

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 26, 2025 • 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel or remain standing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

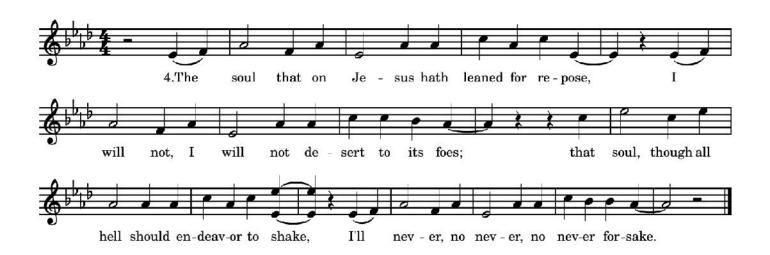
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN • "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

Arr. John Carter

Verses 1-3: choir; verse 4: choir and congregation.

- 1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not afraid, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand."
- 3. When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee they deepest distress.



GREETING

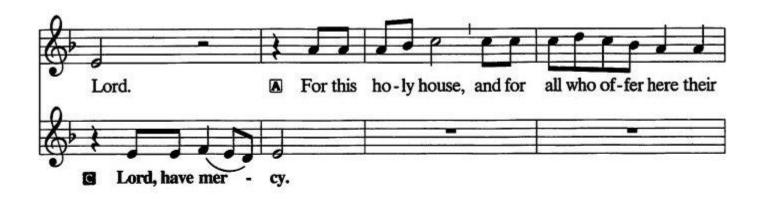
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

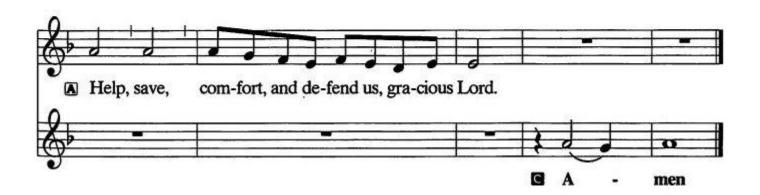
KYRIE

With One Voice, Light of Christ









HYMN OF PRAISE • "THIS IS THE FEAST"

With One Voice, Light of Christ





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people.

Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 Romans.

Romans 3:19-28

- ¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.
- ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 8:31-36

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of the Lord.

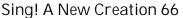
Praise to you, O Christ.

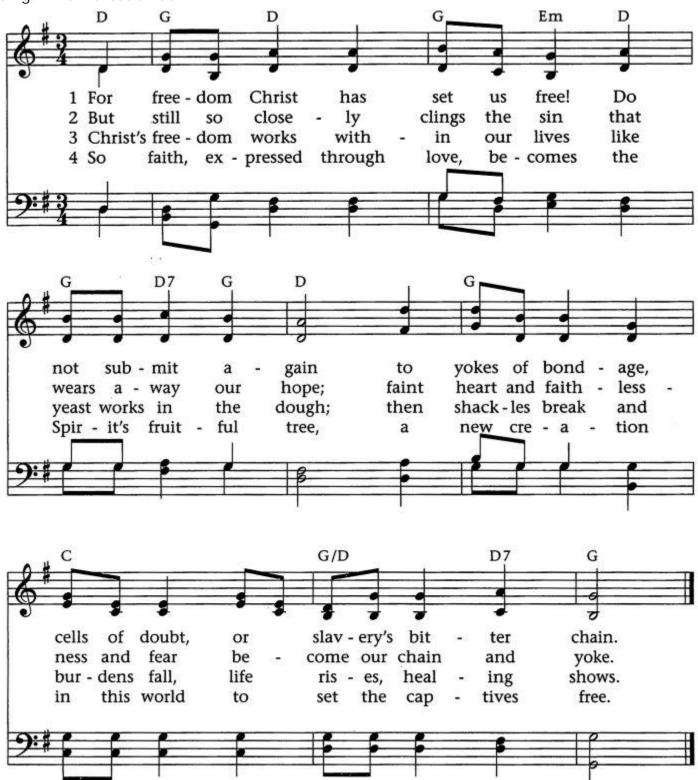
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CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE!"





CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Let everyone give, not grudgingly or of necessity, but from the fullness of our gratitude to God.

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

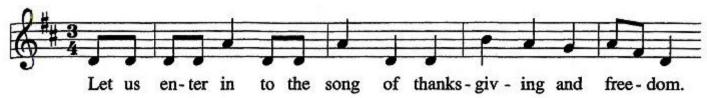


OFFERING

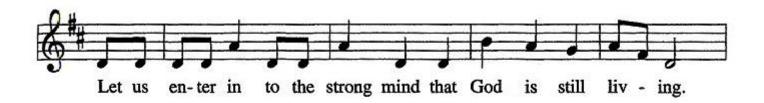
Choir anthem "Justice Will Rise"
Mark Miller, music; Laurie Zelman, text

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "LET US ENTER IN"

Dancing at the Harvest 32









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

With One Voice, Light of Christ

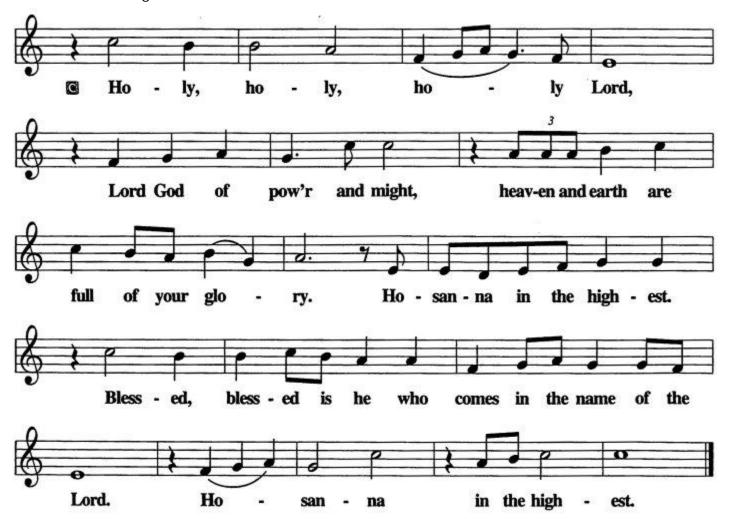


It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you,
O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

SANCTUS

With One Voice, Light of Christ



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 an open communion table which means...

Come, not because you are strong but because you are weak.

Come, not because of any goodness of your own but because you need mercy and help.

Come, because you love Christ a little and would like to love him more.

Come, because Christ gave his body and blood for you.

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

With One Voice, Light of Christ



COMMUNION HYMN • "COME TO THE TABLE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 481



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



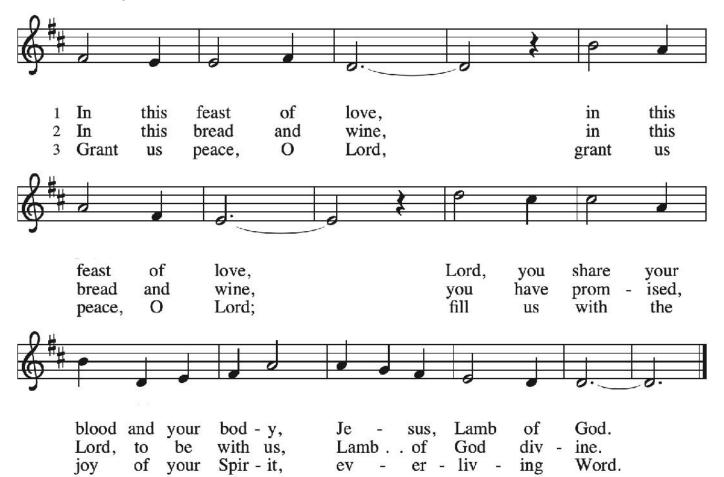
Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal-va-tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

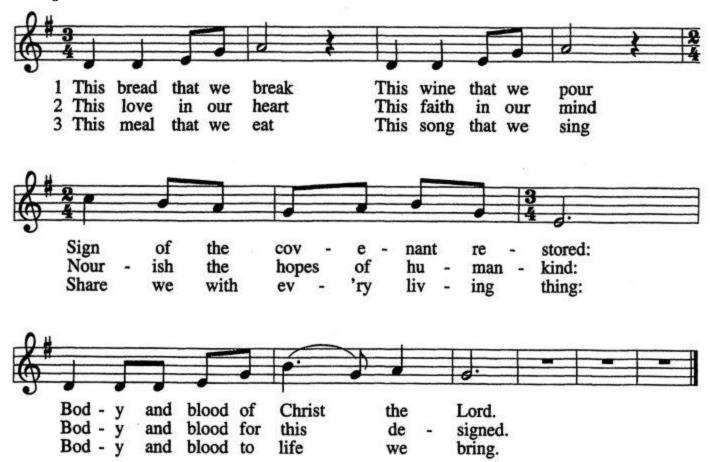
COMMUNION HYMN • "IN THIS FEAST OF LOVE"

All Creation Sings 962



COMMUNION HYMN • "THIS BREAD THAT WE BREAK"

Dancing at the Harvest 30



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

Go now in the grace of Christ, reformed and always reforming, stitched together by mercy and bound by love.

As these quilts go out into the world, may they wrap the weary in warmth, the broken in beauty, and the forgotten in color.

We are also sent out as living patterns of God's grace, unfolded for sharing.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 504



- 1 A might y for tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-
- 3 Though hordes of dev ils fill the land all threat 'ning to de -
- 4 God's Word for ev er shall a bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; ject - ed. vour us, fear it:

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's and rod But now cham-pion whom a comes to fight, we trem - ble not. un - moved we stand; they for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. God him - self e - leet - ed. can - not o - ver - pow'r us. weap-ons of the Spir - it.

The old sa - tan - ic foe You ask who this may be? Let this world's ty - rant rage; Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!
The Lord of hosts is he!
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, His might is doomed to fail; though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. God's on - ly Son, a - dored. God's judg-ment must pre - vail! they can - not win the day. On earth he has no e - qual. He holds the field vic - to - rious. One lit - tle word sub - dues him. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PREACHER: Deacon Traci Vatne.

PRESIDERS: Pastor Eric Bostrom, Deacon Traci Vatne.

ASSISTING MINISTER: Peter Briggs DIRECTOR of MUSIC: Amy Boers. VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.

ALTAR GUILD: Kay Coody, Kathy Harris, Sandy Knierim, Karen Lonn.

8:15 a.m.

USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), Flora Larson, Gary Larson.

GREETER: Anne Roff. ACOLYTE: Olivia Williamson.

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Fred Albert, Lori Neptun.

SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

USHERS: John Dahle, Tom Fairchild, Lynn Nichols, Bob Yost (head usher).

GREETERS: Tom Fairchild, Paige Nichols.

ACOLYTE: Camdon Cornell. LECTOR: Bob Linden.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jenny Grayum, Kate Grayum.

SOUND: Clayton Hashley, Beth Ann Johnson.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God:

- by Troy and Carianne Kehm-Goins in celebration of Kyra's birthday.
- by Skip and Janice Harrison.

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NOVEMBER AT MVLC

Sunday, November 2

8:15 a.m. = All Saints Sunday worship

9:30 a.m. = Rock Ministry + Adult Education (Kylee Peterson of PB&J for the Homeless)

10:45 a.m. = All Saints Sunday worship

Sunday, November 9

8:15 a.m. = Season of Generosity worship

9:30 a.m. = Rock Ministry + Adult Education (Elizabeth Dickinson of Faith Action Network)

10:45 a.m. = Season of Generosity worship

Tuesday, November 11

MVLC Church Office closed in observance of Veterans Day

Sunday, November 16

8:15 a.m. = Consecration Sunday worship (bring your pledge cards to worship!)

9:30 a.m. = Rock Ministry + Adult Education (Spending Guideline preview)

9:30 a.m. = Parenting Class in the Library

10:45 a.m. = Consecration Sunday worship (bring your pledge cards to worship!)

Sunday, November 23

9:30 a.m. = Christ the King worship

11:00 a.m. = annual Congregational Meeting to vote to approve the 2026 Spending Guideline

Wednesday, November 26

5:30 p.m. = potluck Thanksgiving Eve dinner in the Life Together Hall

6:30 p.m. = Thanksgiving Eve worship

Thursday, November 27

MVLC Church Office closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 30

9:30 a.m. = First Sunday of Advent worship

11:00 a.m. = ADVENTure #1, assembling Tacoma Seafarers gift boxes

Women's Bible Study

9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 6 and Thursday, November 20 in the Library

Men's Bible Study

7:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings in the Chapel basement

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