

*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.

TIME AFTER PENTECOST / SUMMER

15TH SUNDAY after Pentecost

Sunday, September 21, 2025 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even though we continually turn away from God,
the Lord is eager to forgive.

Trusting in the promise of grace,
let us confess our sin.

Kneel or remain standing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you know our sin:
we have squandered the gifts you have given us.**

**We have failed to forgive our debtors
as you have forgiven us.**

**We have been unfaithful and dishonest
in small things and great things alike.**

**We are shrewd in seeking wealth
and foolish in following your ways.**

**Forgive our sins, O Lord,
for your name's sake.**

**Make us faithful stewards
of the grace you have given
and generous in forgiving others;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

A moment is observed for silent confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Our loving God desires everyone to be saved
and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • "AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE"

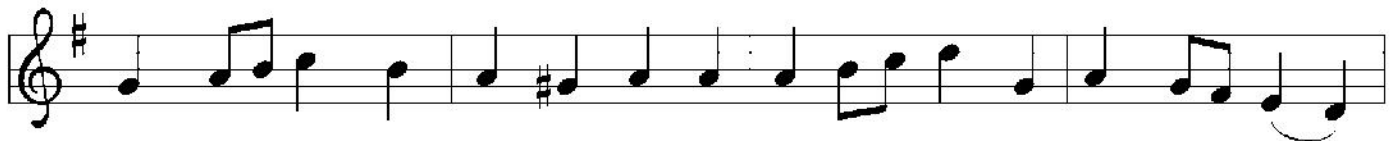
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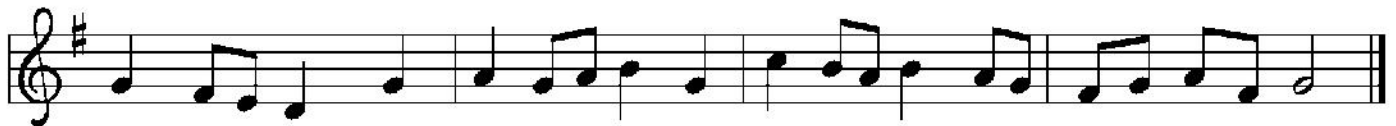
- 1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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

Now the Feast and Celebration

In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is for the Assistant and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all... ***Refrain.***

For your people here, who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your Word... ***Refrain.***

Assistant: Congregation:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
A - - - men.


The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff is for the Assistant and the second staff is for the Congregation. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

HYMN OF PRAISE • "GLORY TO GOD"


Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain (may be sung continuously):

Congregation:



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1:

(Refrain begins)



You are God; we praise you. You are




Lord; we ac - claim you. You are God e - ter - nal;



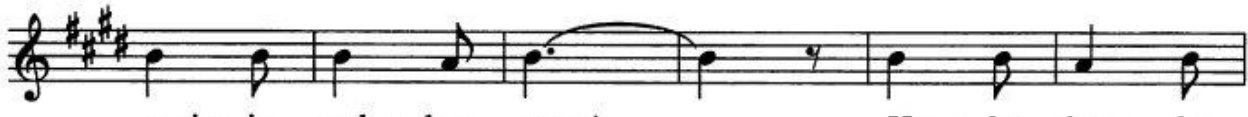
To refrain
all cre - a - tion wor - ships you.

Verse 2:

(Refrain begins)



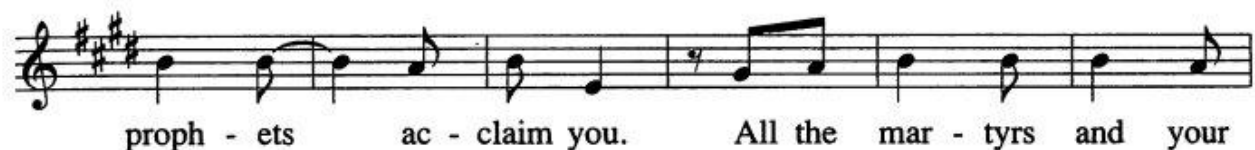
All the an - gels in the heav - ens chant your



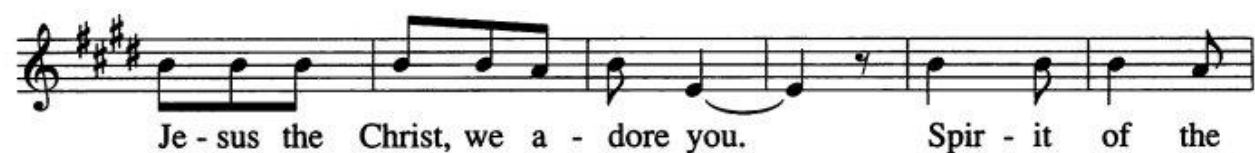
praise in end - less song! Ho - ly, ho - ly,



Verse 3:



Verse 4:



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, we give you thanks
that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us
with the richness of your glory
and the treasure of your grace.

Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts,
that we may show your love to this generation
and welcome us into your eternal home,
where we will worship and serve you forever;
through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Sit.

READING

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Amos 8:4-7

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING

A responsive reading from the Psalms.

Psalm 113

¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

² **Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.

⁴ **The Lord is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶ **but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸ **enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

⁹ The Lord makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

READING

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave 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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

SERMON

Pastor Loren Leapaldt.

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY • "COMMONWEALTH IS GOD'S COMMANDMENT"

All Creation Sings 1036



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-les set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

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

Gracious God,
we come to you in prayer
for the church, the world, and all in need.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Jesus teaches us that no one can serve two masters.

We cannot serve both God and wealth.

Let us entrust our treasure to the Lord
who has provided so abundantly for us
with generosity and grace beyond measure.

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



OFFERING

8:15 a.m.

"There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy" • Brenda Portman
MVLC Sanctuary Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Now the Feast and Celebration

The musical score is written for a Presider and a Congregation. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.' The Presider's parts are indicated by 'Presider:' and the Congregation's parts by 'Congregation:'. The music is simple, using mostly quarter and half notes, with some rests for the congregation to respond.

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

you. *Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We

lift them to the Lord. *Presider:*

Let us give

thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:*

It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always
offer thanks and praise to you, O God,
through Jesus Christ
who calls us to follow his way
of humble service and love,
and so with the church on earth,
all creation and the host of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

Now the Feast and Celebration

Congregation:

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.
Come to this meal of mercy.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Now the Feast and Celebration



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and



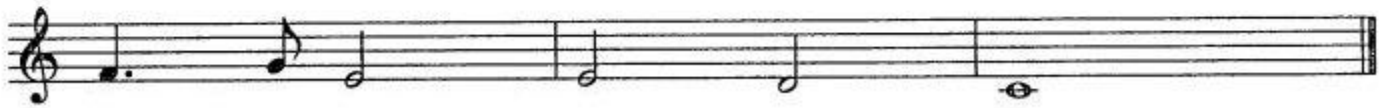
world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "THIS IS CHRIST'S BODY"

All Creation Sings 967

This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with
mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,
with mer - cy and love.
bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are some ties and phrasing slurs in the melody, particularly in the second and third lines.

COMMUNION HYMN • "FEED US WITH HUNGER FOR JUSTICE"

All Creation Sings 968

Optional descant
Feed us jus - tice. Feed us your peace.
Feed us with hun-ger for jus-tice. Feed us with thirst for peace.

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first line is marked "Optional descant". The melody is primarily in the treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. There is a triplet of eighth notes in the second line of the melody.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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.

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.

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,
+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • “LET JUSTICE ROLL LIKE A RIVER”

Worship & Praise 85

Refrain

F/A B \flat B \flat /D E \flat B \flat E \flat /F B \flat F F 7 /E \flat

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash all op -

D 7 Gm E \flat B \flat /D

pres - sion a - way. Come, O God, and take us,

Cm 7 B \flat /D E \flat C 7 /E E \flat /F

move and shake us; come now, and make us a - new,

F Cm 7 F 7 B \flat (.) D 7 /A

that we might live just - ly like you.

Gm D 7 /A Gm/B \flat D 7 /A Gm

1 “Take from me your ho - ly feasts, all your

E \flat F B \flat E \flat /F B \flat D 7 /A

of - f’rings and your mu - sic. Let jus - tice

D 7 Gm Gm 7 /F C 7 /E

flow like wa - ters, and in - teg - ri - ty like an

C 7 E \flat /F F E \flat /F F *Refrain*

ev - er - flow - ing stream.”

Stanzas 2-5

Gm D⁷/F[#] Gm Cm/G Gm Cm⁷

2 How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your

3 Hear this, all of you who use the poor in your thirst of
 4 "E - ven now, re - turn to me, let your hearts be

5 You have been told the way of life, the way of

F B \flat D⁷/A Gm D⁷/F[#]

mer-cy to dawn, the day we beat our

pow-er and rich-es: the Lord will turn your
 bro-ken and hum-ble, for I am gra-cious,

jus-tice and peace: to act just-ly, to

B \flat /F Cdim/E \flat B \flat /F C⁷/G C⁷ E \flat /F F *Refrain*

swords in - to plows, when your peace reigns o - ver the earth?

laugh - ter to tears, on the won-drous Day of our God.
 gen - 'rous and kind." Come and seek the mer-cies of God.

love gent-ly, to walk hum-bly with God.

SENDING

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ASSISTING MINISTER: Jon Edmonds.

DIRECTOR of MUSIC: Amy Boers.

VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.

ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Harris, Karen Lonn, Angela Machumu, Dotty Shireman.

8:15 a.m.

USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), David Newton, Eileen Newton.

GREETERS: Flora Larson, Betsy Tunstall.

ACOLYTES: Penelope Neptun, Chloe Sevigny.

LECTOR: Lori Neptun.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Genie Lennon, Anne Roff.

SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

USHERS: Cathie Freiling, Diane Nelson, Diane Obert, Bob Yost (head usher).

GREETER: Ken Edmonds.

ACOLYTE: Camdon Cornell.

LECTOR: John Dahle.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Cathy Kostecky, Ellen Leapaldt.

SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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- by Keith and Marlene Wright in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary and in honor of Connor's birthday.

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MEET and GREET with OUR NEW PASTOR

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Meet our "candidate of choice" to serve as our next Associate Pastor during worship (both services) and Adult Education next week.

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TO TESTIFY to the TRUTH

Sunday, October 5, 2025 • 9:30 a.m. in the Life Together Hall
Sunday, October 12, 2025 • 9:30 a.m. in the Life Together Hall

PLU Professor Kevin O'Brien teaches a two-session Adult Education class, "To Testify to the Truth: Christian Thoughts on Dishonesty and Honesty in Public Life."

Description: How, in the politics and culture of the contemporary United States, can Christians advocate for and defend the virtue of honesty and the importance of shared truths? These talks will draw Biblical inspiration focusing on the stories of Jesus' arrest and trial. The dishonesty of Judas and Pilate teach us about the dangers and pitfalls of public lies. Peter's repentance for his dishonesty teaches us that we are called to tell the truth about what we love. Drawing on these stories, we will reflect on how our love for God's world and our neighbors can inspire us to tell and insist upon the truth.

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INSTALLATION of SWWA BISHOP KEITH MARSHALL

Saturday, October 11, 2025 • 2:00 p.m.

You are invited to attend the installation of our new Bishop of the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA. Bishop Keith Marshall will be installed at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 1515 Harrison Ave NW, Olympia WA 98502-5352.