFFERING

*10:45 a.m.*

*“Change My Heart, O God” • by Eddie Espinoza; arr. by Don Neptun  
MVLC Bell Choir*

*Stand.*

# OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART"

*Worship & Praise 35*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve  
you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that  
I might be re - newed. So fill me and  
heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -  
ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

Chords: F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Bb, Gm, C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>, C<sup>7</sup>, F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F, Am<sup>7</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>, Am<sup>7</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>, Gm<sup>7</sup>, Gm/D, C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>, C<sup>7</sup>, F, C/E, C/D Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F

## 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

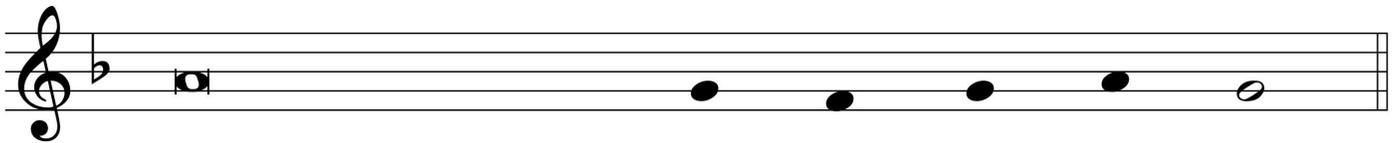
*Tree of Life*



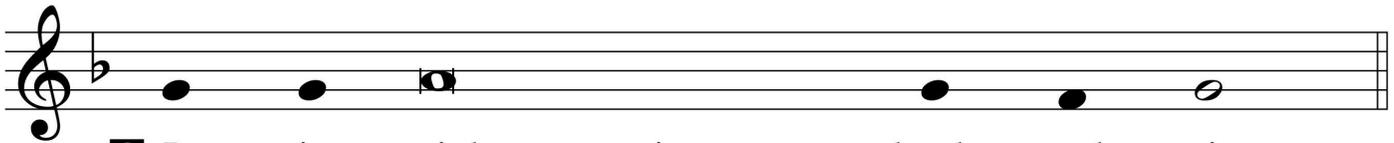
**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**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.

It is indeed right and good  
that we should everywhere and always  
offer thanks and praise to you,  
Holy God, mighty and immortal,  
through Christ our Lord.

You bid us return to you and be renewed,  
that your justice may shine like the sun  
and the poor of the earth be lifted up.

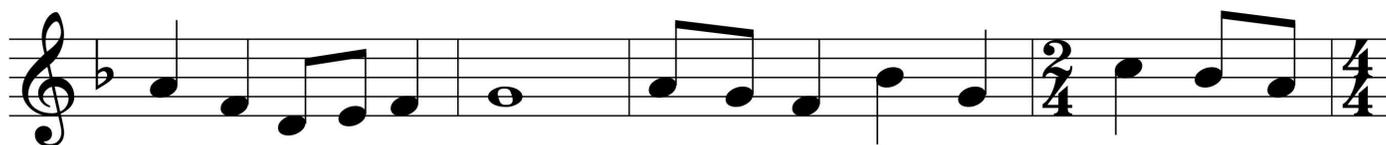
And so, with the Church on earth  
and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

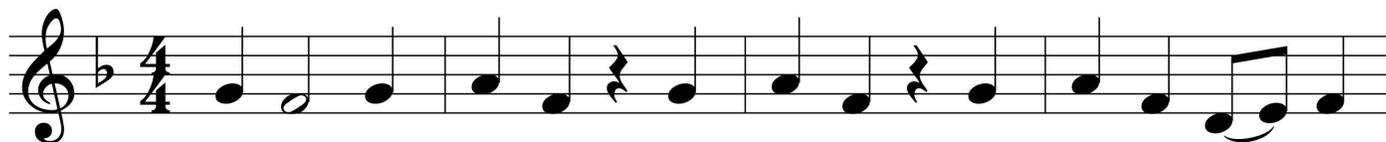
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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,



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



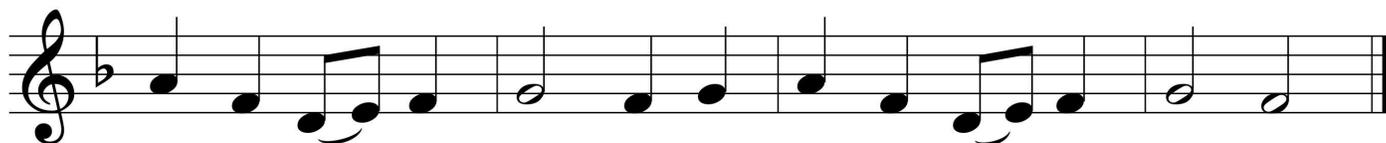
glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



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.*

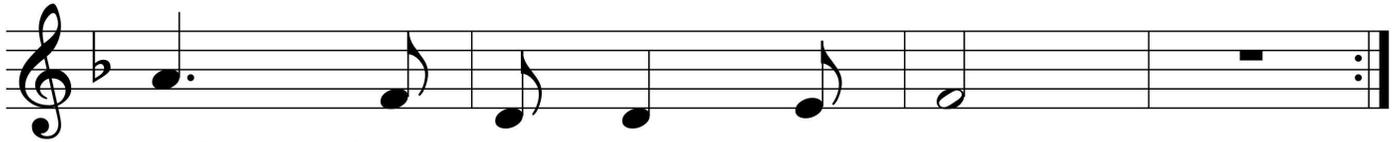
*If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an  
usher know and you will be served where you are seated.*

# LAMB OF GOD

*Tree of Life*



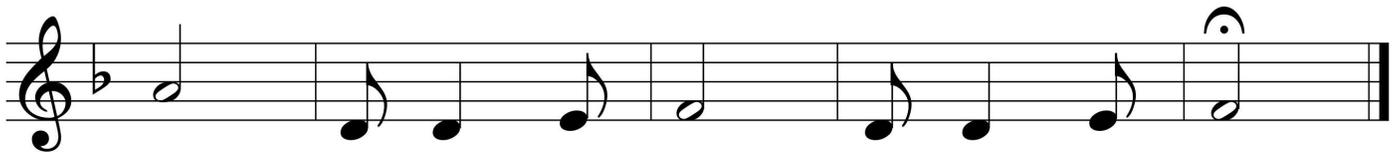
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us.



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



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

# COMMUNION HYMN • "AS THE DEER"

*Worship & Praise 9*



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter you.



You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to you a - lone may my spir-it yield;



you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor-ship you.

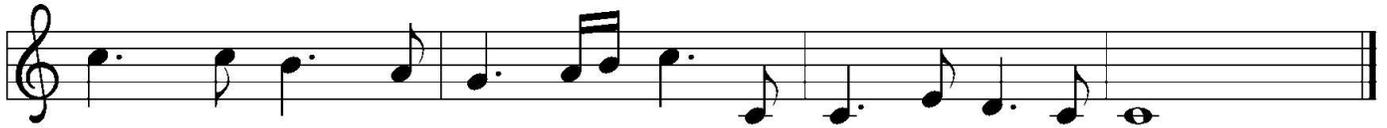
# COMMUNION HYMN • "BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 474*

*Refrain*



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with

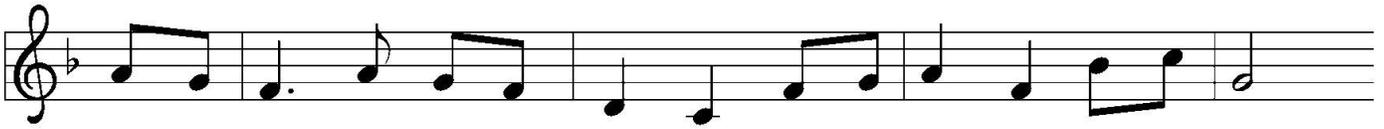


sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*

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

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 469*



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



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



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



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

*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

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
springing up like living water,  
fill your heart, and flow through your life.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN • "COME TO ME, ALL PILGRIMS THIRSTY"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 777*



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

## *Refrain*



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;  
I would be your trusted friend.  
Come and seek the gift I offer,  
come, your open hands extend."

## ***Refrain.***

- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;  
lonely ways no longer roam.  
Come and take the gift I offer,  
let me make in you my home."

## ***Refrain.***

## SENDING

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

### **Wednesday evenings**

**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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MUSIC LEADER: Dilyara Oliver.

VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.

ALTAR GUILD: Corie Adams, Cindy Jones, Angela Machumu, Sandi Swanson.

8:15 a.m.

USHERS: Skip Harrison (head usher), Janet Larson, George Rowe, Emily Thompson.

GREETERS: Connie McCrossin, Julie Williams.

LECTOR: Pili Wolfe.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Connie McCrossin, Lori Neptun.

SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

USHERS: John Dahle, Erik Knierim (head usher), Ryan Riley, Marlene Wright.

GREETERS: Diane Nelson.

ACOLYTE: Camdon Cornell.

LECTOR: Steve Schumacher.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Karla Briggs, Tristan Cornell.

SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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# *holy week at MVLC*

## CAMPUS CLEANUP

**Saturday 3/21 • 9:00 a.m.**

Help us beautify the campus for Holy Week.  
Bring your gloves and wear your gardening clothes.

## PALM SUNDAY

**Sunday 3/29 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**

We celebrate Jesus arriving at the gates of Jerusalem.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

**Thursday 4/2 • 7:00 p.m.**

Evening worship with foot washing,  
absolution of the Ash Wednesday confession, and Holy Communion.

## GOOD FRIDAY

**Friday 4/3 • 7:00 p.m.**

Evening worship as we reflect upon the Cross and the crucifixion of Jesus.

## EASTER VIGIL

**Saturday 4/4 • 7:00 p.m.**

Evening worship including procession of light,  
stories of salvation history, affirmation of faith, and more.  
Bring a bell to ring during the Easter proclamation!

## EASTER BREAKFAST

**Sunday 4/5 • 9:30 a.m.**

The youth of MVLC serve breakfast,  
with funds raised supporting a trip to the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering.