



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29, 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

The congregation stands and faces the baptismal font.

PROCESSIONAL LITANY

The Poet Thinks about the Donkey • Mary Oliver

On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited.

**Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
he stood and waited.**

*How horses, turned out into the meadow,
leap with delight!*

***How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight!***

But, the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.

Then he let himself be led away.

Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!

And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.

Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.

**I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.**

PROCESSIONAL READING

Listen to the story of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 21:1-11

¹ When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

⁵ "Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹⁰ When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹ The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • "PAVE THE WAY WITH BRANCHES"

All Creation Sings 928

*Je - sus is com - ing. Pave the way with branch - es.

Je - sus is com - ing. Ho - san - na. san - na.

Ho - san - na, Je - sus is com - ing. Ho -

san - na to the Prince of peace. Prince of peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

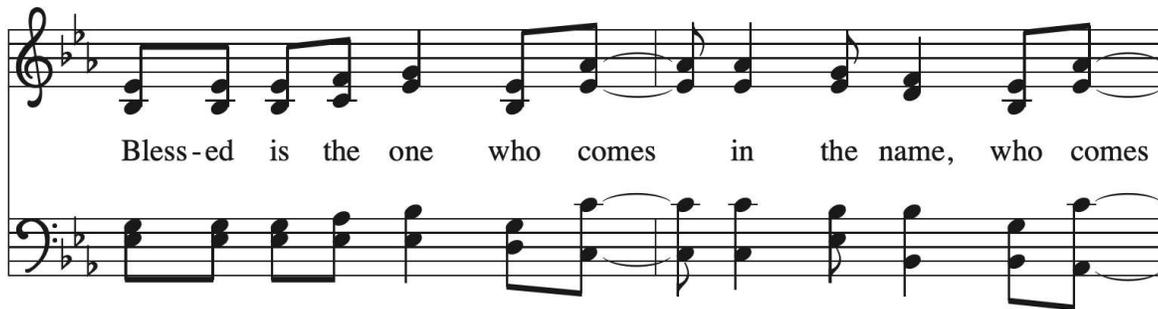
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

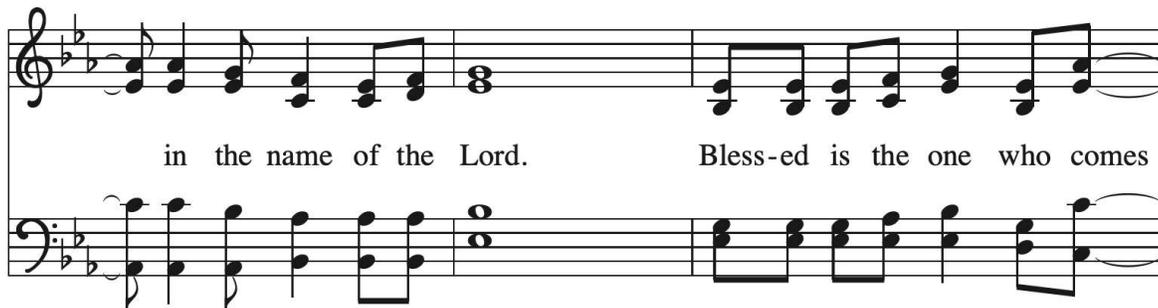
HYMN OF PRAISE • "BLESSED IS THE ONE"

All Creation Sings 929

Sing three times.



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes



in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes



in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God,
you have established your rule
in the human heart
through the servanthood of Jesus Christ.

By your Spirit,
keep us in the joyful procession
of those who with their tongues
confess Jesus as Lord
and with their lives
praise him as Savior,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit.

READING

A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sit.

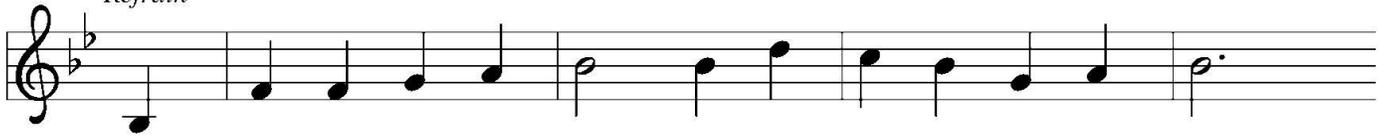
CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 344

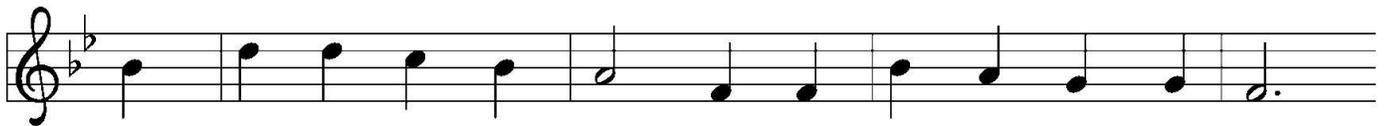
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

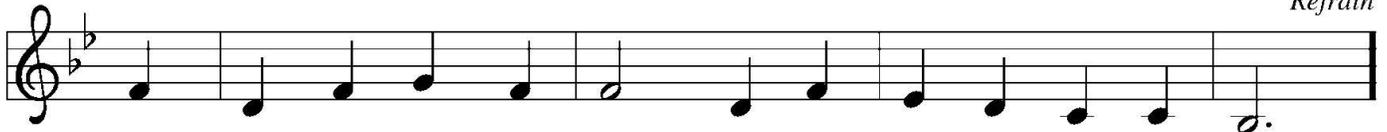


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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

Let our hosannas to one who brings liberation
take form in our tithes and offering.

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



OFFERING

10:45 a.m.

*“Hosanna! Hosanna!” • words, Jeanette Threfall; arr., Timothy Mayfield.
MVLC Choir*

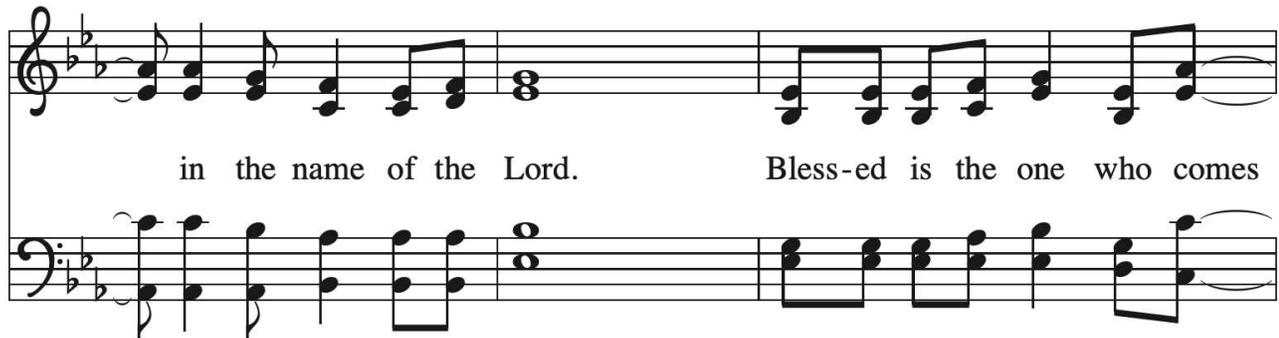
Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "BLESSED IS THE ONE"

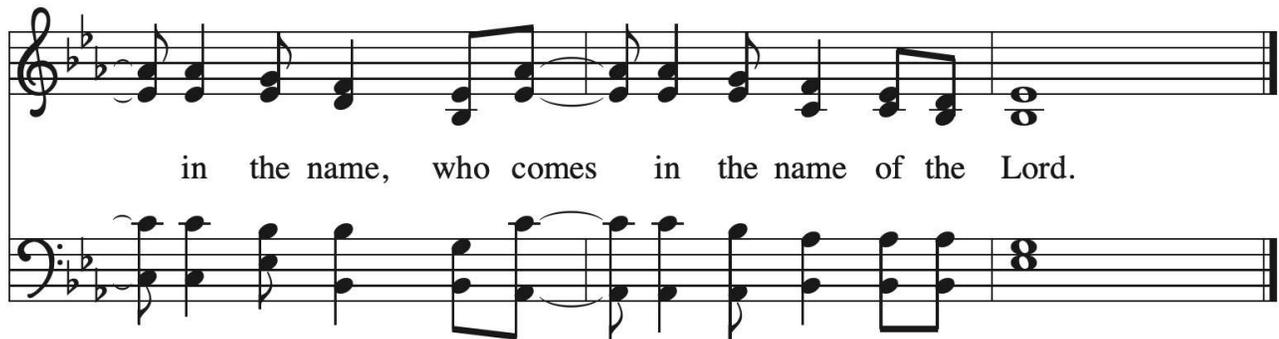
All Creation Sings 929



Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name, who comes



in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is the one who comes



in the name, who comes in the name of the 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

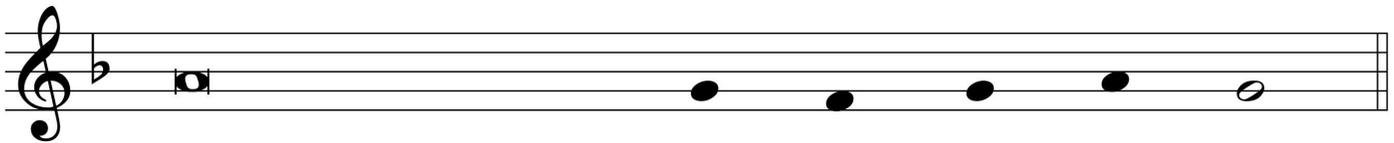
Tree of Life



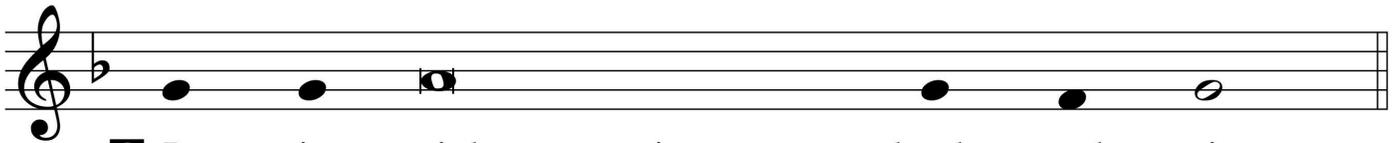
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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

who, loving us, loved us to the end,
and gave his life upon the tree
that the whole world
might be drawn to him.

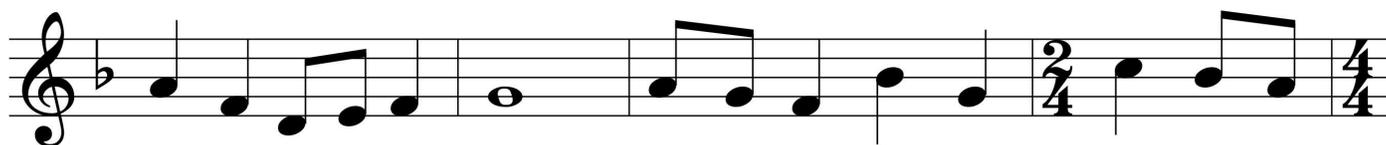
And so, with the Church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

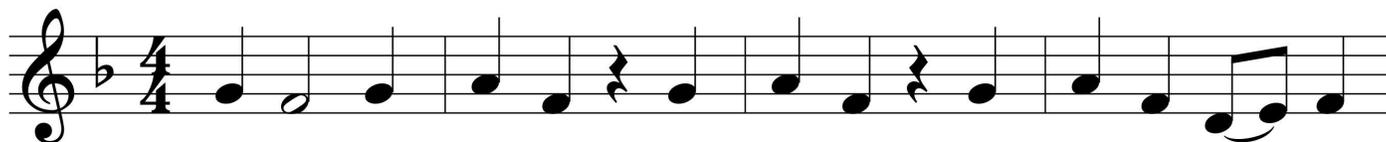
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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,



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



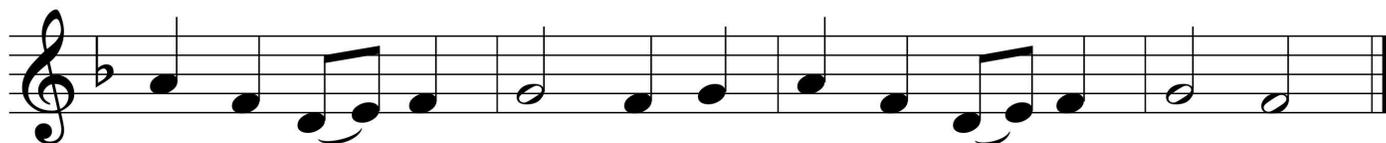
glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



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.*

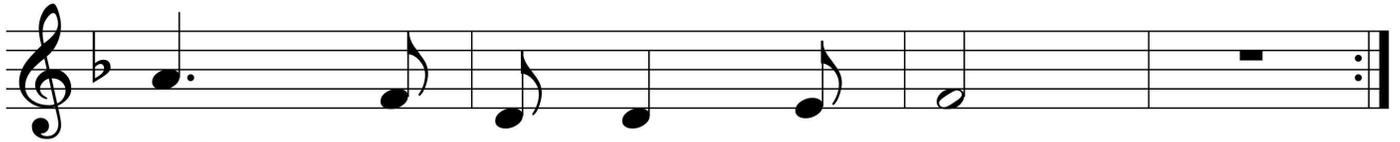
*If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an
usher know and you will be served where you are seated.*

LAMB OF GOD

Tree of Life



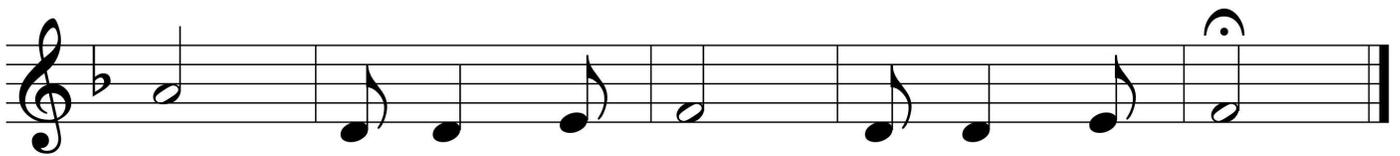
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



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 • "NOW IS THE TIME OF GRACE"

All Creation Sings 918

Congregation: refrain; cantor: verses.



Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.



Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in-vi - ta - tion.

- 1 This is the fast that God would choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to let the captives go free,
and to break the yoke of oppression.

Refrain.

- 2 Sharing your bread with the hungry
and welcoming homeless in,
offering hope and offering help,
this is what God requires.

Refrain.

- 3 Then shall your light break forth as dawn,
and healing shall come to you quickly;
then you shall call and God shall answer,
God's love shall go before you.

Refrain.

COMMUNION HYMN • "BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY"

Global Songs 2



1, 5 Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
2 Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
3 Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
4 Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.



Give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home;



When our legs are get - ting heav - y, and we're hang - ing down our heads,
With so ma - ny roads be - fore us, where to go is hard to say.
All the walls we've built a - round us: may we learn to tear them down.
where we'll live with all cre - a - tion, find our place and nev - er roam.



give us bread for the jour - ney, give us bread.
Guide our way as we trav - el, guide our way.
Make us one with each oth - er, make us one.
Lead us home to the gar - den, lead us home.

COMMUNION HYMN • "EAT THIS BREAD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 472

Refrain

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

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.

ALL DEACON SENDING

We send out all Deacons today to visit all of our homebound members.

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.**

A SHORT LITANY AS HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Today we have cheered you on as our champion
and hailed you as our hero.

Forgive us tomorrow when our enthusiasm wanes.

Today we have entrusted you to rescue us from our pitiful circumstances.

**Forgive us on Tuesday
when we decide we can take care of ourselves.**

Today we have made you the centerpiece of our very existence.

**Forgive us on Wednesday
when we forget to remember who you are.**

Today we have called out to you loudly by name.

**Forgive us on Thursday
when we pretend that we've never met you.**

Today we have stared at you with the star struck eyes of fans and groupies.

**Forgive us on Friday
when we avert our eyes because it's too painful
to see you on the cross.**

Today we have expressed our unsuppressed hopefulness
in the future you have in store for us.

**Forgive us on Saturday
when we believe all is lost.**

Today we have been boldly certain of the earthly ways you will redeem us.

**Restore us on Sunday
when we are startled and awed by your rising.**

SENDING HYMN • "BLESS NOW, O GOD, THE JOURNEY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 326



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

SENDING

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

HOLY WEEK AT MVLC

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, Holy Communion, and more. Bring a bell to ring during the Easter proclamation!

EASTER SUNDAY • Sunday 4/5 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

We celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with Easter worship.

EASTER BREAKFAST • Sunday 4/5 • 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

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

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DIRECTOR of MUSIC: Amy Boers.

VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.

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

8:15 a.m.

USHERS: Mary Beth Dahl, Sandi Swanson (head usher), Diane Tyler, Terry Wolfe.

GREETERS: Ken Edmonds, Connie McCrossin.

LECTOR: Carol Powers.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jeanne Anderson, Ken Edmonds.

SOUND: Clayton Hashley.

10:45 a.m.

USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), John Dahle, Tom Fairchild, Ryan Riley.

GREETER: Diane Nelson.

LECTOR: Bob Linden.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Jensen, Diane Nelson.

SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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MESSIAH

Saturday, April 11, 2026

3:00 p.m.

Mountain View
Lutheran Church

3505 122nd Avenue East
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Free admission.

Free will offering to
Lutheran World Relief.

Reception to follow.

Bring a score.

A few scores will be provided
to borrow for the sing along.

