



*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.

PARABLES

9TH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

Sunday, July 26, 2026 • 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

*All are invited to make the sign of the cross, +
the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Let us confess our sins to the One
who searches us and knows us.

You are invited to kneel or continue to stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess that we have turned away from you
and have not lived with upright hearts.**

Forgive us for failing to follow you.

**Guide our feet to walk in your ways
and serve your world
to the glory of your name.**

Amen.

Silence for reflection.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Your sins are forgiven;
be at peace,
for all things work together for good
for those who love God.

Amen.

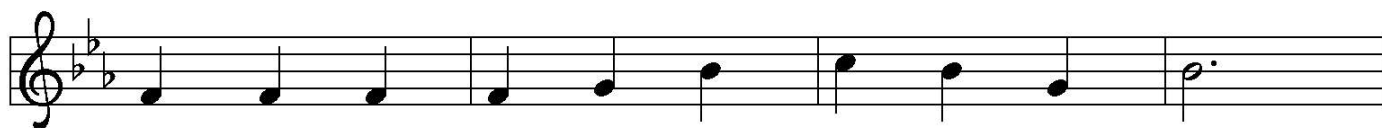
Stand.

GATHERING HYMN • "BE THOU MY VISION"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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

ELW, Holy Communion, Setting Eight

Refrain

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church,
for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

That we may live out your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives
in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God,
you have given us a dream of your world made whole,
a heavenly realm that is near in heart and close at hand,
and it is ours to choose each day.

May our smallest acts of courtesy, when transformed by your love,
grow abundantly into a realm of flourishing for all.

Amen.

Sit.

READING

A reading from the first book of Kings.

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” ⁶ And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, “Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

ELW, Holy Communion, Setting Eight

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. (*whistle*)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

(*whistle*) Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM"

Worship & Praise 22

Leader D G/D D D/F# All G D/F# A D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit - y of God!
 3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
 4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!

Leader G D/F# G A D All G D/F# A D

Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the king-dom of God!
 Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
 Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the king-dom of God!

Refrain G D/F# Em A D G D/F#

Bring forth the king-dom of mer - cy, bring forth the

Em A D G D/F# G A D

king-dom of peace; bring forth the king-dom of jus - tice,

G D/F# Em/G A D G D/F# A D

bring forth the cit - y of God!

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

Trusting in God's steadfast love
for all God has made,
let us pray for the church,
the world, and all of creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Grateful for your abundant provision
and trusting in your goodness,
we cast our cares upon you,
through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus said,
The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed;
it is the smallest of all the seeds,
but when it has grown
it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree
so that the birds of the air come
and make their nest in its branches.

Let us offer our gifts this day,
for the kingdom of heaven is near.

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



OFFERING

Stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW, Holy Communion, Setting Eight

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

SANCTUS

ELW, Holy Communion, Setting Eight

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. 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.

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

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

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

ELW, Holy Communion, Setting Eight

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; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN • "NOW IN THIS BANQUET"

Worship & Praise 104

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some lines indented to align with the phrasing. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at the beginning of each measure: G, Am7/G, D, G, Am7/G, D, G, Am7/G, D, G, Am7/G, D, G, Am7/G, D, G.

Now in this ban - quet, Christ is our bread;
Advent: God of our jour - neys, day - break to night;
Lent: Lord, you can o - pen hearts that are stone;

here shall all hun - gers be fed.
lead us to jus - tice and light.
live in our flesh and our bone.

Bread that is bro - ken, wine that is poured:
Grant us com - pas - sion, strength for the day,
Lead us to won - der, mys - t'ry and grace,

love is the sign of our Lord.
wis - dom to walk in your way.
one in your lov - ing em - brace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "HERE IS BREAD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 483



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



Refrain

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

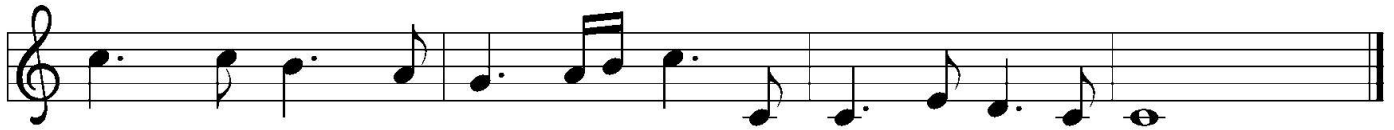
COMMUNION HYMN • "BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 474

Refrain



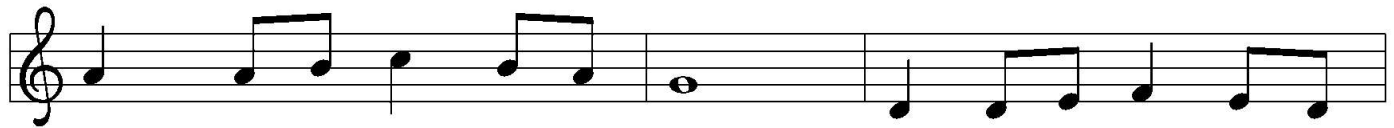
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



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



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|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|------------|------------------|------------|
| 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.
hearts on the food that en - dures.
self for the life of the world.
home in the life - giv - ing Word.
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn;

Eat, all of you, and be
Come, learn the true and the
Come to the one who is
Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
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

Stand.

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.**

**Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.**

Amen.

DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to “make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example.” Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

O God of tender compassion,

as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our siblings in Christ who are sick or homebound.

May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God
of creation,
liberation,
and illumination

bless you this day
and always.

SENDING HYMN • "OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 519



- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

SENDING

Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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MEETING

TODAY • 11:00 a.m. in the Library

Youth and adults going to the **2027 ELCA Youth Gathering** meet to discuss their trip, as well as planning, preparations, and fundraisers.

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ALTAR GUILD: Corie Adams, Janice Harrison, Diksha Knierim.

USHERS: Walt Freed, Janice Harrison, Erik Knierim (head usher), Mike Lindstrom.

GREETERS: Steve Petersen, Deborah VanderLey.

LECTOR: Dotty Shireman.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jeanne Anderson, Terry Freed.

SOUND: Clayton Hashley.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
by Julie Williams in memory of Mark and the blessing of their marriage
and in honor of their wedding anniversary.

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MVLC Youth at the

2027 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

22 youth and 6 adult chaperones from Mountain View Lutheran Church will attend the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering from June 28 to July 2, 2027 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

“Every three years, thousands of high schoolers and their adult leaders from across the ELCA come together for the ELCA Youth Gathering. It’s not just an event but a movement in which faith ignites and community comes alive. Through inspiring speakers, experiential learning, and transformative connections, young people experience the church in bold, unforgettable ways. Each night, participants share a unique faith experience through high-energy worship and powerful storytelling. The Gathering is an opportunity to ask big questions, grow in faith, and be part of something bigger than yourself. Are you ready to join the movement?”

There are two upcoming fundraisers in which members of the congregation can participate and help support our youth group’s trip to Minneapolis.

GLACIER CAR WASH

2841 Emerald Street, Milton

\$10 ticket buys you the “fancy car wash” at a discounted price, with \$5 of every ticket sold supporting the youth. Sign up now for the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Pay up front with cash or check. Youth will be in the Gathering Space with clipboards and taking orders on Sunday 7/26 and Sunday 8/2.

MOD PIZZA

940 Meridian Ave E., Suite 101, Milton

Bring in a flyer (it will be printed on the back of the 8/2 and 8/9 worship folders) or order online and use fundraiser code MODGIVES25 when you purchase pizzas and other items from MOD **on Sunday, August 9, 2026**. MOD will donate 25% of your bill to the youth of MVLC.