

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.
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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.

# TIME AFTER PENTECOST / SUMMER

# **DRAWN** to the WORD

Sunday, August 10, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

**PRELUDE** 

# **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Stand.



### LITANY FOR ARTISTS AND CREATIVES

God, we know that we are each made in your image, wonderfully, infinitely creative.
Like you, we are creating new realities with our thoughts, speaking worlds into being with our words.

Because you've made us with great diversity, we are each creative in different ways, no one mold fitting every form.

No one medium suiting every creator.

We know that there is no limit to creativity; one person's creative energy does not restrict another's. But that, as artists, we often get stuck in feelings of scarcity in feelings of jealousy in feelings of doubt.

We choose to acknowledge these feelings as the fits of ego they are, and to let them pass on by, remembering our true selves, hidden with you, our imaginations tapped into your abundance.
Our creative souls mirroring yours.

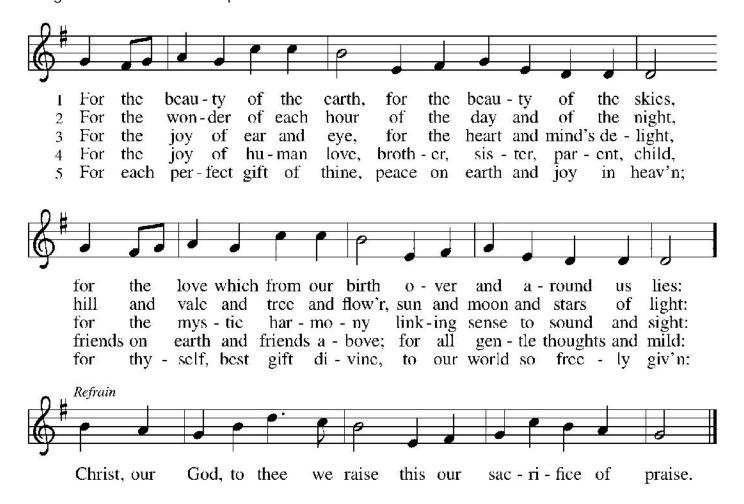
We know that by our creativity and imaginations we can change the world, bring peace where there was chaos, bring light where there was shadow; and that beauty has great spiritual worth and great importance in human evolution.

We ask for the grace and humility
to wield our creativity for the greatest good,
to be willing to fail sometimes,
to revise and begin again,
to hone our craft,
to receive feedback,
to believe in ourselves,
and to reflect the beauty of Christ in every creation. Amen.



### **GATHERING HYMN** • "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 879



#### **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.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds and cares for us, too, help us to cease our worrying and all our strivings.

Add to our lives, day by day, calm trust in you until we find what we seek above all: your kingdom.

In the name of Jesus, we pray.

#### Amen.

Sit.

### **READING**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

## Matthew 5:1-20

- <sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
- <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
- <sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## **MUSIC**

"Return to the Lord"

**SILENCE** 

### **REFLECTION**

Pastor Paul Oman.

#### **READING**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

## Matthew 5:21—6:4

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder,' and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup> So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup> "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup> "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' <sup>34</sup> But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

<sup>38</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup> But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also, <sup>40</sup> and if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give your coat as well, <sup>41</sup> and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks of you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> so that you may be children of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

<sup>1</sup> "Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

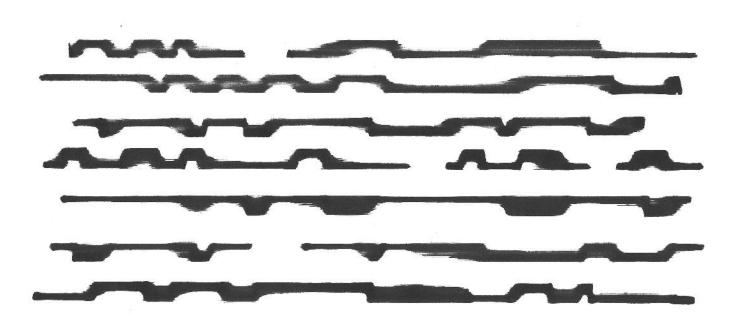
# MUSIC

Themes and variations on "Baptized and Set Free"

# SILENCE

# **REFLECTION**

Pastor Paul Oman.



#### **READING**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

## Matthew 6:5-34

- <sup>5</sup> "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- <sup>7</sup> "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> "Pray, then, in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.
<sup>10</sup> May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.
<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.

<sup>14</sup> "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

- <sup>16</sup> "And whenever you fast, do not look somber, like the hypocrites, for they mark their faces to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
- <sup>19</sup> "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- <sup>22</sup> "The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup> but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
- <sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.
- <sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

<sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>34</sup> "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

# MUSIC

"The Lord's Prayer" • A. Malotte, arr. Amy Boers

# SILENCE

# **REFLECTION**

Pastor Paul Oman.

#### **READING**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

## Matthew 7:1-29

- <sup>1</sup> "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For the judgment you give will be the judgment you get, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.
- <sup>6</sup> "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.
- <sup>7</sup>"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!
- <sup>12</sup> "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
- <sup>13</sup> "Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. <sup>14</sup> For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

<sup>15</sup> "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will know them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away from me, you who behave lawlessly.'

<sup>24</sup> "Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

<sup>28</sup> Now when Jesus had finished saying these words, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> for he taught them as one having authority and not as their scribes.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

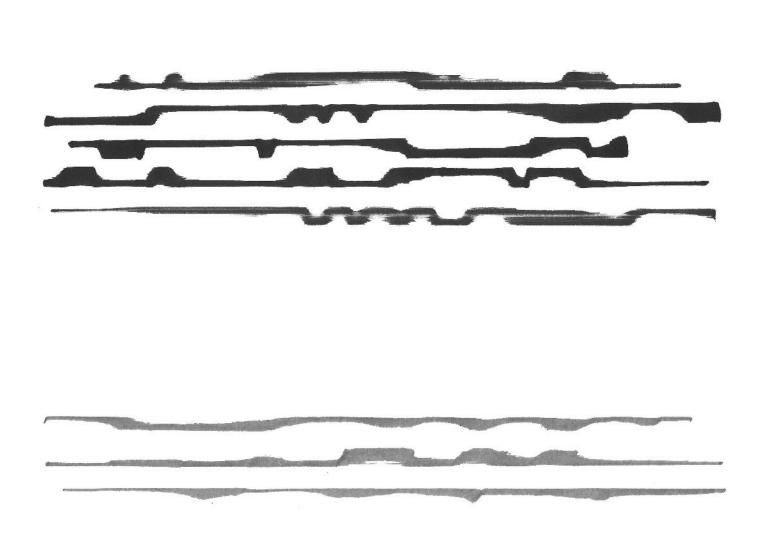
# MUSIC

Theme and variations on "Let Justice Roll Like a River"

# SILENCE

# **REFLECTION**

Pastor Paul Oman.



# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

# SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

#### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Our loving God gives us guidance and grace to choose the ways of life that bring us blessing and peace.

Therefore, let us love the Lord, all you saints, by offering back a portion of all that has been given us.

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



### **OFFERING**

"Prayer" • Leslie H. Adams Bella Wilkins, mezzo soprano; Amy Boers, piano

Stand.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

## **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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Sit.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice open communion, which means that everyone is welcome at the Lord's table, because here we do not check credentials or polish our beliefs into shiny badges.

We come as we are: tired, tentative, hopeful, or curious because Christ is a generous host and warmly invites everyone.

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.

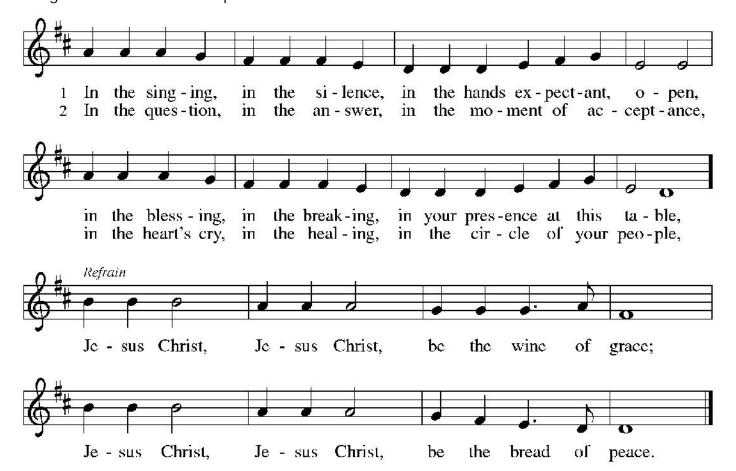
# **COMMUNION HYMN •** "NOW THE SILENCE"

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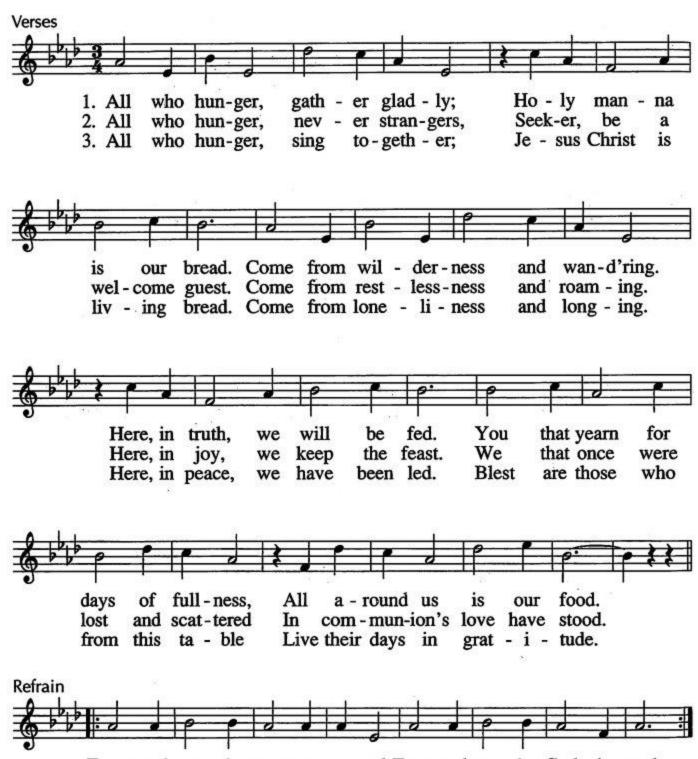
# **COMMUNION HYMN** • "IN THE SINGING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 466



### **COMMUNION HYMN** • "ALL WHO HUNGER"

Gather, Third Edition 925



Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Stand.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God,

you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus's name. Amen.

### A WORD FROM ARTIST AND PASTOR PAUL OMAN

### **DEACON SENDING**

Deacons are called to "make Christ and his redemptive love known by word and example." (1 Timothy)

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Gracious God,

as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers 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.

#### BENEDICTION

Let us remember that we are sons and daughters of God, the only true Artist of the Kingdom of abundance. We are God's heirs, princesses and princes of this infinite land beyond the sea, where heaven will kiss the earth.

May we steward well what the Creator King has given us, and accept God's invitation to sanctify our imagination and creativity, even as we labor hard on this side of eternity.

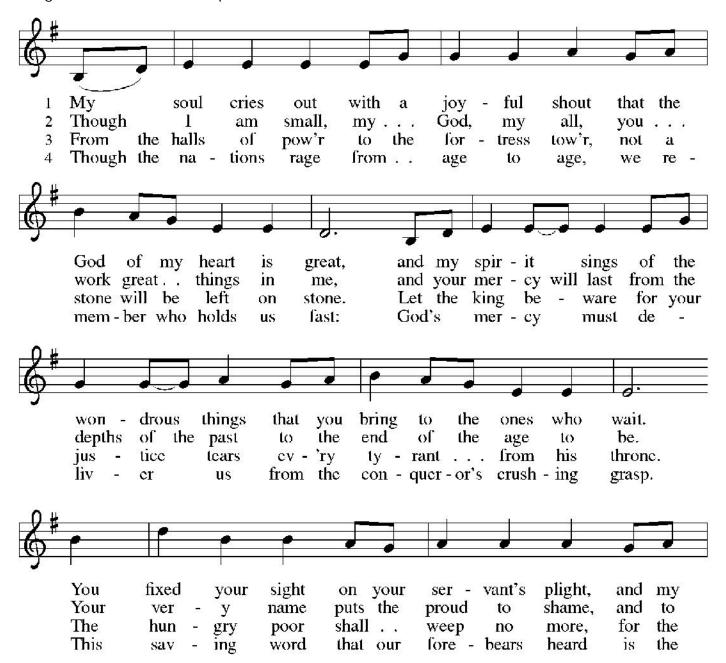
May our art, what we make, be multiplied into the New Creation. May our poems, music, and dance be acceptable offerings for the cosmic wedding to come. May our sandcastles, created in faith, be turned into permanent grand mansions in which we will celebrate the great banquet of the table.

Let us come and eat and drink at the supper of the Lamb now so that we might be empowered by this meal to go into the world to create and to make, and return to share what we have learned on this journey toward the New.

#### Amen.

# **SENDING HYMN •** "CANTICLE OF THE TURNING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 723





weak-ness you did shall my not spurn, so from east to west those who would for you will show your might, you yearn, put the ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry food they can nev - er there are earn; prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be





My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a-bout to turn.

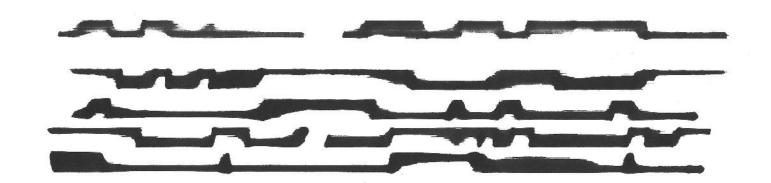
# **SENDING**

The Lord is risen and has set you free. Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE**

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Earl and Joan Root in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary.



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#### GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

#### Sunday, September 7, 2025 • 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

God's Work. Our Hands. is a designated day of service, "an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor."

You will have the opportunity to sign up for one of nine various service activities that members of MVLC are leading throughout our community. "Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace."

Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. and will be approximately thirty minutes long. We will gather together for singing, scripture reading, and brief instructions for the events of the day.

Then, everyone will disperse to the various service projects from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or until finished).

At the end of the afternoon, everyone will return to MVLC for an all-church meal at 4:00 p.m., reflecting on the projects accomplished and meaningful work done.

Sign up for the service project in which you want to participate, starting on Sunday, August 10 in the Gathering Space. Sign-ups are for each person involved, so if your whole family of seven are planning to serve, then sign each name accordingly. This helps the project leaders know they have the right amount of people for each service project.

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### MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND CELEBRATION DINNER

Saturday, September 13, 2025 • 5:00 p.m. in the Life Together Hall

Our congregation gathers to celebrate recent legacy gifts to the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF), to be inspired by the stories of impactful ministry from MEF grant recipients, and to invite more to include the MEF in their legacy giving. The event is free but will require an RSVP via mountainviewlutheranchurch.breezechms.com/form/MEFBanquetRSVP.