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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 126

PARABLES of the KINGDOM

Sunday, February 12, 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 • "HOLY GROUND"

Worship & Praise 59

Sing twice.

Ab/Bb Eb Bb7/F Eb/G Ab Eb/G Bb7/Ab Eb/G

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,

Ab/Bb AbM7 Gm7(b5) C C/Bb F9/A Abm6

and I know that there are an-gels all a - round.

Eb/G Bb7/F Eb/G Ab Eb/G Bb7/Ab Eb/G

Let us praise Je - sus now.

Ab Eb/G Ab Eb/Bb Bb7 Ebsus Eb

We are stand - ing in his pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of stories,
Jesus taught us through stories
and the wisdom of the shared word.

Teach us through your stories,
that we may learn, grow, and love.

For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

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



READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Matthew 13:24-43

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

³⁴Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. ³⁵This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth to speak in parables;
I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "GOD, THE SCULPTOR OF THE MOUNTAINS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 736



1 God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mill-er of the
2 God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the
3 God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the
4 God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined



sand, God the jewel-er of the heav-ens,
sea, God the pil-lar in the dark-ness,
wheat, God the reap-er of the har-vest,
youth, God the ta-ble-turn-ing proph-et,



God the pot-ter of the land: you are womb of all cre-
God the bea-con of the free: you are fount of all de-
God the source of all we eat: you are host at ev-'ry
God the re-sur-rect-ed truth: you are pres-ent ev-'ry



a - tion, we are form-less; shape us now.
liv - 'rance, we are sight-less; lead us now.
ta - ble, we are hun-gry; feed us now.
mo - ment, we are search-ing; meet us now.

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

“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”

8:15 a.m.

Eli Lockhart

10:45 a.m.

Joan Kohler

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

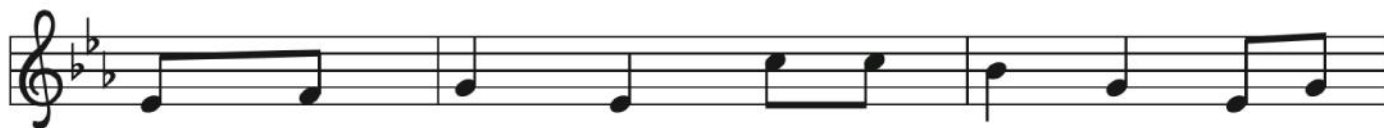
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

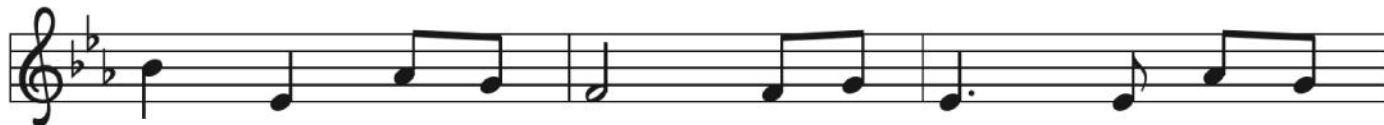
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "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

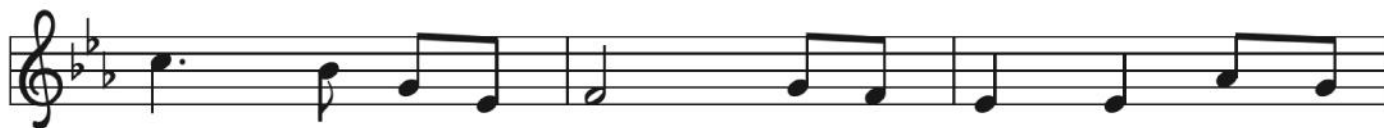


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

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 • "TASTE AND SEE"

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Refrain - All



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
 3 Wor - ship . . . the Lord, all you peo - ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
 I called the Lord, . . . who an - swered me;
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

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
of our life, faith, and hope
+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "SENT FORTH BY GOD'S BLESSING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing to God ev-er-liv-ing,



the peo-ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face—



The sup-per is end-ed. Oh, now be ex-tend-ed
our faith ev-er shar-ing, in love ev-er car-ing,



the fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
em-brac-ing God's chil-dren, the whole hu-man race.



The seed of Christ's teach-ing, re-cep-tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach-ing, shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
lead us; u-nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in-cite us, your love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing with praise and thanks-giv-ing



to work for your king-dom and an-swer your call.
give hon-or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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 Julie Williams
in memory of her husband Mark.*

Upcoming stories from the Bible:

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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- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
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8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), George Rowe, Terry Wolfe.
- J GREETER: Gloria Ratcliffe.
- J ACOLYTE: Nate Schaefer.
- J LECTOR: Chris Schaefer.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeanne Anderson, Gloria Ratcliffe.
- J SOUND: Tore Sleveland.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Lindy Nelson, Keith Wright.
- J GREETERS: Diane Nelson.
- J ACOLYTE: Dutcher Adams.
- J LECTOR: Carol Petersen.
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ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

11:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday worship in the Sanctuary
12 noon Soup and bread lunch in the Life Together Hall

5:30 p.m. Soup and bread dinner in the Life Together Hall
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday worship in the Sanctuary

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LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Wednesday evenings of March

3/1 • 3/8 • 3/15 • 3/22 • 3/29

5:30 p.m. Soup and bread dinner in the Life Together Hall
6:30 p.m. Lenten midweek worship in the Sanctuary

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HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday • Sunday, April 2, 2023
8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday • Thursday, April 6, 2023
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Good Friday • Friday, April 7, 2023
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Vigil • Saturday, April 8, 2023
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday • Sunday, April 9, 2023
8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary