

*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 • THE BOOK OF DANIEL

# **LIONS' PIT**

*Sunday, August 18, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross +, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Kneel or continue standing. Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

# KYRIE

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship • Holy Communion, Setting Eight*

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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 • "GREAT IS THE LORD"

Worship & Praise 53

Sing twice.

C Dm G/B C

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his

F/A G F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C C Dm

pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is

G/B C F/A G

faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is

F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C B $\flat$ /C F/C B $\flat$ /C F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C

love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.

B $\flat$ /C F/C B $\flat$ /C G/C C B $\flat$ /C F/C B $\flat$ /C

Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now

D G E Am Dm Gsus G

lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the

Am Am<sup>7</sup>/G Dm Gsus G C C<sup>sus</sup> C

Lord! Great is the Lord!



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of deliverance,  
You rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions  
when he was punished for worshipping you.

Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith,  
and rescue us from anything that separates us  
from worshipping only you,  
for the sake of the one who made your name known to all people, across  
land and seas, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

## ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE



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 book of Daniel.

### Daniel 6:6-27

<sup>6</sup>So the presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, “O King Darius, live forever! <sup>7</sup>All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to anyone, divine or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions. <sup>8</sup>Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.” <sup>9</sup>Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. <sup>10</sup>Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously.

<sup>11</sup>The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. <sup>12</sup>Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, “O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?” The king answered, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” <sup>13</sup>Then they responded to the king, “Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.” <sup>14</sup>When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. <sup>15</sup>Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.” <sup>16</sup>Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!” <sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

<sup>18</sup>Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him. <sup>19</sup>Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup>When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?” <sup>21</sup>Daniel then said to the king, “O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup>My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.” <sup>23</sup>Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. <sup>24</sup>The king gave a command, and those who had accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

<sup>25</sup>Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: “May you have abundant prosperity! <sup>26</sup>I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people should tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: For he is the living God, enduring forever. His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end. <sup>27</sup>He delivers and rescues, he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; for he has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON**

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

# HYMN OF THE DAY • "YOUR LOVE IS EVERLASTING"

CCLI #5793039

## VERSE

♩ = 150



Since time be - gan, through cen - tu - ries, God's love is ev - er - last-  
 A) moth - er's womb, a brand new life, God's love is ev - er - last-  
 3. Signs of hope, a voice of peace, God's love is ev - er - last-



ing. To dis - tant un - known gal - ax - ies, God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
 ing. An emp - ty tomb, the ris - en Christ, God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
 ing. The proph - et's cry for war to cease, God's love is ev - er - last - ing. For the

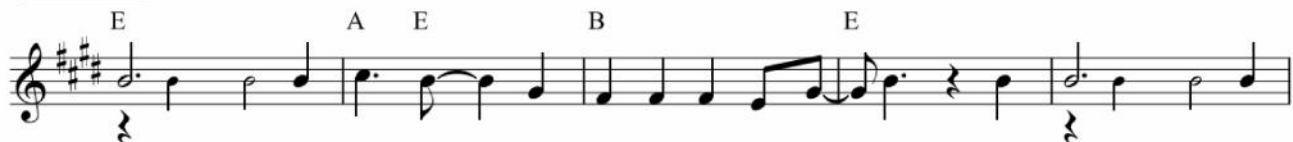


Splen - dor springs forth 'cross the land, God's love is ev - er - last - ing. A -  
 Weep - ing may last for the night, God's love is ev - er - last - ing. But  
 down and out and high and proud, God's love is ev - er - last - ing. Come



bun - dance, shar - ing hand in hand, God's love is ev - er - last - ing. Your  
 joy breaks forth with morn - ing light, God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
 all you peo - ple shout out loud, God's love is ev - er - last - ing.

## CHORUS



love is last - ing, Your love is ev - er - last - ing. Your love is  
 (Your love) (Your love)



last - ing, Your love is ev - er - last - ing. 2. A ing.  
 3.

# 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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom  
to guide our hearts and our minds,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God.  
Receive them into your holy keeping.

**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 share with a generous spirit  
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

*Stand.*

# OFFERING HYMN • "LET US GO NOW TO THE BANQUET"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 523

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the



ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be



hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



## 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.

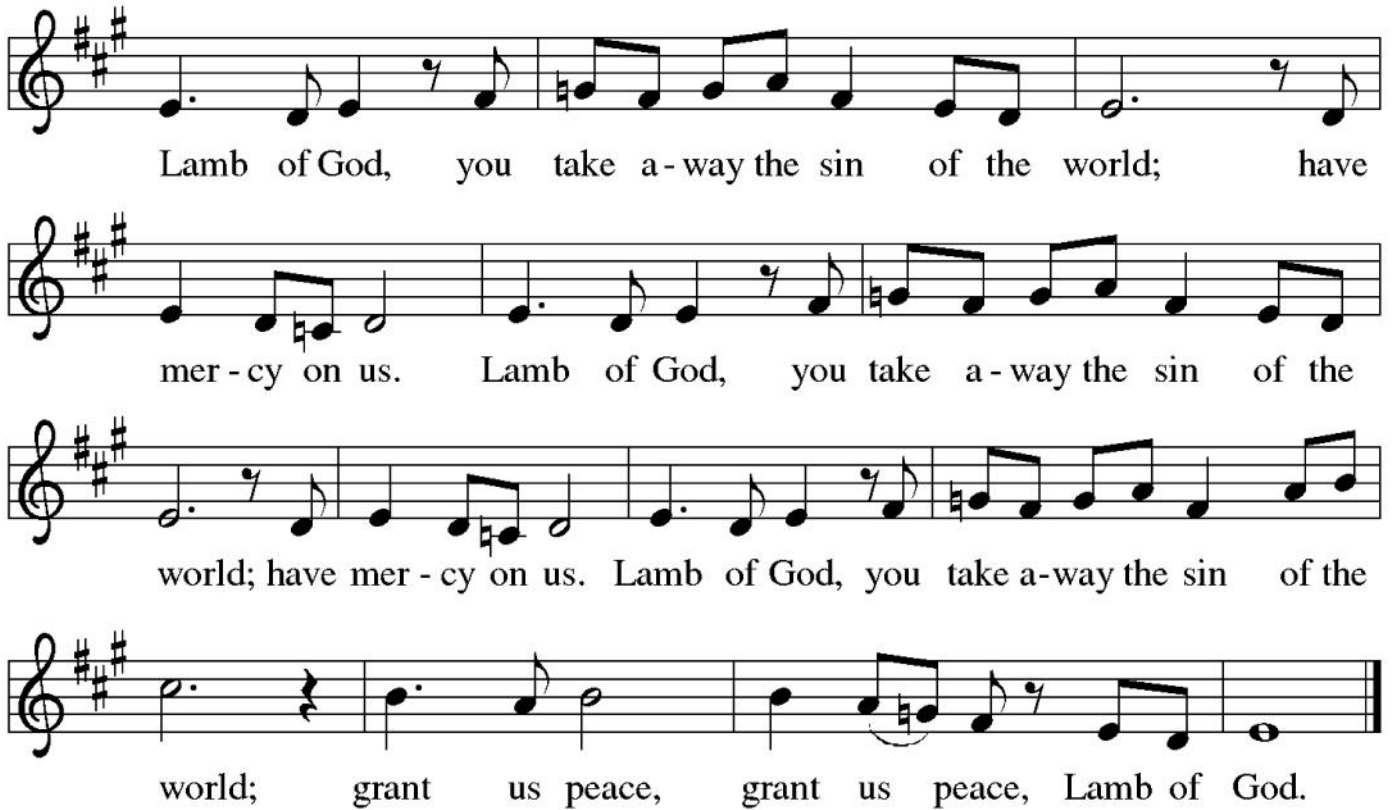
Come, you who have tried to follow  
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

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 • "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 471*



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST"

*Dancing at the Harvest 84*



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "COME TO THE TABLE"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 481*



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

*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,  
+ send us as a community  
to love with open hearts, grow with curious minds,  
and share with generous spirits.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN • "CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 339*



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf-fered great af - flic-tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par-don, for the sor-rows deep and sore,



Christ, your-self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar-den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf-f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor-ment-ed that my doom should be pre-vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan-ing, sigh-ing, for the bleed-ing and the dy - ing,



Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

## 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 Rick and Karen Hansen  
in memory of their parents  
Freda and Walt Hendrickson  
and Don and Gladys Hansen.*



Mountain View Lutheran Church

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For kids age two through youth in twelfth grade.

Register for the 2024-2025 “school year” of RM  
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