





# 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 132

# **LABORERS in the VINEYARD**

*Sunday, March 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 journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Kneel or stand. Silence is kept for reflection.*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.  
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;  
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;  
we spoil rather than steward your creation;  
we cause hurt even though you call us to heal;  
we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,  
+ forgives you in Christ's name,  
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen.**

*Stand.*

# KYRIE • "O LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US"

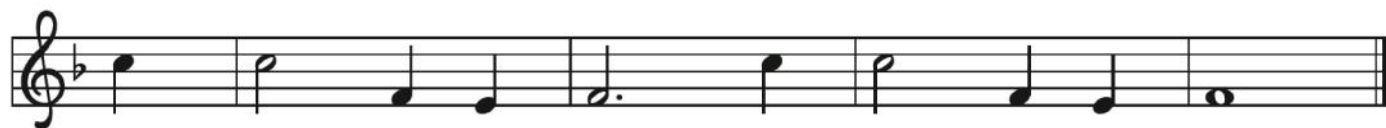
*All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting Eleven*



O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

## 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.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE • "LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 513

*Refrain*  
Leader

All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader

All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader

All

*Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Generous God,  
you have promised to open your kingdom to all people,  
despite their circumstances.

Bring us close to you,  
and help us to proclaim the goodness  
of your generosity.

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

**Amen.**

*Sit.*



# PSALM 16 • "PROTECT ME GOD: I TRUST IN YOU"

*Psalms for All Seasons 16C*

*Cantor sings refrain; **then all repeat.***

*Cantor sings verses; **congregation sings refrain.***

Refrain

Pro - tect me, God: I trust in you.

Protect me God: I trust in you. I tell you now,  
"You are my Lord; on you my happiness depends." **Refrain.**

Your people are a chosen race, and I delight in faithful friends,  
but pagan ways I will not share. **Refrain.**

Lord God, you are my food and drink; my work for you is joy indeed;  
glad is the heritage that's mine. **Refrain.**

Thank you, my Lord, for warning me; by night and day  
you guide my thoughts. With you before me, I stand firm. **Refrain.**

So now I'm glad in heart and soul, for I have found security—  
among the dead I shall not lie. **Refrain.**

Not death, but life, shall be my path; abundant joy your presence grants,  
an honored place, and happiness. **Refrain.**

# ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

*All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting Eleven*



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word,



we will trust . . . . . your word.

## READING

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

### Matthew 20:1-16

<sup>1</sup>For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Sit.

## HYMN OF THE DAY • "FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 679*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

# **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

Sustained by God's abundant mercy,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God,  
trusting in your steadfast love  
and your promise to renew your whole creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Sit.*

## OFFERING

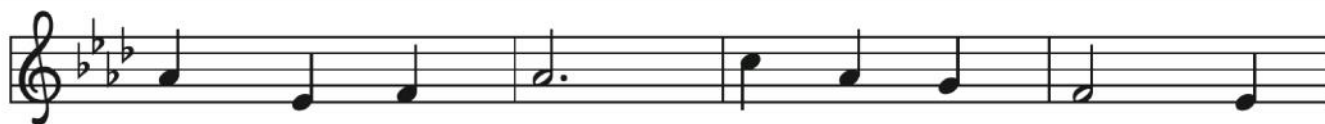
Christ has given his life for us.  
Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

## OFFERTORY

*Stand.*

# OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"

*All Creation Sings 1000*



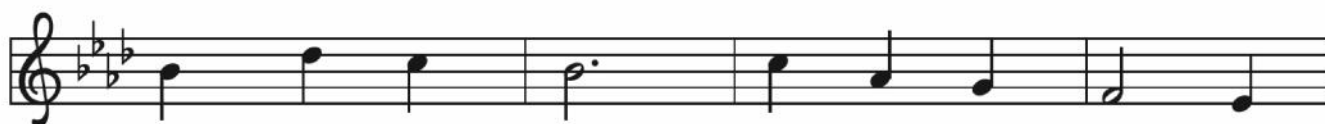
1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,

3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,

prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,

pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.

claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,

Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts,  
receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**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, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that renewed with the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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"

*All Creation Sings 1089*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,



your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.



. . . Bless - ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

## 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 receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

*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.*



## LAMB OF GOD • “LAMB OF GOD”

*All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting Eleven*

O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

sin of the world; . . . have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

sin of the world; . . . have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

sin of the world; . . . have . . . mer - cy up -

on us, have . . . mercy up - on us.

Grant us your peace. Amen.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 489*



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y haunts of  
 2 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur - pass - ing  
 3 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and dear - est



sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,  
 won - der that the bread of life is bound - less  
 trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der.  
 though the souls it feeds are count - less;  
 joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:



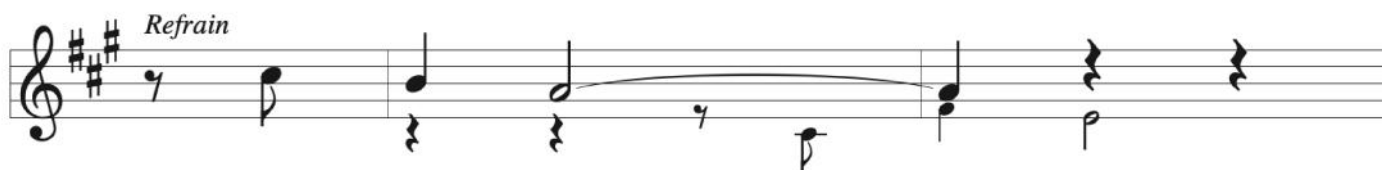
Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet  
 with the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to us is  
 hum - bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a -



found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly,  
 giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion,  
 dore you; wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you,



deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.



Be thank - ful! Be thank - ful!



Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, and re - jice!



Bless the one whose grace un - bound - ed is our joy.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "BY YOUR HAND YOU FEED YOUR PEOPLE"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 469*



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

*Stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,

**at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.**

**With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,  
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors  
and touch the world with your love.**

**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.

Eternal God,

**whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless  
those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our  
sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. In your love  
and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this  
communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all  
feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

God, the giver of love,  
+ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.


**Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN • "SEND ME, LORD"


Evangelical Lutheran Worship 809

Leader All



Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma  
Send me, Lord. 1 Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,  
(2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,  
(3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

Repeat ad lib. End



mi - na, So - man - dla.  
Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,  
Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,  
Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

## SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Upcoming stories from the Bible during Sunday worship:*

MARCH 12 • *Wedding Banquet* • Matthew 22:1-14

MARCH 19 • *Bridesmaids [or Talents]* • Matthew 25:1-13 [14-25]

MARCH 26 • *Last Judgment* • Matthew 25:31-46

APRIL 2 • *Triumphal Entry / Palm Sunday* • Matthew 21:1-17

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*Adult Education this morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Together Hall is Lutheran outdoor ministries, specifically, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and Holden Village.*

*Adult Education next week (Sunday 3/12) is “Faith and Science” with Pastor Eric Bostrom. We will explore the ways that Faith and Science impact our lives in significant ways, but that one doesn’t have to be false in order for the other to be true. We live in a culture that pits faith and science against each other, but the good news is that God and Christianity are big enough to embrace the truth of both. Know a science person who’s negative on faith? Know a faith person who’s negative on science? What are the evangelical benefits of healing the false division between faith and science? “Faith and Science” continues through Sunday, April 2.*

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Worship leaders include:

*Both services*

- J PREACHER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- J PRESIDER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Kevin Dahl.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Jones, Janet Larson, Marie Philipsen, Sandi Swanson.

*8:15 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Janet Larson, Terry Wolfe.
- J GREETER: George Rowe.
- J LECTOR: Jeanne Anderson.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Genie Lennon, Betsy Tunstall.

*10:45 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Julie Kibler, Mark Kibler.
- J GREETERS: Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson.
- J ACOLYTES: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.
- J LECTOR: John Dahle.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Megan Hutton, Glenn Petersen.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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# COMING SOON / SAVE THE DATE

## **Lenten Midweek Worship**

Wednesday evenings of March: 3/8 • 3/15 • 3/22 • 3/29

5:30 p.m. = soup and bread dinner

6:30 p.m. = “Sparks around the Fire: Compassion and the Cross” worship

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## **MVCC “Hope Lights the Way” Auction**

Saturday, March 18, 2023 • 5:30 p.m. at Foss Waterway Seaport

Visit [mtviewcommunitycenter.org/hopeauction](http://mtviewcommunitycenter.org/hopeauction) for information, tickets/registration, and the opportunity to donate.

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## **Campus Cleanup**

Saturday, April 1, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. on the MVLC campus

9:00 a.m. = all members are invited to help beautify our campus for Holy Week.

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## **Holy Week Worship Services**

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

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## **Vacation Bible School**

Monday, July 10 through Friday, July 14, 2023 • 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon each day



## EASTER CHRYSANTHEMUM • ALTAR GUILD

*Help the MVLC Altar Guild beautify the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday.*

*Please fill out this form, attach/include \$12 per plant, and return it to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate by Palm Sunday (4/2).*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of plants: \_\_\_\_\_

Given ☐ in memory of or ☐ in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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