We are





AUTHENTIC, to bring our whole selves and know we are loved by our Creator.

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.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

CREATED to BE AUTHENTIC

Sunday, July 14, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"CREATED TO BE" LITANY

We praise you,

for we are fearfully and wonderfully made!

We are created to be brave,

to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged.

We are created to be authentic,

to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator.

We are created to be free,

to be transformed by the gospel.

We are created to be disruptive,

to work for justice for all our siblings.

We are created to be disciples,

to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God.

We praise you for all that you created us to be.

Amen.

KYRIE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship • Holy Communion, Setting Eight





For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*.

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 • "ALL ARE WELCOME"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 641

Vv. 1 and 2: all; v. 3: treble voices; v. 4 bass voices; **v. 5: all.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Faithful God,

you have called us to be a light shining in the world.

Make us reflect the light of Christ, so that people see your love and goodness in our words and actions.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 5:13-16 (*The Message*)

¹³ "Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VBS KIDS SING

SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "I AM A CHILD"

Mark Miller

Congregation: verses 1-4; cantor: benediction.



Benediction:

And there is no thing, or no one who can separate, they can't separate you from the truth that you're someone, you are family, you are meant to be a child, a child of God! You are a child, a child of God!

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. 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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

At the conclusion of each petition:

In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God, the source of all good things, has given us what we need.

In joyful response, let us offer gifts, the fruit of our labors, and the dedication of our hearts for loving service in the name of Christ.

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



OFFERTORY

"En Prière (In Prayer)" arr. by Fred Gramann Tina Thomas and Sharon Perry, handbells.

Stand.

OFFERING HYMN • "LORD OF LIGHT"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 688











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.

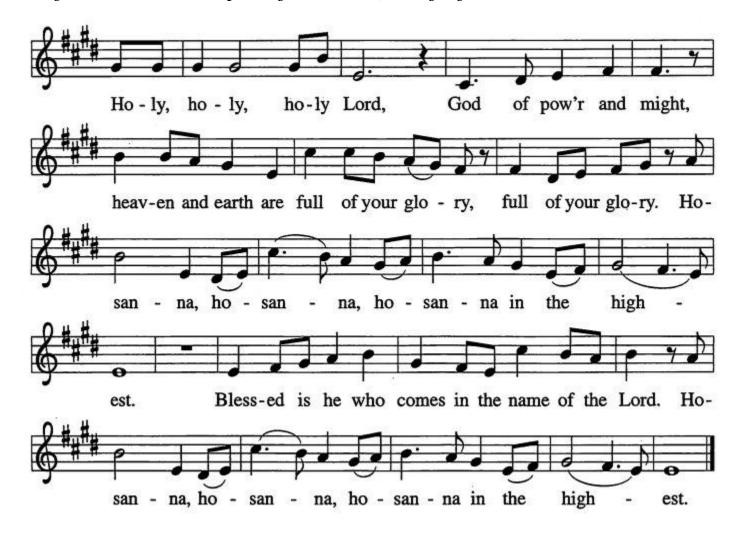
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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"

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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.

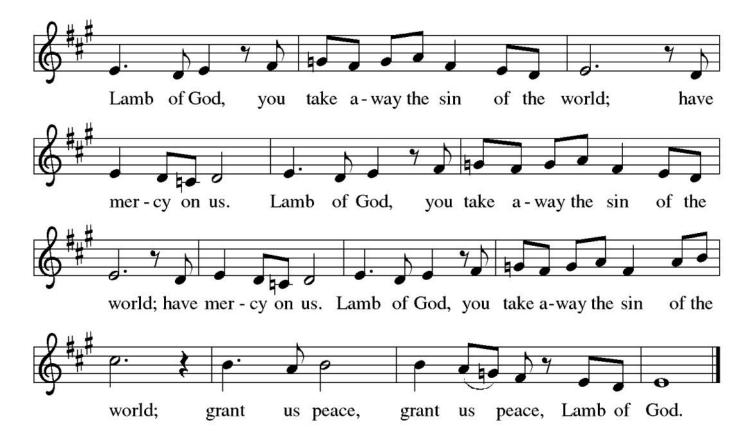
Come, you who have tried to follow and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

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.

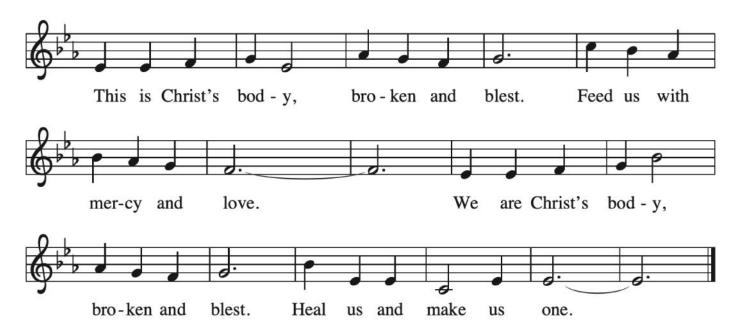
LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

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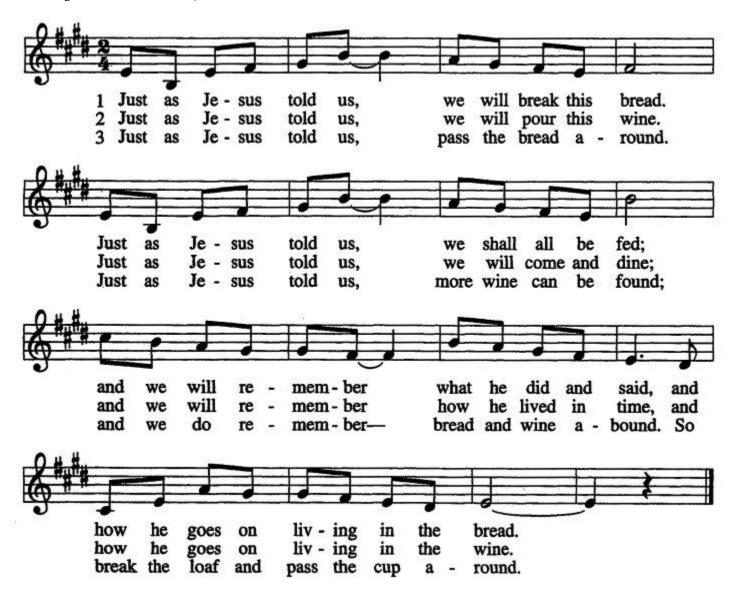
COMMUNION HYMN • "THIS IS CHRIST'S BODY"

All Creation Sings 967



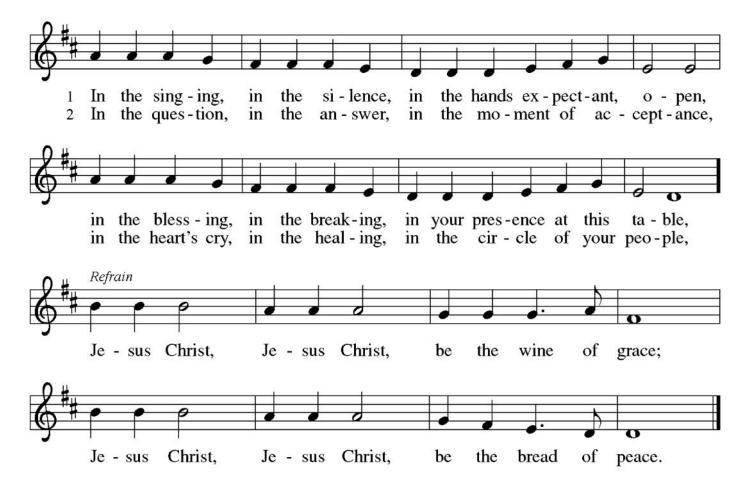
COMMUNION HYMN • "JUST AS JESUS TOLD US"

Dancing at the Harvest 29



COMMUNION HYMN • "IN THE SINGING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 466



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 AND GODSPEED SENDING
FOR ELCA YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS

SENDING HYMN • "BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM"

Worship & Praise 22



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 Sarah's birthday.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Sunday, July 28, 2024

Immediately following worship on 7/28, there will be a special meeting of the congregation, which will be held in the Sanctuary. The item on the agenda is the election of members of the Call Committee as we seek a new Associate Pastor.

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