

CHRIST the KING SUNDAY

Sunday, November 23, 2025 • 9:30 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

With humble hearts, trusting in grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Kneel or remain standing.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose.

We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives.

We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence; we have lived in fear of death and loss; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies.

Therefore we pray:
Break our rebellious will.

Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace.

Expose our insincere thoughts.

Give us integrity in our quest for truth.

Release us from the fear of death.

Grant us courage in the face of evil.

Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord.

Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.

For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

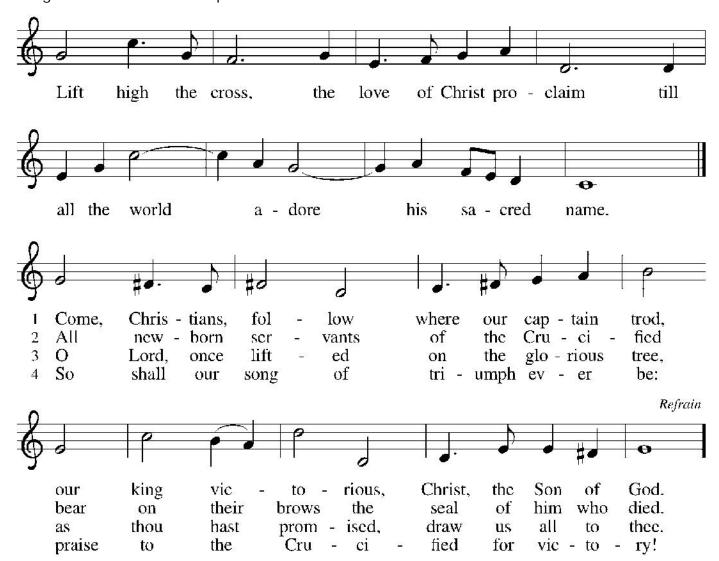
God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Through Christ our Lord, we are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • "LIFT HIGH THE CROSS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 660



GREETING

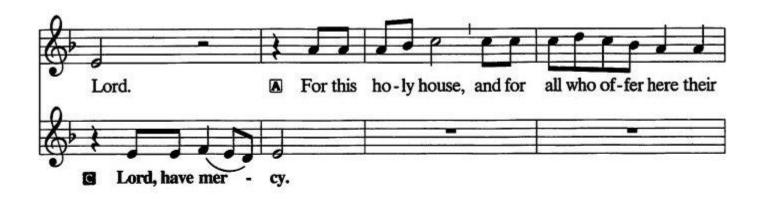
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

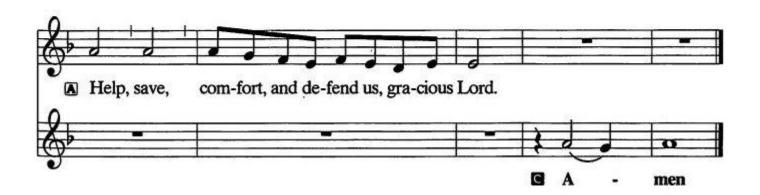
KYRIE

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, through the Lordship of your Son, Jesus Christ, the powers and dominions of the world obtain their purpose, and creation finds its meaning.

Reveal to the world the gracious rule of Christ, end all enmity among the nations, and bring us soon to his glorious, peaceable kingdom; through Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Sit.

READING

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Stand.

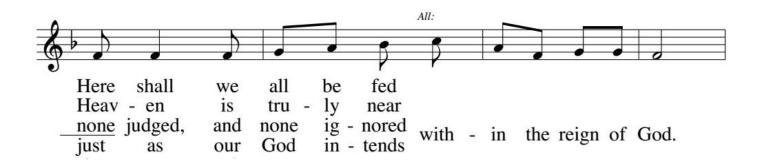
HYMN OF THE DAY • "WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD"

Gather, Third Edition 739

Cantor: verses; congregation: response to verses and refrain.

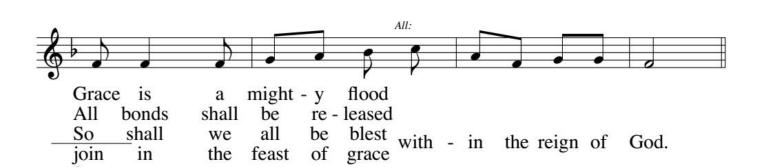


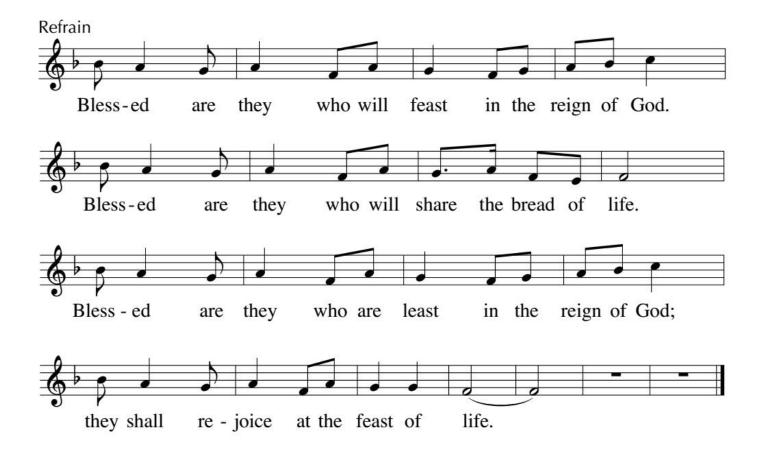
- 1. Come now, the feast is spread; in Je-sus' name we break the bread.
- 2. Stand up and do not fear, for Christ is tru ly pres-ent here.
- 3. Wel-come the weak and poor, the sin-ner finds an o-pen door
- 4. All fear and ha tred ends and foes be come our faith ful friends,





Come take this ho - ly food; re-ceive the bod - y blood. and the the wed-ding feast, the great-est here shall Now the least. at be Here shall the wea - ry rest, the stran-ger be a wel-come guest. you who seek God's face are wel-come in All this ho - lv





Sit.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

Member of the MVLC Church Council:

I present the following people, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism as a sign of their participation in the life and work of the church of Christ.

New members move to the front steps as they are named.

- · Clayton and Kathryn Hashley
- · Caitlin Knight
- · Kim and Sharon Latterell
- · Joseph and McKenna Leinweber
- David and Andrea Lucky
- · Angie Mauerman
- · Barbara Nehring
- · Michelle Nystuen
- · Ryan and Raydin Riley
- · Steve and Ann Schumacher

Presiding minister:

Dear friends, we give thanks for the guiding of the Holy Spirit who has called you; the welcome and hospitality of this community that has made you feel valued; and that you now desire to join in our mission as a community following Christ, to LOVE with an open heart, GROW with a curious mind, and SHARE with a generous spirit.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask all of you, as a community following Christ, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

We renounce them.

With the whole church, we confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

AFFIRMATION

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- · to live among God's faithful people,
- · to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- · to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- · to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- · and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

New members:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to welcome these siblings in Christ and walk alongside them in our journey with Christ?

Congregation:

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

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Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through worship and the Holy Spirit you have led these persons to discover a warm welcome in this community.

Stir up in these new members the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We welcome you with open hearts into our community of faith.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

New members return to their seats.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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

With gratitude let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

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



OFFERING

MVLC Choir "Good News" • arr. Clayton White

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 694



3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



the gold-en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save



Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

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.

Born as king in David's line, his power was revealed in weakness, his majesty in mercy.

Once enthroned upon the cross, you raised him from death to your right hand, there to rule forever in your kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

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

There is a place for you at the table of God.

Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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.

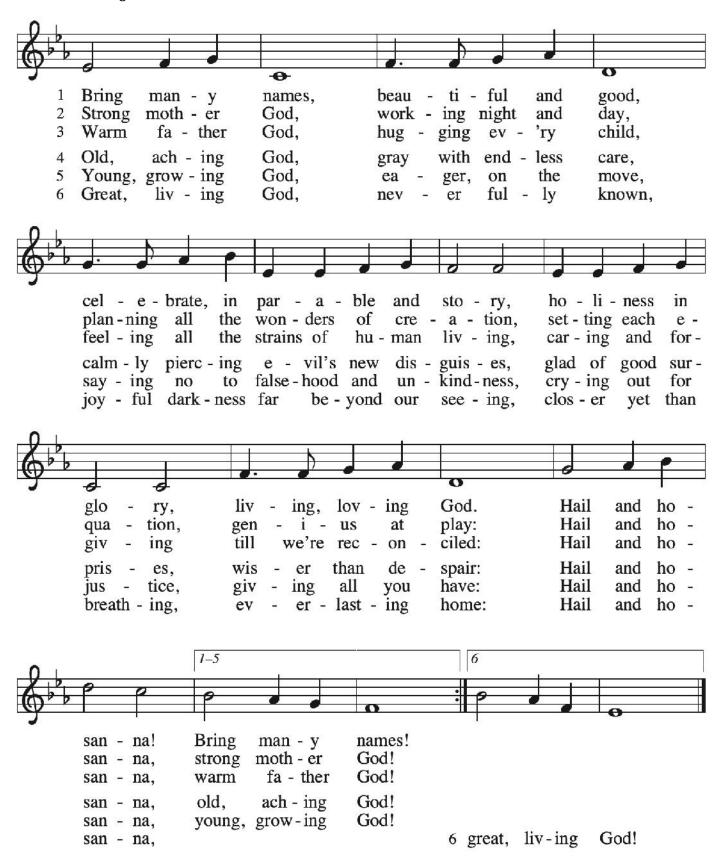
LAMB OF GOD

With One Voice, Light of Christ



COMMUNION HYMN • "BRING MANY NAMES"

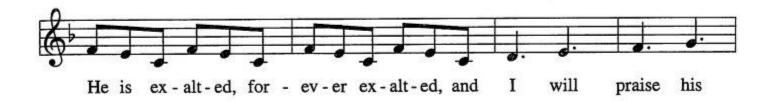
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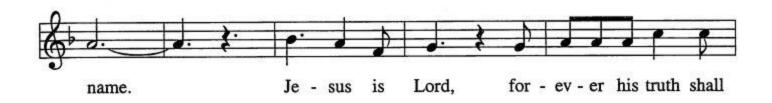


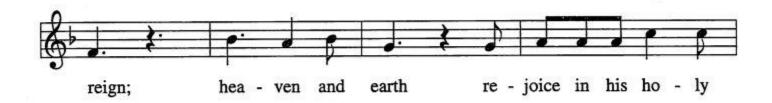
COMMUNION HYMN • "HE IS EXALTED"

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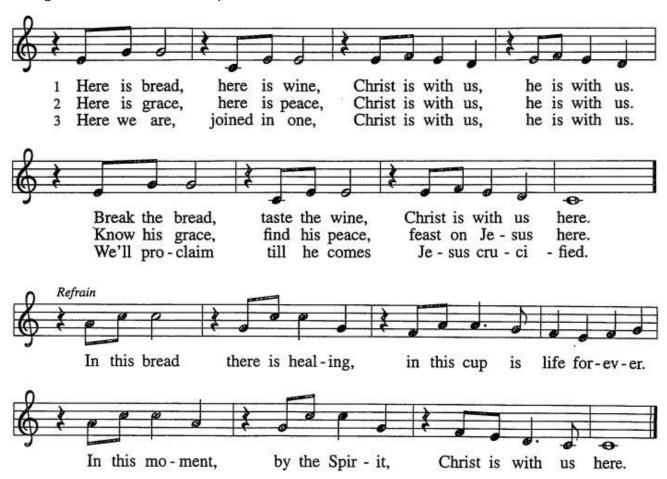






COMMUNION HYMN • "HERE IS BREAD"

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Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,

you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's 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

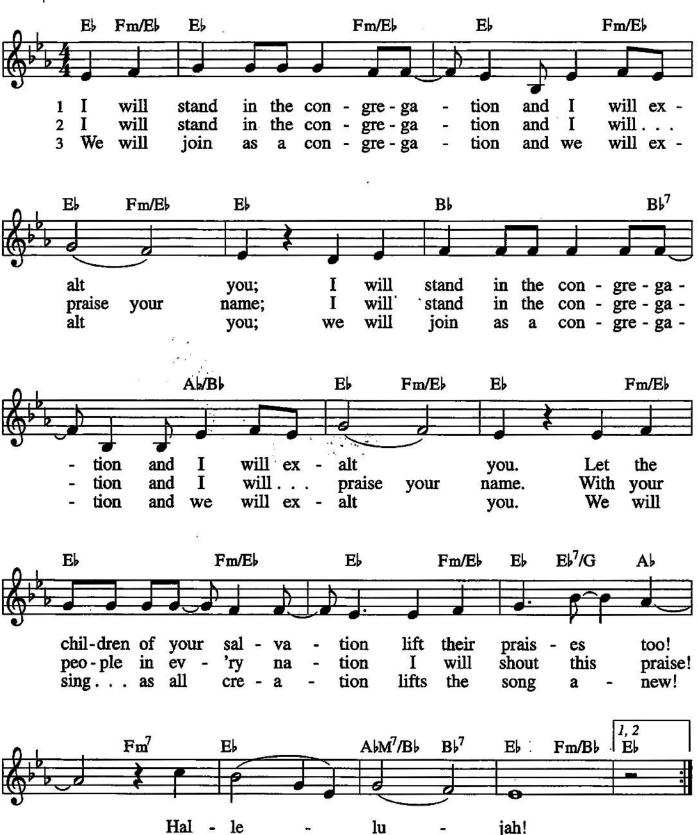
The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

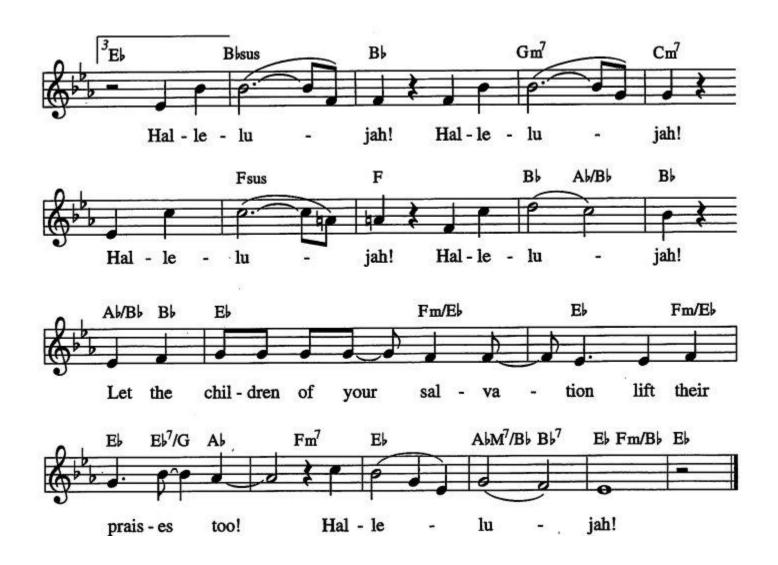
The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "STAND IN THE CONGREGATION"

Worship & Praise 131





SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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