



*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.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY • FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

OUR JOY CAN BE COMPLETE

Sunday, May 26, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to gather around the baptismal font.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Baptism of Mutalemwa Kelvin Machumu.

Son of Kelvin and Angela Machumu.

Baptismal sponsors: Walt and Terry Freed.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

PRESENTATION

Walt and Terry

We present Mutalemwa Kelvin Machumu for baptism.

Kelvin and Angela, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Mutalemwa baptized into Christ?

Kelvin and Angela

We do.

As you bring Mutalemwa to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Mutalemwa may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Mutalemwa grow in the Christian faith and life?

Kelvin and Angela

We do.

Walt and Terry, do you promise to nurture Mutalemwa in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Walt and Terry

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Mutalemwa and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask 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 all evil, every force that undermines the love of God?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce the abusive powers of this world, the structures of inequality, and the forces that threaten God's beloved creation?

We renounce them.

Do you renounce your own participation with these powers, your own actions and inactions 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

We give our thanks for the waters of life that surround us and nourish the earth: for the water of the Puyallup River; for Wapato, Hylebos and Clarks creeks; for Lake Tapps and the Puget Sound. We rejoice in the groundwater throughout the Pacific Northwest that fulfills our thirst. Through the watershed we live in, remind us of your gifts of life.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

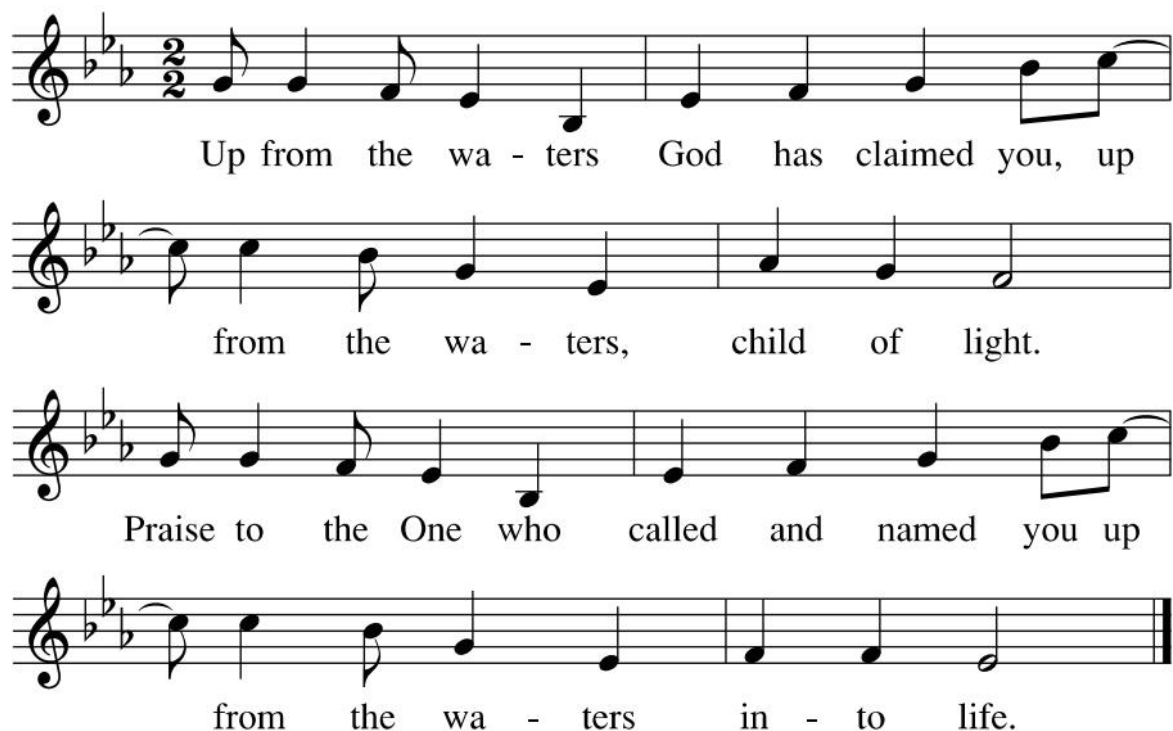
Amen.

BAPTISM

Mutalemwa Kelvin Machumu,
I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Congregation sings twice:



Up from the wa - ters God has claimed you, up
from the wa - ters, child of light.
Praise to the One who called and named you up
from the wa - ters in - to life.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Mutalemwa with 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.

Mutalemwa Kelvin Machumu, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

Let us welcome Mutalemwa:

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE • "COME ALL YOU PEOPLE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 819



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit,
you have invited us into your great fellowship.

Empower us to be in full relationship
with you and with one another,
as those who are forgiven and freed,
so that our joy may be made complete.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Hymnal Supplement 1991 • “Now the Feast and Celebration” Eucharistic Setting

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

READING

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 John 1:1—2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

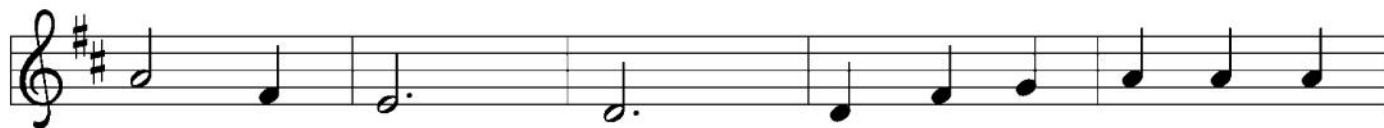
Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We come before the triune God
to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God,
and come quickly to our aid,
through the power of the Spirit
and the love 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

Friends, let us love not only in our words but also in our deeds through the tithes and offerings that we give today.

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



OFFERTORY

Stand.

OFFERING HYMN • "ACCEPT, O LORD, THE GIFTS WE BRING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 691



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal Supplement 1991 • “Now the Feast and Celebration” Eucharistic Setting

The musical score is written for a Presider and a Congregation. It consists of five staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The Presider's parts are indicated by the label "Presider:" above the staff, and the Congregation's parts are indicated by the label "Congregation:" above the staff. 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."

Presider: Congregation:

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.

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:

SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting

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

Christ has set the table
with more than enough for all.

Come!

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice an open communion table, which means that everyone is welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (You don't have to be a member of MVLC.)

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.

WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who are loved by God,
whether you feel loved or not.

It is for those who desire to grow in love with God.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

Come, you who have tried to follow
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

Come, not because the Church invites you;
it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed and loved here.

Please come. Receive the gifts of God for all the people of God.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and



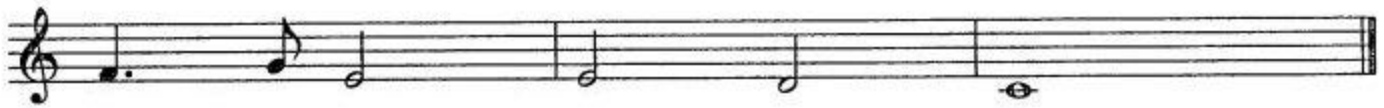
world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:



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,

bro-ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

COMMUNION HYMN • "YOU ARE MINE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 581



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom,

I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see.
 heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

(2) In the



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here.
 Come and rest in me.
 all will know my name.
 up, now walk and live!

To stanza 2
 To refrain
 To refrain
 To refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

To stanzas 3 and 4

4 "I

COMMUNION 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.

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

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.

O God of tender compassion,

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 blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
+ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 763



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

SENDING

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today
are given to the glory of God
by Keith and Marlene Wright
in honor of Jarod's birthday.*

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SIGN UP!

Walk, jog, or run in the MVCC's **Kilometers 4 Kids Fun Run**.

Saturday, June 1, 2024. 10 to 12 noon.

Your registration fee supports youth programs at the MVCC.

Sign up at www.mtviewcommunitycenter.org/kilometers-4-kids

Kindergarten through fifth graders: join us for **Vacation Bible School**.

Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12, 2024. 9 to 12 noon each day.

Register at www.mtviewlutheran.org

VBS volunteers and helpers are needed.

Sign up for a day or sign up to help the entire week.

Sign up at www.mtviewlutheran.org

We're having a **MVLC Community Yard Sale**.

Run your table on Saturday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11, 2024.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/4barT0z>

Compete in the annual **MVLC Golf Tournament**.

Sunday, August 11, 2024. 2:00 p.m. at High Cedars, Orting.

\$50 per person = 9 holes of golf and a meal.

Sign up with John Dahle at jd-johndahle@outlook.com

or Dan Thurston at pd.thurston@msn.com

Stay informed with the **MVLC E-news**.

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Sign up by sending an email message to MVLC Communications Director Troy Kehm-Goins at tkehm-goins@mtviewlutheran.org

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The MVLC Church Office is closed on Monday, May 27, 2024 in observance of Memorial Day.

JUNE EVENTS AT MVLC

All events take place at Mountain View Lutheran Church unless noted otherwise.

② SUNDAY

- 8:15 a.m. Sunday worship
- 9:30 a.m. End of the “school year” for Rock Ministry and Adult Education
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday worship
- 1:00 p.m. Hymn Sing at Mill Ridge Village of Milton

⑨ SUNDAY

- 8:15 a.m. Sunday worship
- 9:30 a.m. High school graduate recognition/reception in the Life Together Hall
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday worship

⑫ WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 a.m. Summer Berry Festival at Pacific Lutheran University
Strawberries—more info at www.plu.edu/hospitality/berry-festival

⑯ SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Unified/Summer Sunday worship
- 10:45 a.m. Card shower/farewell for Pastor Bri

⑱ TUESDAY

- 6:30 p.m. MVLC Church Council meeting in the Library

⑲ WEDNESDAY

- MVLC Church Office closed in observance of Juneteenth

⑳ SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Unified/Summer Sunday worship
- 11:00 a.m. ELCA National Youth Gathering Group in the Life Together Hall

㉓ SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. Unified/Summer Sunday worship
- 10:45 a.m. VBS Training and Decorating