

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

FOUR BEASTS

Sunday, August 25, 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





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*.

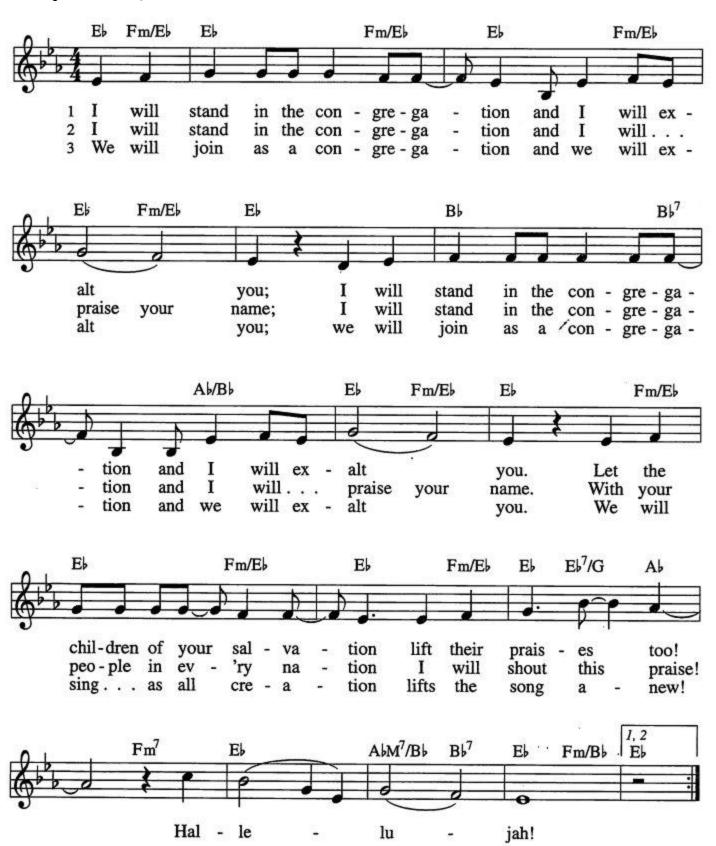
GREETING

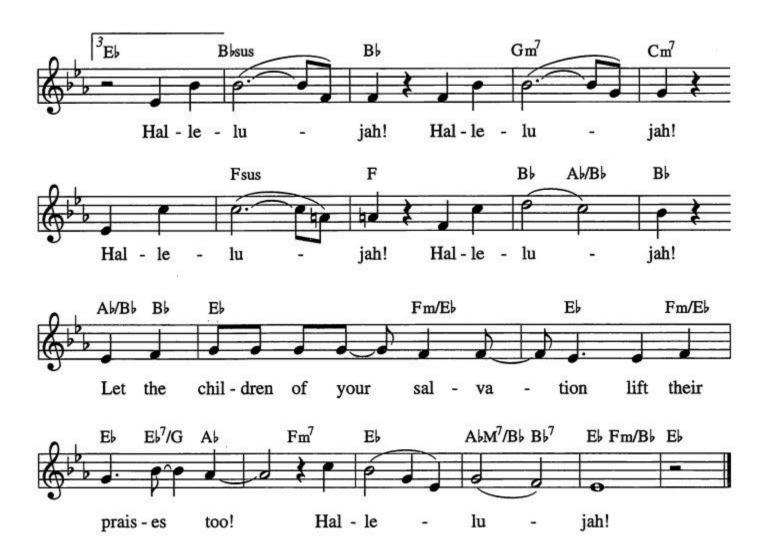
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE • "STAND IN THE CONGREGATION"

Worship & Praise 131





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Most High God, we pray your Kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

When we are building our own small, personal kingdoms, remind us of the promises of baptism, gifting us to be builders with Christ of God's Kingdom.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE



READING

A reading from the book of Daniel.

Daniel 7:1-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, 3 and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. 4The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then, as I watched, its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a human being; and a human mind was given to it. 5Another beast appeared, a second one, that looked like a bear. It was raised up on one side, had three tusks in its mouth among its teeth and was told, "Arise, devour many bodies!" 6After this, as I watched, another appeared, like a leopard. The beast had four wings of a bird on its back and four heads; and dominion was given to it. 7After this I saw in the visions by night a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth and was devouring, breaking in pieces, and stamping what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that preceded it, and it had ten horns. 8I was considering the horns, when another horn appeared, a little one coming up among them; to make room for it, three of the earlier horns were plucked up by the roots. There were eyes like human eves in this horn, and a mouth speaking arrogantly.

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹¹I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire.

¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "HOW SHALL I SING THAT MAJESTY"

All Creation Sings 1095



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



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.

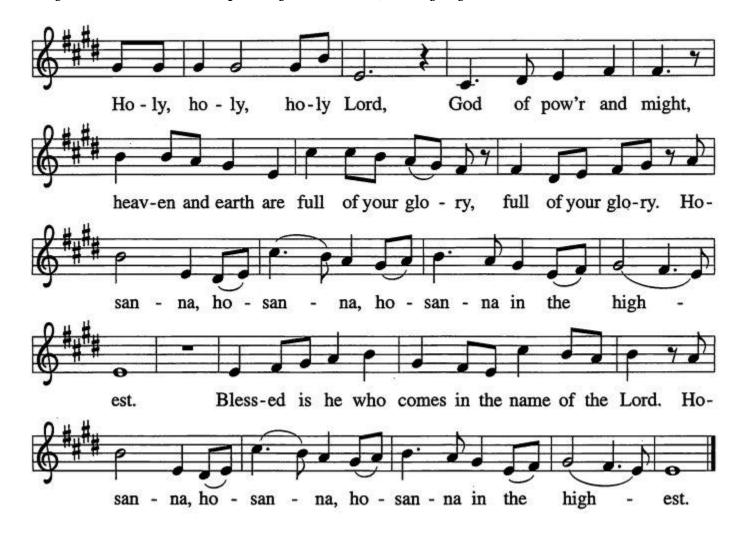
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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.

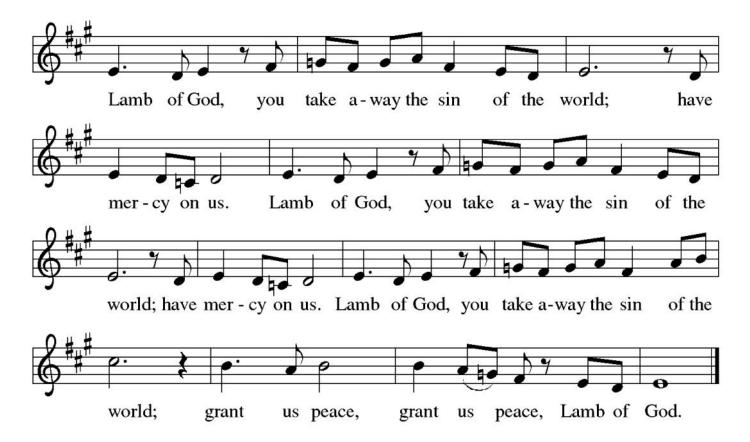
Come, you who have tried to follow and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

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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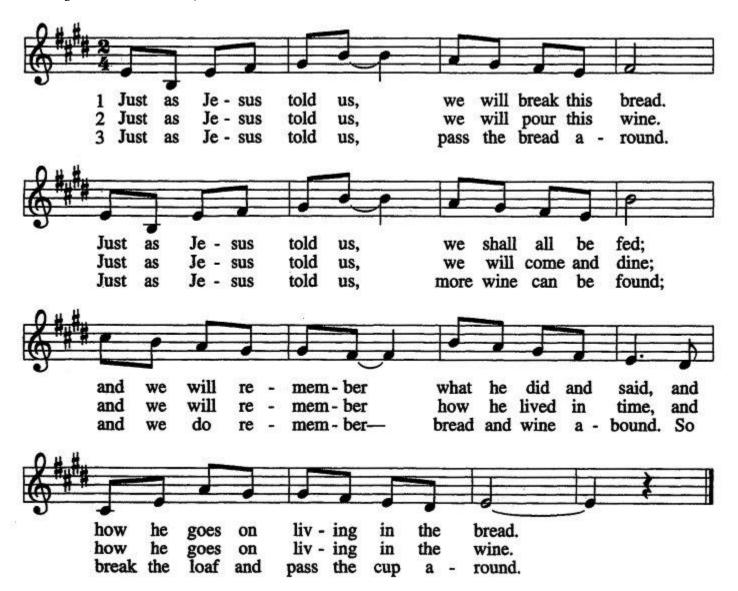


COMMUNION HYMN • "LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN" All Creation Sings 966



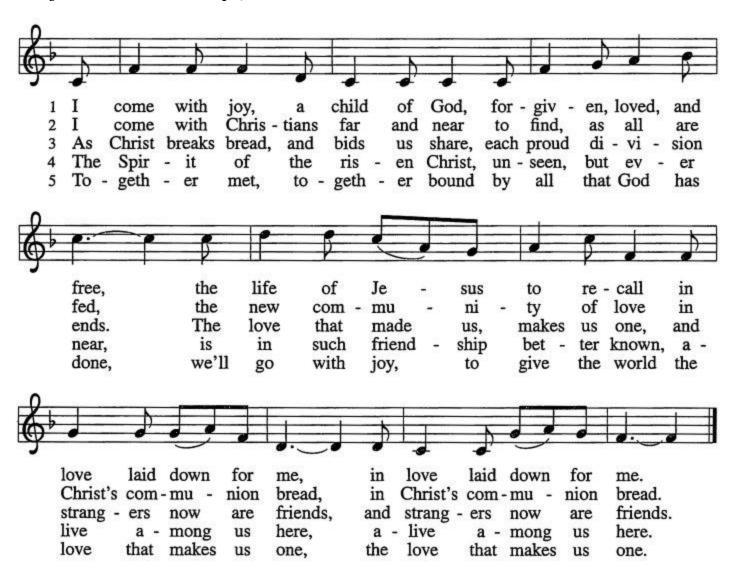
COMMUNION HYMN • "JUST AS JESUS TOLD US"

Dancing at the Harvest 29



COMMUNION HYMN • "I COME WITH JOY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 482



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 • "LET THE WHOLE CREATION SING!"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 876



- high!"
- 1 Let the whole cre a tion cry, "Glo ry to the Lord on 2 Ser vants striv ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn ing with the word,
- 3 Men and wom en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold.



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our king!" al - might - y to whom the arts be-long add their voic-es to chil-dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts; and



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love; Pow'rs of knowl-edge and of law, the glo-rious cir-cle draw; to from the north to south-ern pole the might - y cho - rus roll: let



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice. all who work and all who wait, sing,"The Lord is good and great!" "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

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 Ed and Barb Egan in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary.



Mountain View Lutheran Church

ROCK MINISTRY

For kids age two through youth in twelfth grade.

Register for the 2024-2025 "school year" of RM via the QR code or at bit.ly/4fLfrXM

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