



# 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 124

# **TREASURE in HEAVEN**

*Sunday, January 29, 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 • "NOTHING CAN TROUBLE"

*All Creation Sings 1033*

*Sing three times.*



Na - da te tur - be, na - da te\_es - pan - te.  
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.



Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,  
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,



na - da te\_es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.  
noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Extravagant God,  
you have promised treasure in heaven  
that outweighs any we could envision  
or imagine on earth.

Help us to be grateful  
for the amazing gifts  
you have already given to us.

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 6:7-21

<sup>7</sup>“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup>“Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And do not bring us to the time of trial,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; <sup>15</sup>but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

<sup>16</sup>“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

# HYMN OF THE DAY • "SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

With One Voice 783

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its  
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and  
 3 We do not live by bread . . . a - lone, but by

le - lu - ia, al - le -

D Em A<sup>7</sup> D F#m

righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be  
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be  
 ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the

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

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.  
 mouth . . . of . . . God. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.*

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

*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 • "HERE IS BREAD"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 483*



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



*Refrain*

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "IN THE SINGING"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 466*



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

*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 • "THE LORD NOW SENDS US FORTH"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 538*



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

## 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 Connie McCrossin  
in memory of her husband John McCrossin  
and her mother Esther Wiesner.*

*Upcoming stories from the Bible:*

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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- 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: Karen Slavens, Ken Swanson (head usher), Terry Freed, Walt Freed.
- J GREETER: Anne Roff.
- J LECTOR: Jeanne Anderson.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Anne Roff.
- J SOUND: Tore Sleveland.

*10:45 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Diane Nelson, Lindy Nelson, Bob Yost (head usher).
- J GREETERS: Ellen Leapaltdt.
- J ACOLYTE: Nate Schaefer.
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