

B E A T I T U D E S

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Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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.

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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 123

BEATITUDES

Sunday, January 22, 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.
Christ, have mer - cy:



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

HYMN OF PRAISE • "LIVE IN MY LOVE"

Bread of Life 7

Sing twice.

Refrain

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases connected by slurs. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Live, live in my love. Do the things that I have
done: Love one an - oth - er and lay down your
lives for each oth - er, and you'll rise from the
dead, lov - ers and friends in a world with - out end.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Loving God,
your son Jesus taught many things
that helped people to know
how deeply you love humanity.

Help us to live in your love,
so that we might be
beacons of light for others.

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 5:1-20

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

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⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

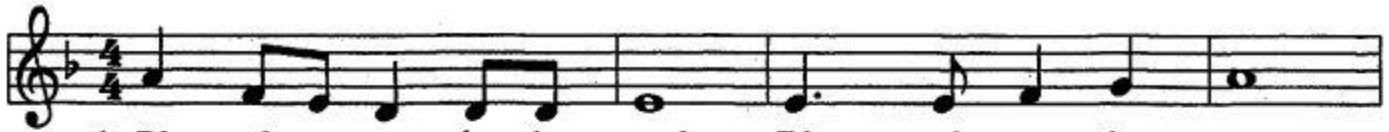
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

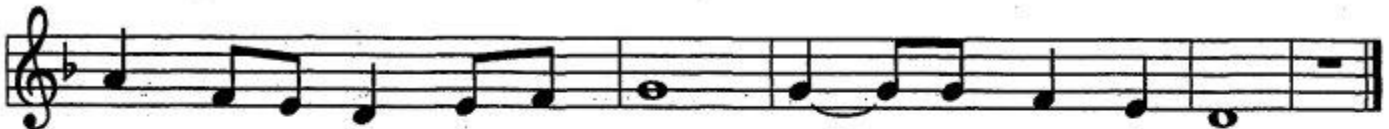
Pastor Eric Bostrom.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "BLESSED ARE YOU"

Dancing at the Harvest 86



1	Bless-ed	are	you	when	in	need	Bless - ed	are	the	poor
2	Bless-ed	are	you	as	you	weep	Blessed	are	they	that
3	Bless-ed	are	you	who	are	still	Bless - ed	are	the	meek
4	Bless-ed	are	you	who	are	clear	Blessed	the	pure	in
5	Bless-ed	are	you	who	for -	give	Blessed	the	mer -	ci -
6	Bless-ed	are	you	liv -	ing	peace	Blessed	the	peace-mak -	ers
7	Bless-ed	are	you	who	seek	right	Blessed	are	they	that
8	Bless-ed	are	you	who	are	wronged	Blessed	in	speak -	ing
										truth



Bless - ed	are	you	when	in	need	Heav'n	will	be	your	home.
Bless - ed	are	you	as	you	weep	Com -	fort	will	be	yours.
Bless - ed	are	you	who	are	still	Earth	will	be	your	home.
Bless - ed	are	you	who	are	clear	God	will	be	in	your
										eyes.
Bless - ed	are	you	who	for -	give	God	will	mer -	cy	you.
Bless - ed	are	you	liv -	ing	peace	God	will	know	your	name.
Bless - ed	are	you	who	seek	right	God	will	fill	your	soul.
Bless - ed	are	you	who	are	wronged	God	will	make	you	whole.

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

*“Manger Medley”
Tina Thomas, handbell solo
with flute and violin*

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 • "IN THIS FEAST OF LOVE"

All Creation Sings 962



1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the



blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

COMMUNION HYMN • "ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 461



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Stand.

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.

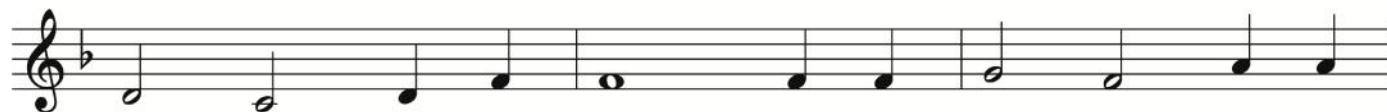
Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "AS A FIRE IS MEANT FOR BURNING"

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1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a



bright and warm-ing flame, So the Church is meant for
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of



mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay.
one - ness Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues.



As we wit - ness to the gos - pel, We would
By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would
As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a



build a bridge of care, Join - ing hands a - cross the
show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning
storm is past and gone, May our lives re - flect the



na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.
Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.
ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

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 the MVLC Altar Guild.*

Upcoming stories from the Bible:

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

FEBRUARY 19 • *Transfiguration* • Matthew 16:24–17:8

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Both services

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- J **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Soren Bostrom.
- J **DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Brenna Sage.
- J **VIDEOGRAPHER:** David Burch.
- J **ALTAR GUILD:** Diane Nelson, Dotty Shireman, Sandi Swanson.

8:15 a.m.

- J **USHERS:** Fred Albert (head usher), Joe Anderson, Skip Harrison.
- J **GREETER:** Pat Clement.
- J **ACOLYTE:** Ezra Holden.
- J **LECTOR:** Lori Neptun.
- J **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Chris Ray, Betsy Tunstall.
- J **SOUND:** Tore Sleveland.

10:45 a.m.

- J **USHERS:** Mark Cantrell (head usher), John Dahle, Keith Wright.
- J **GREETERS:** Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson.
- J **ACOLYTE:** Dutcher Adams.
- J **LECTOR:** Jim Hushagen.
- J **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Barb Egan, Amy Lewis.
- J **SOUND:** Beth Ann Johnson.

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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.