

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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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.

SUMMER NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

Time after Pentecost: 2 PETER 3

Sunday, July 16, 2023 • 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

All may make the sign of the cross, + the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Kneel or stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus,
forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Stand.

KYRIE • "KYRIE" With One Voice 601 • Ghana





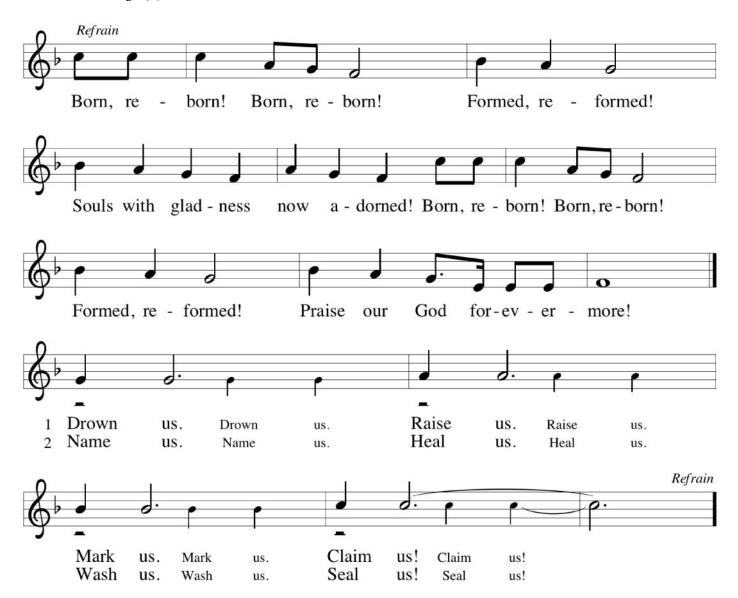
GREETING

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 • "BORN, REBORN"

All Creation Sings 956



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds.

Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE • "CELTIC ALLELUIA"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 174

Sing twice.



READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

2 Peter 3:1-10, 17-18

¹This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; in them I am trying to arouse your sincere intention by reminding you ²that you should remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken through your apostles. ³First of all you must understand this, that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and indulging their own lusts ⁴and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since our ancestors died, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation!" ⁵They deliberately ignore this fact, that by the word of God heavens existed long ago and an earth was formed out of water and by means of water, ⁶through which the world of that time was deluged with water and perished. ⁶But by the same word the present heavens and earth have been reserved for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the godless.

⁸But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹⁷You therefore, beloved, since you are forewarned, beware that you are not carried away with the error of the lawless and lose your own stability. ¹⁸But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VBS KIDS SING

SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

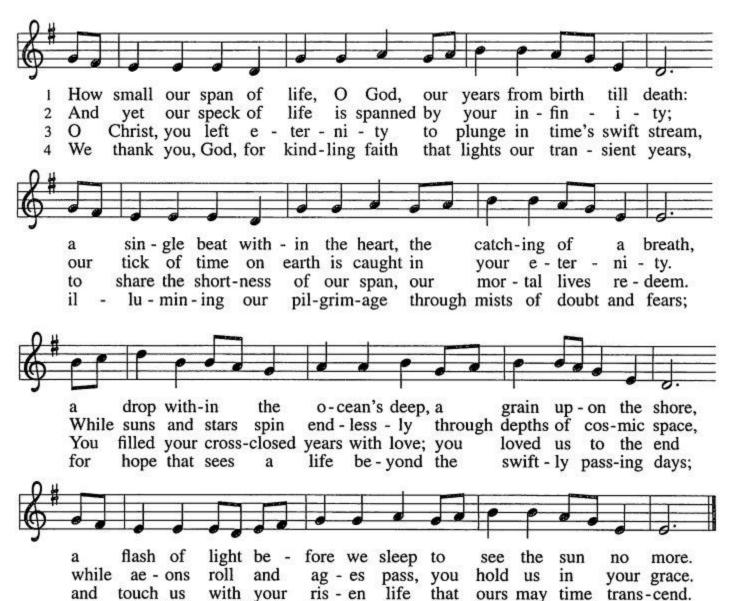
Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "HOW SMALL OUR SPAN OF LIFE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 765

for

love, both hu - man



and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

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

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.

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

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." —LUKE 6:38

God desires to multiply good through us now while we're on earth. That's why he created the church. So I'd like to ask of you, today, to give because that's why God created you—to enjoy him and to bring that joy to others.

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



OFFERTORY

"Amazing Grace"
Dutcher Adams, recorder & flute trio

Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "THANKS TO GOD, AUTHOR OF LIVING" Samoa



OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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"

All Creation Sings • Holy Communion, Setting 11 • Puerto Rico



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER • "CAMBODIAN LORD'S PRAYER"

 $Global\ Choral\ Songs \bullet Cambodia$



COMMUNION

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

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.

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.

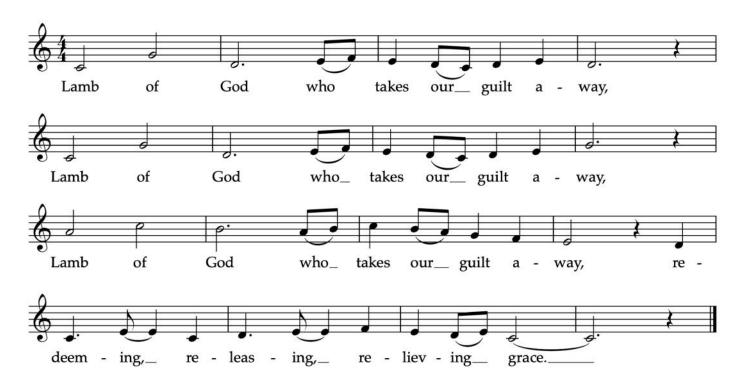
Come, you who have tried to follow and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

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"

Sweden



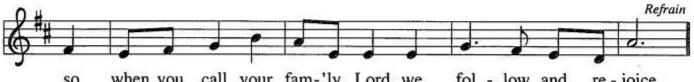
COMMUNION HYMN • "YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 484





- when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- With joy ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- not the cup we bless and share 3 Is the blood of Christ out-poured?
- The mys-t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, You give your-self to us, O Lord; no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- Lord; then self less let



when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we SO you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to that Do one cup, one loaf, de-clare our not whom all the world can - not con-tain comes in serve each oth - er in your name in to

fol - low and re - joice. share this heav'n-ly food. one - ness in the Lord? our hearts to dwell. truth and char - i - ty.

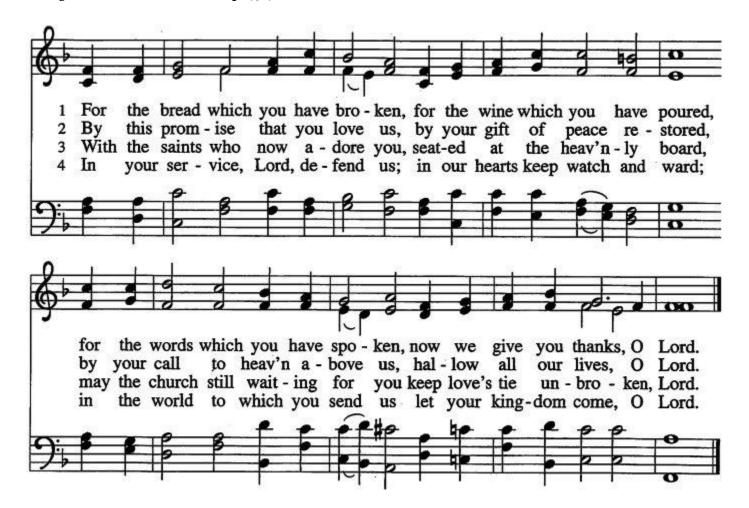
COMMUNION HYMN • "TASTE AND SEE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 493



COMMUNION HYMN • "FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 494



Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, generous God,

for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

Send us now as a community following Christ, to LOVE with an open heart, GROW with a curious mind, and SHARE with a generous spirit.

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

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, + the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "THE CHURCH SONG"

Worship & Praise 135



SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Tim and Karen Keopple in celebration of their thirty-second wedding anniversary.

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- GREETER: Gloria Ratcliffe.
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