



*grow*



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.**

SUMMER NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

**MVLC Mission Statement:**  
**love, GROW, share.**

*Sunday, August 27, 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*



1,3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

## 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 • "GOD BESTOWS ON EVERY SENSE"

All Creation Sings 1069



1 God be - stows on ev - 'ry sense beau - ty as hope's  
2 Catch a fleet - ing glimpse of grace in an un - ex -  
3 Vi - brant pic - tures in our dreams, brushed with crys - tal  
4 In a burnt and black - ened field bro - ken ground be -  
5 God makes all cre - a - tion new, turn - ing back what



ev - i - dence: signs of what the earth will  
pect - ed place: just a taste, the small - est  
col - or schemes, van - ish from a wak - ing  
gins to yield ti - ny, frag - ile sprouts of  
peo - ple do, build - ing up what we de -



be just be - yond what we can see.  
crumb of the ban - quet yet to come.  
mind, leav - ing just a trace be - hind.  
green: hints of for - ests yet un - seen.  
stroy, sing - ing sor - row in - to joy.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sustaining God,  
you are the vine and we are the branches.

Separated from you we do not grow.

Abiding in you we grow into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Remove the barriers, temptations, and fears that stop us from growing.

Give us curiosity, humility, and joy  
as we grow closer and closer together in Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

## ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE • "CELTIC ALLELUIA"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 174*

*Sing twice.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the 'Celtic Alleluia'. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff also ends with a double bar line.

## READING

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

### Mark 7:24-30

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

*Stand.*



# HYMN OF THE DAY • "WHEN OUR LORD WALKED THE EARTH"

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1. When our Lord walked the earth, all the world found its worth; as de - clared  
2. Through his life, through his death, in each ges - ture and breath, Je - sus joined  
3. Je - sus loves all his friends, and that love nev - er ends; to his Church  
4. Sing and smile and re - joice, clap your hands, raise your voice; for, with un -



at his birth, God be - came our neigh - bor, grant - ing us with fa - vor:  
faith and deed, mod - el for our car - ing, show - ing and yet shar - ing.  
gifts he sends through the Ho - ly Spir - it. These we still in - her - it:  
nerv - ing choice, God in Christ has found us and dis - plays a - round us.

## *Refrain*



Pow'r to speak and heal, grace to know what's real,



wis - dom, in - sight, and faith, love and un - der - stand - ing.

## 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

God has given us a mission to Love, Grow, and Share.

Now is the time in our worship when we live out our mission to **SHARE** *with a generous spirit*. The money we share now and electronically is not being given simply to a budget or to pay the church's bills. We give to God because this is how we exercise our generosity muscles.

So let us **SHARE** now with a generous spirit, trusting that God will multiply our gifts and strengthen our faithfulness.

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



## OFFERTORY

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”  
Eli, flute; Anna, violin; Brenna, piano.*

*Stand.*

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

Samoa

Thanks to God, au - thor - of - liv - ing, who has nur - tured us with

grace, free - ly lov - ing and for - giv - ing, leav - ing none with - out em -

brace. We bring prais - es and thanks - giv - ing. Al - le -

*We bring prais - es and thanks - giv - ing, Al - le,*

lu - ia joy - fully sing. We bring prais - es and thanks -

*Al - le - lu - ia joy - fully joy - fully sing. We bring, we bring prais - es and thanks -*

giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia joy - fully sing.

*giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia joy - fully sing.*

## 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

*Global Choral Songs • Cambodia*

Our\_ Fa - ther, who\_ art in heav - en, hal-lowed be thy name,

thy\_ king-dom come, thy\_ will be done, here on\_earth as it is\_ in\_ heav'n.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; and\_ for - give our tres - pass - es,

Lord, for-give as we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst\_ us;

for-give us, Lord, for - give us, Lord. And lead us not in - to temp-tation,

lead us\_ not; but de-liv-er us from e - vil, Lord, we\_ pray your

mer - cy. For yours is the king - dom, and\_ the\_ pow - er

and\_ the\_ glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men,

a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.



## 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




Lamb of God who takes our\_ guilt a - way,



Lamb of God who\_ takes our\_ guilt a - way,



Lamb of God who\_ takes our\_ guilt a - way, re -



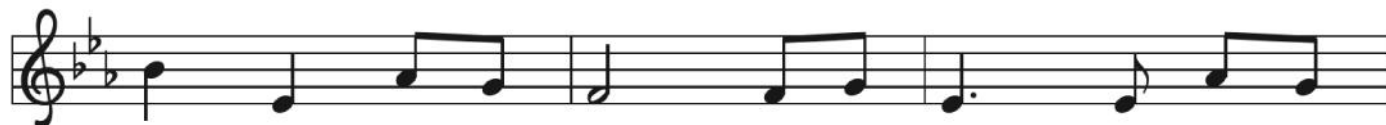
deem - ing, re - leas - ing, re - liev - ing\_ grace.\_\_\_\_\_

# COMMUNION HYMN • "LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN"

All Creation Sings 966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the  
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a  
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in  
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

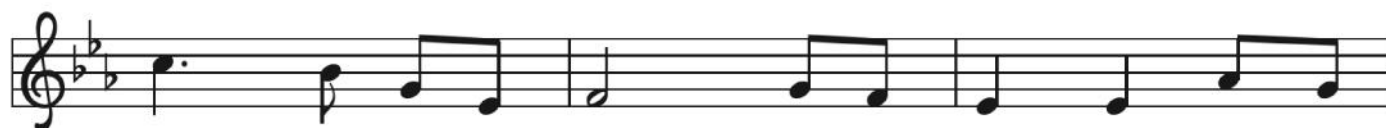


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.  
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.  
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"  
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

## *Refrain*



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 477

*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

*Refrain*



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 470*



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

*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 • "FROM THIS HOUSE"

*"paperless" song • Ben Allaway*

From this house, to the world,  
we will go, hand in hand.

We will love, we will grow, we will share.

## 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 the MVLC Altar Guild.*

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**5:30-6:30 PM**

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# > gathering day <

*As a community following Christ,*

## Sunday, September 10, 2023

- J JWorship at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
- J JGathering Day education at 9:30 a.m. for all ages.
- J JBackpack blessing for children and youth during worship.
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