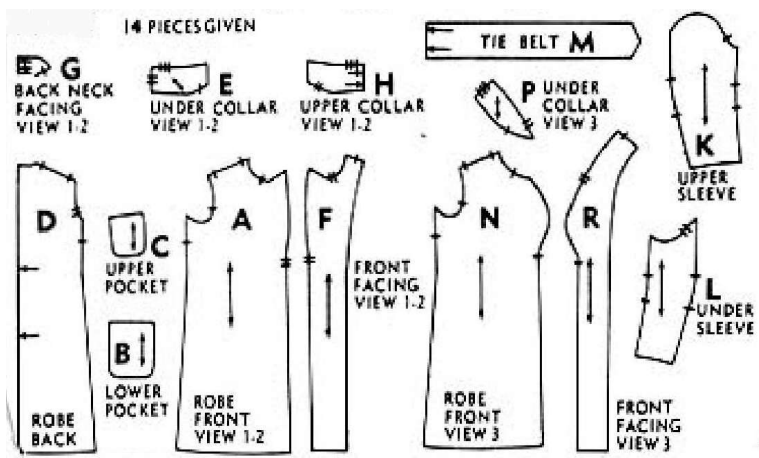




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- D I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers
- E and the wrong they did in harming you.'
- F Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants
- G of the God of your father."
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- K Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said,
- L "We are here as your slaves."
- M But Joseph said to them,
- N "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?
- P Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.
- R So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little one." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

*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.

RENEWAL & RESTORATION

16TH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

Sunday, September 13, 2026 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 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.*

As loving parents have compassion for their children,
God has compassion for us.

Confident in God's love, let us confess our sins.

You are invited to kneel or continue to stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God,
we confess that we have failed to live in harmony
with our sisters and brothers.**

**We have been self-righteous in our attitudes,
closed-minded in our beliefs,
and judgmental in our opinions.**

**We have shunned those whose ways
we do not understand,
and we have despised those
who do not endorse our convictions.**

**Forgive our sins of discord and conceit,
and heal our divisiveness and quarreling.**

**Help us to be charitable in our regard for others
that we may dwell in peace with Christ,
who is Lord of all.**

Amen.

Silence for reflection.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, the Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Stand.

GATHERING HYMN • "I COME WITH JOY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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

God, our source and our salvation,
in love you have made us
and by your love you have redeemed us.

Make your love for us bear fruit
in our forgiveness of others,
that in this life we may know
your all-embracing compassion
and in the world to come receive
the everlasting joy of fellowship
you share with your Son, Jesus Christ,
and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

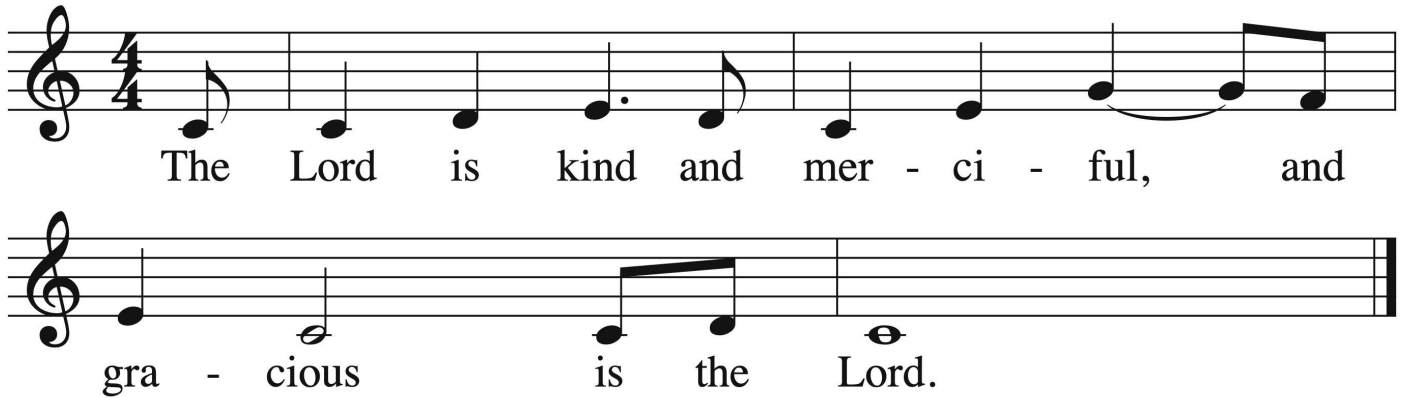
Sit.

PSALM • "THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL"

Psalms for the Church Year, Volume Five • Psalm 103

*Cantor sings refrain; **then all repeat.***

*Cantor: verses; **congregation: refrain.***



1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord.
All my being bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.
Refrain.

2 The Lord forgives all our sin,
and he comforts us in sorrow.
He saves us from destruction,
and crowns us with his kindness.
Refrain.

3 Merciful is the Lord,
and gracious in his bounty,
slow to anger and merciful,
abounding in his kindness.
Refrain.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE • "LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

READING

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."
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The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

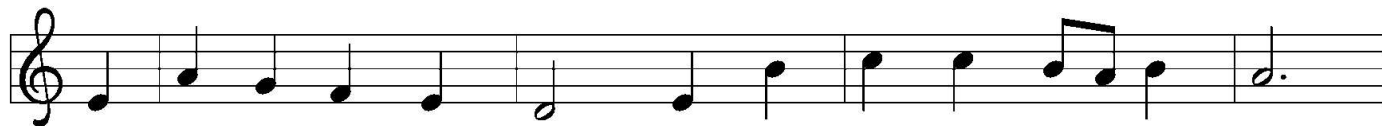
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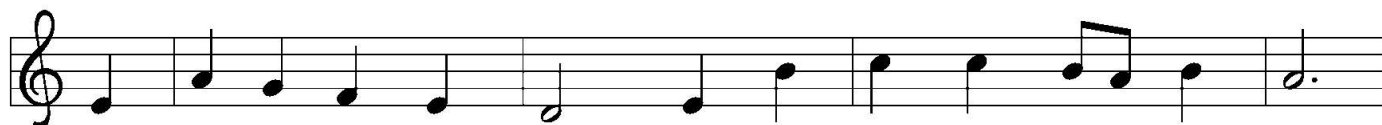
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HYMN OF THE DAY • "OUR FATHER, WE HAVE WANDERED"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 606



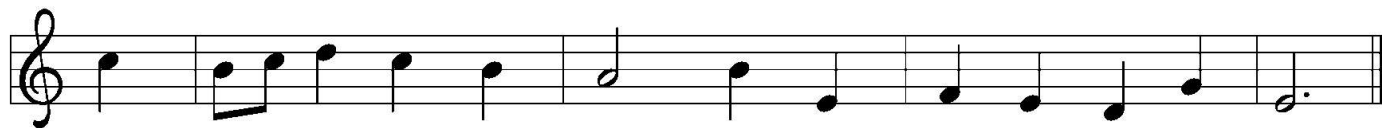
1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love,
we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered,
what we have forgotten to ask,
and whatever else you see that we need.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let us give as God has so abundantly given to us.

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



OFFERING

Stand.

OFFERING SONG • "LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

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 • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

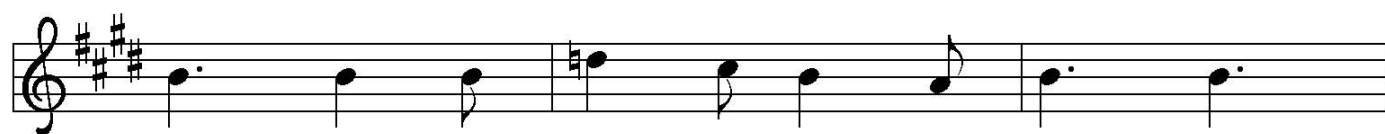
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 191



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. 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

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 195

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.

COMMUNION HYMN • "COME, LET US EAT"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 491

Leader or All



- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
- 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
- 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



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Leader or All



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



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Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
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COMMUNION HYMN • "WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

COMMUNION HYMN • "I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 477



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Stand.

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.**

By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

**Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.**

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.

Gracious God,

**you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food,
comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world.**

**Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and
sacrament to our siblings in their homes and in hospitals.**

**Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on
your body and blood and receive your words of new life.**

**May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the
body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

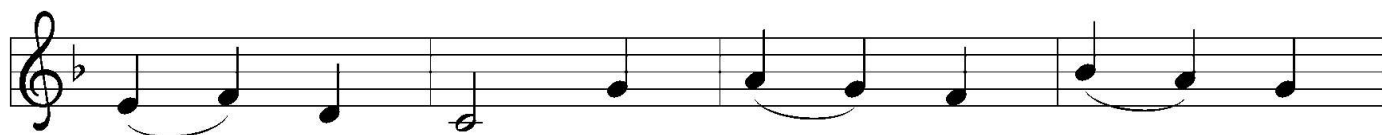
BLESSING OF DISCIPLESHIP HOUR VOLUNTEERS

SENDING HYMN • "THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

SENDING

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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DISCIPLESHIP HOUR

Sunday morning • 9:30 a.m.

Adult Discipleship Hour

“Animate Discipleship” with Pastor Eric in the Life Together Hall.

Kid and Youth Discipleship Hour

Classes in the Education Building.

- High School = **Intro to Christian Ethics.**
- Middle School = **The Life of David** (finish up the graphic novel Bible).
- Fourth and Fifth Grade = **Kids’ Travel Guide to the Beatitudes.**
- Kindergarten through Third Grade = **Kids’ Travel Guide to the Beatitudes.**
- Pre-kindergarten = **Play with a Bible story and snack .**

Parents of Kids/Youth

Coffee and conversation with Pastor Andrew in the Library.

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VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.

ALTAR GUILD: Sue Bradley, Kathy Harris, Janice Harrison.

8:15 a.m.

USHERS: Skip Harrison (head usher), Mike Lindstrom, Karyn Williamson, Olivia Williamson.

GREETERS: Connie McCrossin, Dotty Shireman.

ACOLYTES: Gretchen Schaefer, Joanna Schaefer.

LECTOR: Penelope Neptun.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Flora Larson, Lori Neptun.

SOUND: Clayton Hashley, Nate Schaefer.

10:45 a.m.

USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), John Dahle, Cathie Freiling.

GREETER: Tom Fairchild.

LECTOR: Marlene Wright.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Karla Briggs, Ellen Leapaldt.

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