

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 125

THE GOLDEN RULE

Sunday, February 5, 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.

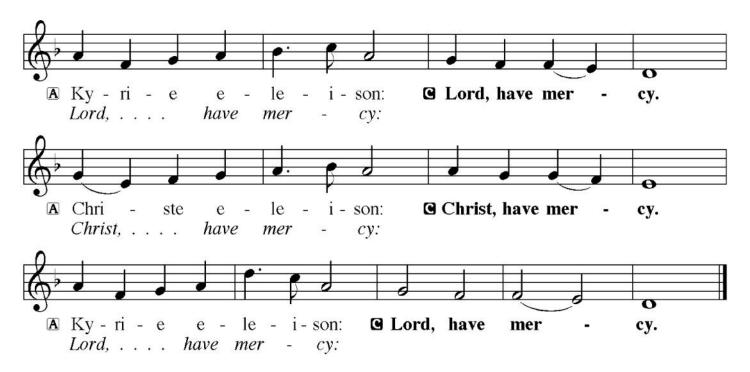
GREETING

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"

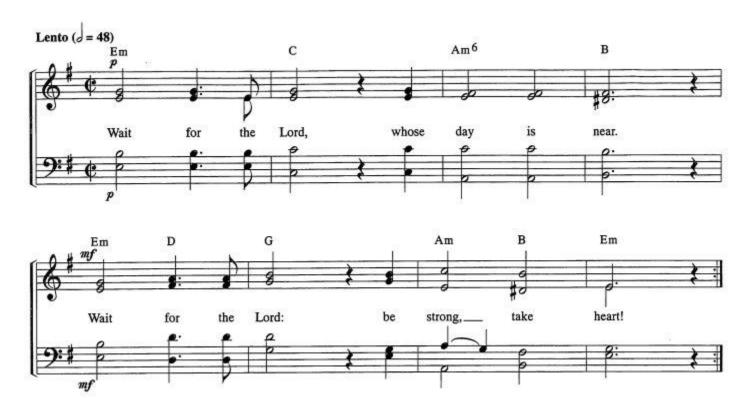
With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting Five: Bread of Life



HYMN OF PRAISE • "WAIT FOR THE LORD"

Songs & Prayers from Taizé 12

Cantor sings verses while congregation repeats refrain.



Prepare the way for the Lord. Make a straight path for God. Prepare the way for the Lord.

Seek first the Kingdom of God. Seek and you shall find.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of wisdom and groundedness, you have encouraged us to live our lives grounded in faith, patience, and love.

Help us to love others without judgment, but with a solid foundation of acceptance, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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



READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ²For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. ⁶"Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

7"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? ¹⁰Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

¹²"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. ¹³"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

²⁴"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!" ²⁸Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"

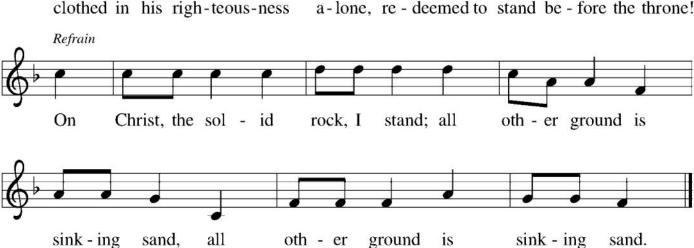
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- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov e nant, his blood sus tain me in the rag ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil. when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay. clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re-deemed to stand be - fore the throne!



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 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

"Love Is Love Is Love" MVLC Sanctuary Choir **and congregation (on mantra)**



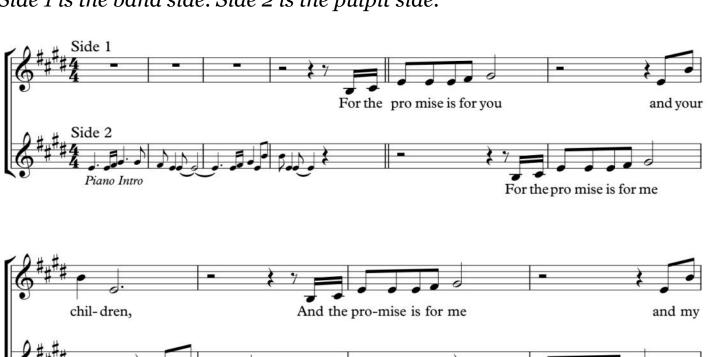
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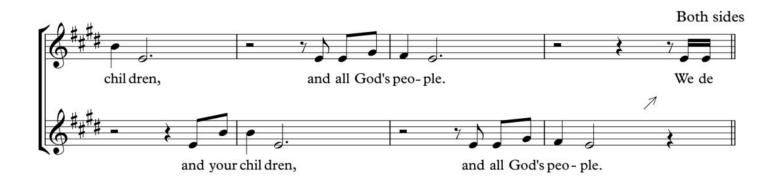
OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "THE PROMISE"

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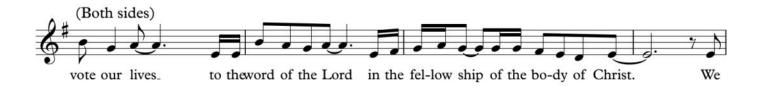
Side 1 is the band side. Side 2 is the pulpit side.

and my chil-dren,





and the pro-mise is for you







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



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.

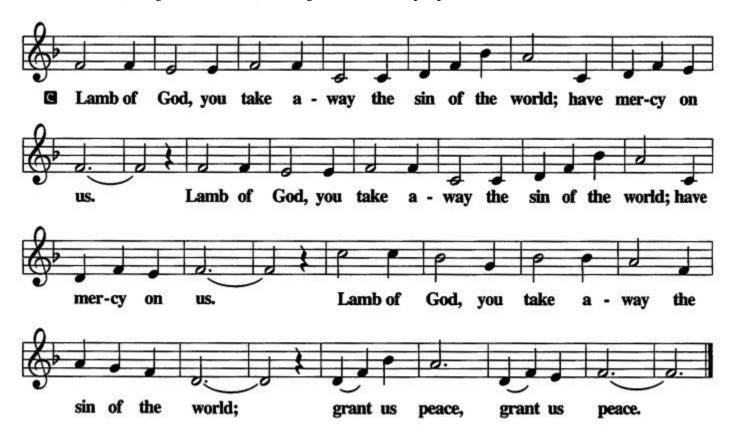
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All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

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



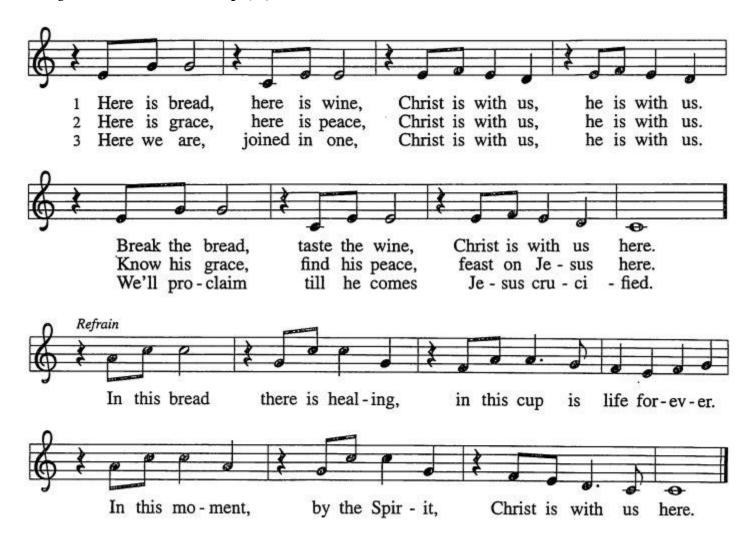
COMMUNION HYMN • "BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 474



COMMUNION HYMN • "HERE IS BREAD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 483



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 whose love is the foundation or our life, faith, and hope + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

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SENDING

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Foundation"

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by the MVLC Altar Guild.

Upcoming stories from the Bible:

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

FEBRUARY 19 • Transfiguration • Matthew 16:24-17:8

FEBRUARY 22 / ASH WEDNESDAY • Who Is the Greatest? • Matthew 18:1-9

FEBRUARY 26 • Forgiveness • Matthew 18:15-35

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Both services

- PREACHER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- PRESIDER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- ASSISTING MINISTER: Tore Sleveland.
- DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- ALTAR GUILD: Janet Larson, Angela Machumu, Diane Nelson, Marie Philipsen.

- USHERS: Karen Slavens, Ken Swanson (head usher), Sandi Swanson.
- GREETER: Pat Clement.
- ACOLYTE: Ezra Holden.
- LECTOR: Lori Neptun.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Terry Freed, Walt Freed.
- SOUND: Don Neptun.

10:45 a.m.

- USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), John Dahle, Bob Yost, Scouts.
- GREETERS: Ellen Leapaldt, Scouts.
- ACOLYTE: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.
- LECTOR: Scout.
- COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Megan Hutton, Pastor Glenn Petersen.
- SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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CAMP OVERNIGHT for MVLC ELEMENTARY

Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26, 2023 for MVLC elementary-age kids in first through sixth grades

Campfire! Indoor swimming pool! Black light dodgeball! Open gym time!

Do these activities sound fun to your kids? Then sign up for our Camp Overnight at Black Diamond Camp in Auburn.

Cost is \$70/child. The church is supplementing each youth to make this more affordable. Please speak with Pastor Bri if further assistance on cost is needed. There are scholarship funds available.

We'll meet at church at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, and be back at church just before lunch on Sunday. (In time for you to take them home after church.) Exact times may adjust slightly.

Lodging: There will be one girls cabin and one boys cabin. Bathrooms are located in a separate cabin next door. Adult leaders will be prepared to get up and escort kids who need to use the restroom during the night.

This overnight is the best way for our elementary kids to get comfortable with going to camp. Kids who go on an overnight like this are much more likely to be excited for trips like Flathead when they move into middle school.

If your kids are still very uncomfortable being away from home, parents are welcome to come and help chaperone. We need at least two parent volunteers to come with Pope and Pastor Bri. Please reach out to Pastor Bri (bmerkle@mtviewlutheran.org) if you are interested in going. The church will cover your cost as a chaperone.

Register by Sunday, March 5, 2023.

Fill out the CAMP OVERNIGHT registration form:

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