

*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.

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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

GOD IS LOVE

Sunday, June 16, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to gather around the baptismal font.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Baptism of Alayna Marie Olson.
Daughter of Peter and Angela Olson.*

Baptismal sponsors: Kristen Wilkins and Erik Hansen.

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

Kristen and Erik

I/we present Alayna Marie Olson for baptism.

Laney, called by the Holy Spirit,
trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Laney

I do.

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

Peter and Angela

We do.

As you bring Laney to receive the gift of baptism,
you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Laney 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 Laney grow in the Christian faith and life?

Peter and Angela

We do.

Kristen and Erik, do you promise to nurture Laney in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Kristen and Erik

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Laney and pray for her in her 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

Alayna Marie Olson,
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 Laney 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.

Alayna Marie Olson, 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 Laney:

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.

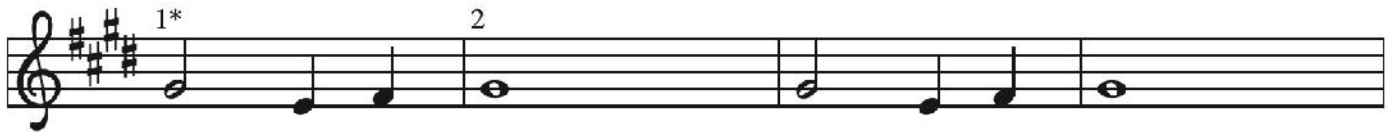
GREETING

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 • "BE STILL AND KNOW"

All Creation Sings 1083



Be still and know that I am God.



Be still and know that I am God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Incarnate One,
we came to know of your great love for us
through the life, death and resurrection of your Son.

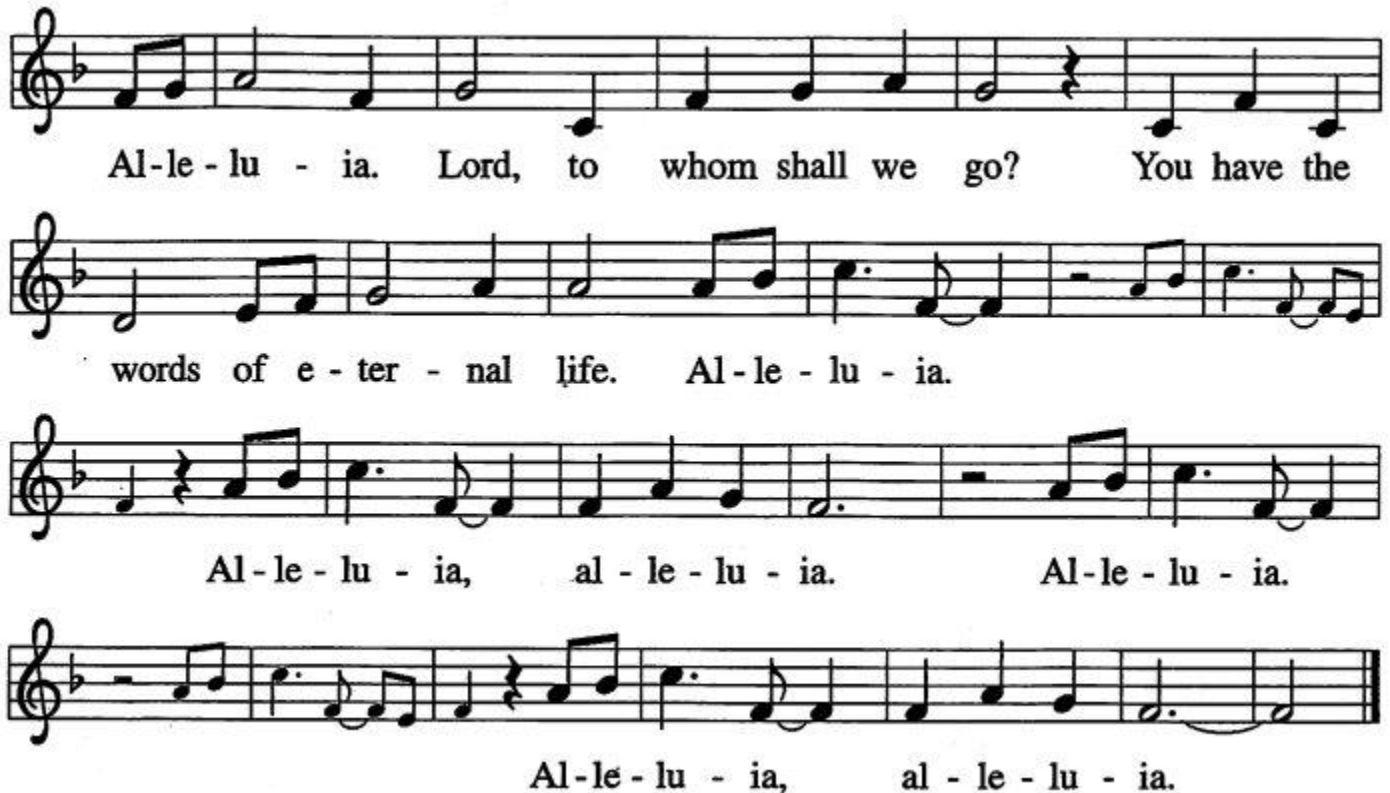
In light of your all-powerful love
cast aside our fears
so that we love with open hearts and minds,
just as you love us.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship • Holy Communion, Setting Eight



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

READING

A reading from the first letter of John.

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "O CHRIST, SURROUND ME"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 1084



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

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 • "WE ARE AN OFFERING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 692



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an



of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our



lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,



all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:



we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

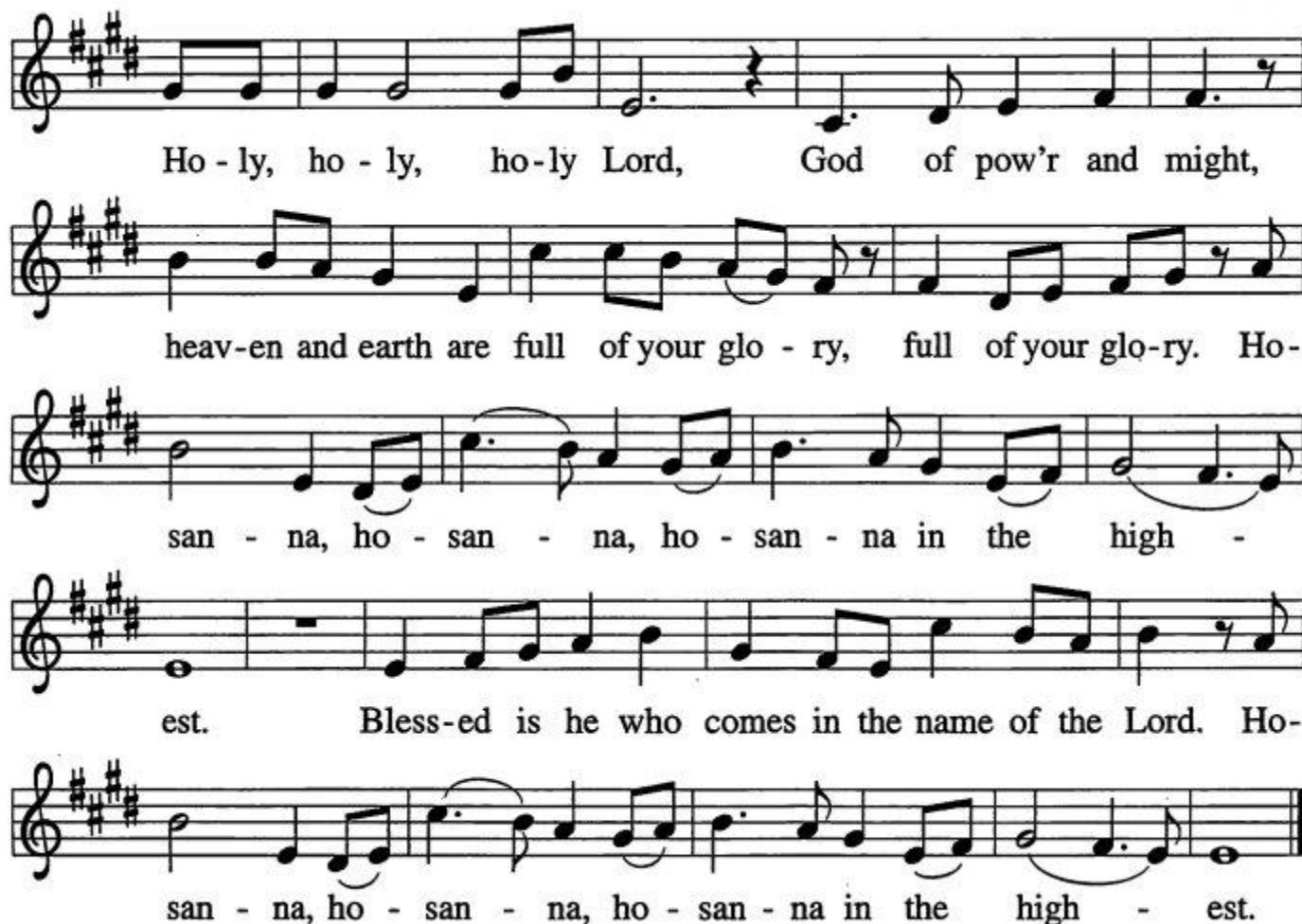
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 all 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 • Holy Communion, Setting Eight



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, 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"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship • Holy Communion, Setting Eight



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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN • "ONE BREAD, ONE BODY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 496



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain	for	the	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.	
one	in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.	

Refrain

COMMUNION HYMN • "BLEST ARE THEY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 728



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
her - it the earth. Blest are they, who
shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who
cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

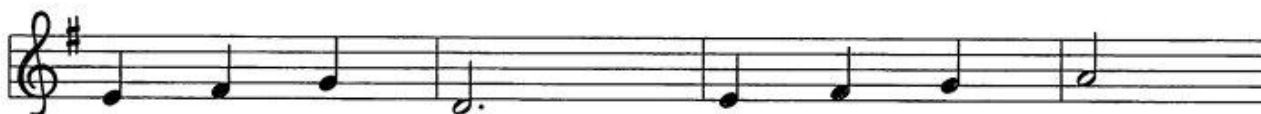


full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
pure of heart; they shall see God.
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



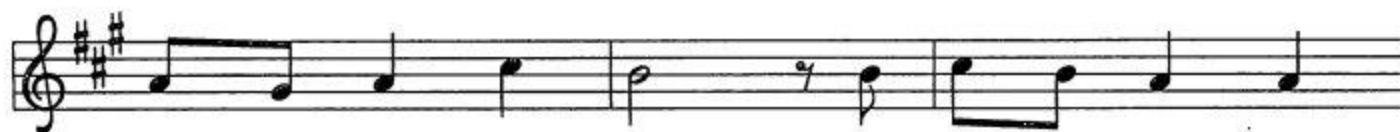
Yours is the king - dom of God!

COMMUNION HYMN • "WE WALK BY FAITH"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 635



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

COMMUNION HYMN • "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per - fect sub-mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per - fect sub-mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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 • "GOD BE WITH YOU UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 536



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

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 Dave and Kathy Gray
in honor of the 55th wedding anniversaries
of Dave and Kathy Gray and Steve and Linda Petersen.*

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SIGN UP!

"COMPASSION CAMP" VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

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

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

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>

GOLF TOURNAMENT

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

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Monday, July 8
through Friday, July 12

9:00 a.m. to 12 noon each day

Kindergarten through fifth grade

Games, songs, Bible stories, snacks,
crafts, fun with friends!

Register via the QR code
or at bit.ly/4dZ52XB

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unto
me...
MOUNTAIN
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For

Pastors: