

Worship the Lord
your God,
and serve only God.

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.

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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.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 122

TEMPTATION in the WILDERNESS

Sunday, January 15, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sin.

Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare.”

God’s mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Stand.

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.

KYRIE • "KYRIE"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
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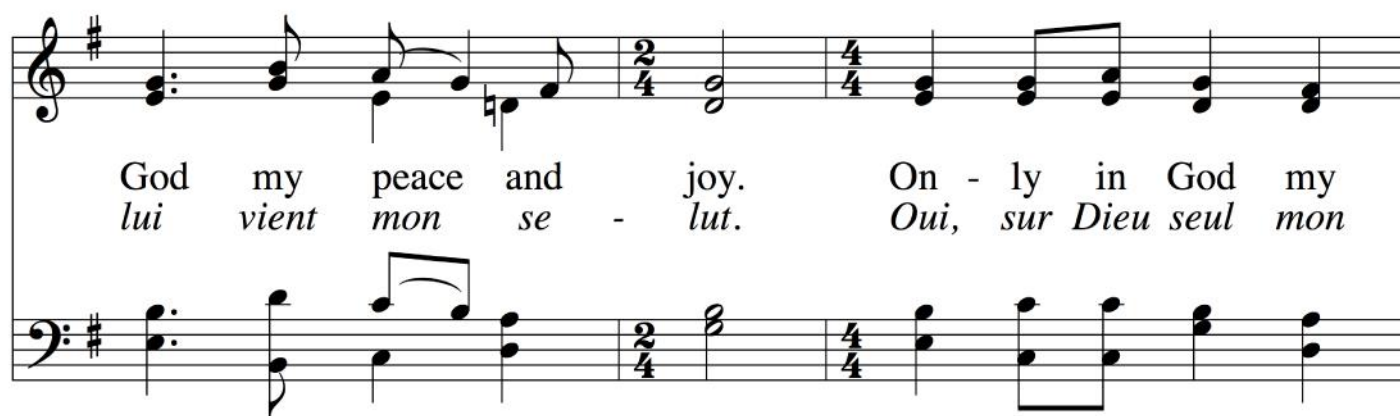
HYMN OF PRAISE • "IN GOD ALONE"

Songs & Prayers from Taizé

Sing three times.



In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de



God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
lui vient mon se - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon



soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.

Last time 

Last time 

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of strength,
your son Jesus withstood many temptations
because his love for you
was greater than his earthly desires.

Make our love for you so strong,
that we might withstand anything that threatens
to stand between us and your love.

We pray these things
in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 4:1-17

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

12Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. 13He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
16the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

17From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "WHEN WE ARE TESTED"

All Creation Sings 922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
 2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
 3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
 4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
 plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
 trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
 sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
 lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
 teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
 Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

We set before God the gifts that God has already given us
to sustain our lives and to share with others.

OFFERTORY

8:15 a.m.

Eli Lockhart, flute

10:45 a.m.

“Jesus in the Wilderness”

MVLC Sanctuary Choir

Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "THE PROMISE"

Don Neptun

Side 1 is the band side. Side 2 is the pulpit side.

Side 1




For the pro mise is for you and your

Side 2

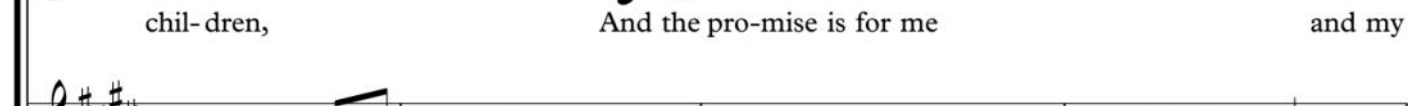


Piano Intro

For the pro mise is for me




chil- dren, And the pro-mise is for me and my

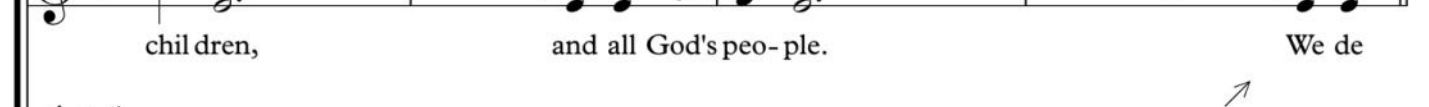


and my chil- dren, and the pro-mise is for you

Both sides




chil dren, and all God's peo- ple. We de




and your chil dren, and all God's peo- ple.

(Both sides)



vote our lives_ to the word of the Lord in the fel- low ship of the bo- dy of Christ. We

Side 1



take of the bread, and we drink of the wine, and we lift one a- no - ther in prayer. For the

(Side 1)

pro-mise is for you and your children, and the

(Side 2)

For the pro-mise is for me and my children,

pro-mise is for me and my chil - dren,

and the pro-mise is for you *rit.* and your

and all God's peo - ple.

chil - dren, and all God's peo - ple.

OFFERING PRAYER

Together, we pray.

**Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.**

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

**You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.**

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 and salutary
that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who 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"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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

Come and taste the joy of God!

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

If gluten-free wafers are required for health reasons, then please ask the pastor serving communion for a wafer.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life

■ 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.

COMMUNION HYMN • "BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 474

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



- | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-----|------|-------|------|------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | Break | now | the | bread | of | Christ's | sac - ri - fice; | giv - ing |
| 2 | Seek | not | the | food | that | will | pass a - way; | set your |
| 3 | Love | as | the | one | who, | in | love for you, | gave him - |
| 4 | Dwell | in | the | one | who | now | dwells in you; | make your |
| 5 | Drink | of | this | cup | and | de - clare | his death; | eat this |



thanks, hun - gry ones,	gath - er round.	Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food	that en - dures.	Come, learn the true and the
self for the life	of the world.	Come to the one who is
home in the life -	giv - ing Word.	Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve	Eas - ter morn;	trust his re - turn and, with

Refrain



sat - is - fied;	in Christ's pres - ence	the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way,	that the full - ness of	life may be yours.
food for you,	that your hun - ger and	thirst be no more.
One of God,	and be - lieve in the	truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath,	praise the one in whom	you are re - born.

COMMUNION HYMN • "GATHER US IN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,

**we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.**

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.

Gracious God,

**as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth
to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and
homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers,
that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may
know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor’s rod
+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "WHO IS LIKE OUR GOD"

All Creation Sings 1098



Who, who, who is like our God, who, with might - y



hand, did part the sea? Who, who, who is like our



God, who, with might - y hand, did part the sea?



All the na - tions will hear what God has done for us,



and will trem - ble to see such signs and won - ders.



Let God's peo - ple praise and sing, dance with joy and tam-bou-rines.



Let them say, "Who, who is like our God?"

SENDING

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today
are given to the glory of God
by George Rowe
in memory of George and Helen Rowe
and Andy and Marilyn Helling.*

Upcoming stories from the Bible:

JANUARY 22 • *Beatitudes* • Matthew 5:1-20

JANUARY 29 • *Treasure in Heaven* • Matthew 6:7-21, 25-34

FEBRUARY 5 • *The Golden Rule* • Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

FEBRUARY 12 • *Parables of the Kingdom* • Matthew 13:24-43

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8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), Eileen Newton.
- J GREETER: Jeanne Anderson.
- J LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Genie Lennon, Terry Wolfe.
- J SOUND: Tore Sleveland.

10:45 a.m.

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- J ACOLYTE: Dutcher Adams.
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WEDNESDAY EVENING

MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS

How often do you experience *meaningful conversation* in the span of a week? Social researchers who study this are finding that we are experiencing less meaningful conversation today and this is reflected in the church.

What is meaningful conversation? It's conversation between two or more people that goes beyond small talk about weather, sports, our kids, and home improvement projects. Meaningful conversation is big talk about experiences and stories that touch our heart, stir our faith, and open our eyes. As Christians we have so many meaningful experiences and stories of faith to share with each other in conversation, but the reality is, we rarely make space and time for these meaningful conversations.

On **Wednesday evenings**, during the months of January and February 2023, we will gather for **dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Life Together Hall**. At **6:30 p.m. we are making space and time for meaningful conversation**. This will be a safe space, and no one will be forced to share anything they don't want to share, but this will also be a courageous space to practice the art of storytelling and meaningful conversation. We will talk about our faith, our hopes and dreams, our questions and doubts. These experiences will be guided by Pastor Eric and Pastor Bri based on a book they are reading, *How the Body of Christ Talks* by C. Christopher Smith.

-) *January 18* – Guided intergenerational-group story sharing.
-) *January 25* – Guided conversation in women and men's groups.
-) *February 1* – Guided one-on-one conversations.
-) *February 8* – New Mountain View mission statement using World Café method.
-) *February 15* – MVLC property along 35th using Open Space Technology method.

MVLC MISSION MEETINGS

In October 2022, members of the MVLC Church Council and Staff met in retreat to discuss the mission and ministry of Mountain View Lutheran Church. Their time together birthed some initial foundations for a new mission statement. Since that retreat, a small group of Council members has continued to work on the same. Now it is time for this information to be shared with members of the congregation and hear your thoughts. Sign up to attend one of the upcoming Mission Meetings on the board in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings or in the Life Together Hall on Wednesday evenings.