



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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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 133

WEDDING BANQUET

Sunday, March 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 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"

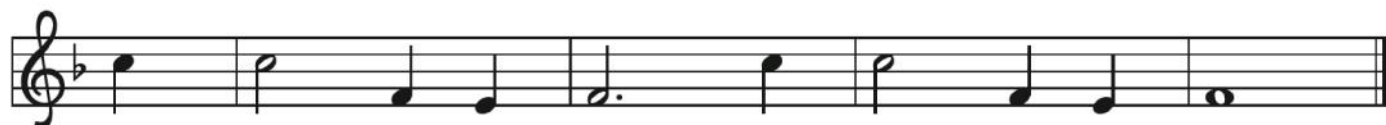
All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting Eleven



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 • "AMONG US AND BEFORE US"

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1. A - mong us and be - fore us, Lord, you stand with__
2. Who would say No, when such is your re - solve: our__
3. Who would say No, when such is your in - tent to__
4. Who would say No, when such is your re - quest that__
5. No more we he - si - tate and won - der why, no__



arms out - stretched and__ bread and wine at hand; con -
worst to wit - ness,__ suf - fer, and ab - solve, our
love the selves we__ fam - ish and re - sent, to
each a - round your__ ta - ble should be guest, that
more we stand in - diff - 'rent, scared, or shy. Your



front - ing those un - worth - y of a crumb, you__
best to raise in lives by God for - giv'n, our__
cra - dle our un - cer - tain - ties and fear, to__
here the an - cient words should live as new: "Take,__
in - vi - ta - tion leads us to say Yes, to__



ask that to your ta - ble we should come.
souls to fill on__ earth with food from heav'n?
kin - dle hope as__ you, in faith, draw near?
eat, and drink all this is meant for you?"
meet you where you__ nou - rish, heal, and bless.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of celebration,
you have invited all people to rejoice
in the goodness of your love.

Help us to be hospitable
to all people at your banquet,
so that all might receive your blessing.

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

Amen.

Sit.

PSALM 45 • "TAKE, OH, TAKE ME AS I AM"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 814 (refrain) and Brenna Sage (verses)

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

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



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Your throne, O God, will last forevermore;
justice will be the scepter that you keep. **Refrain.**

You love true righteousness and evil hate,
so God, your God, has set you over men. **Refrain.**

He has anointed you in splendor great,
and with the oil of joy above all them. **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 22:1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

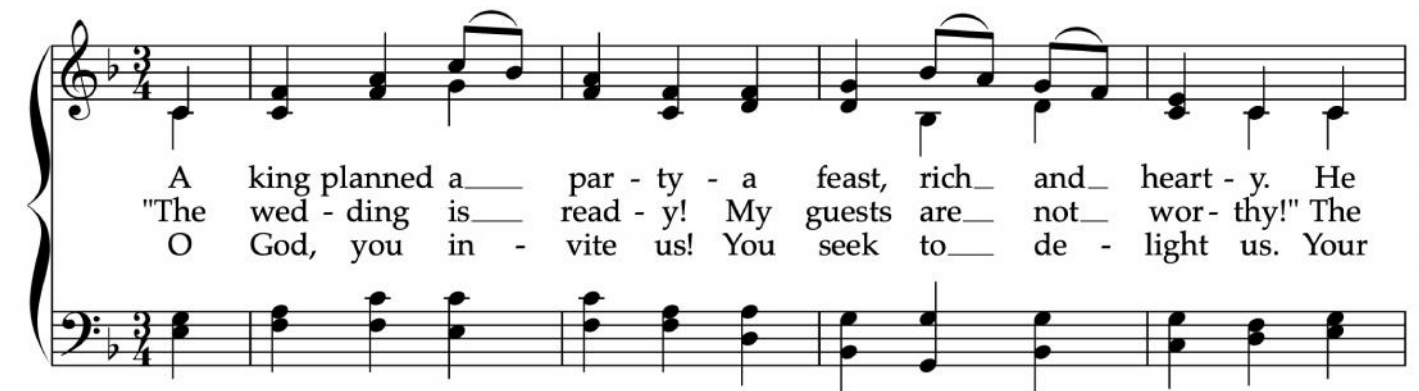
CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

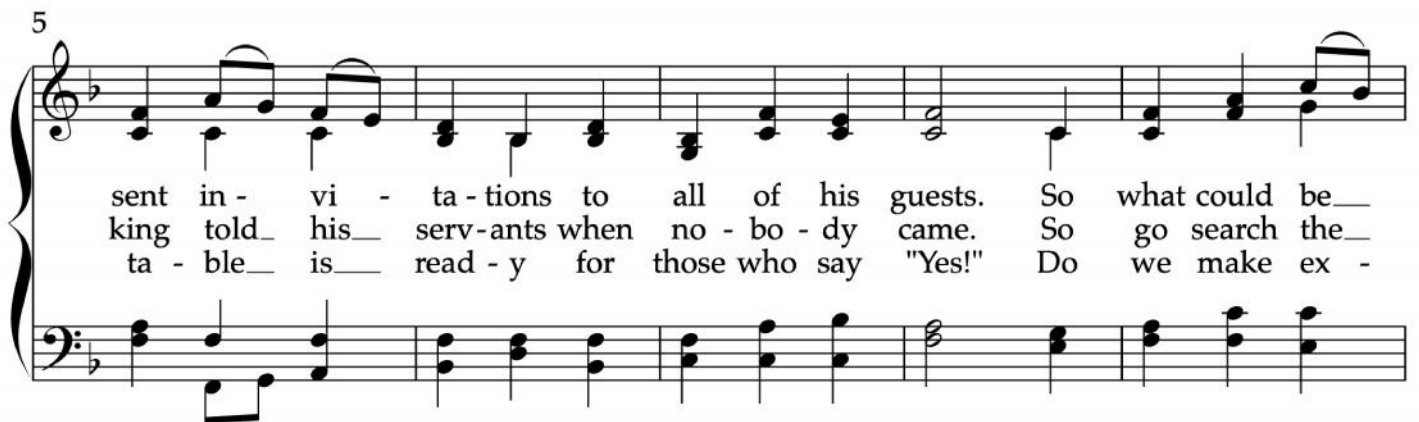
HYMN OF THE DAY • "A KING PLANNED A PARTY"

Carolyn Winfrey-Gillette



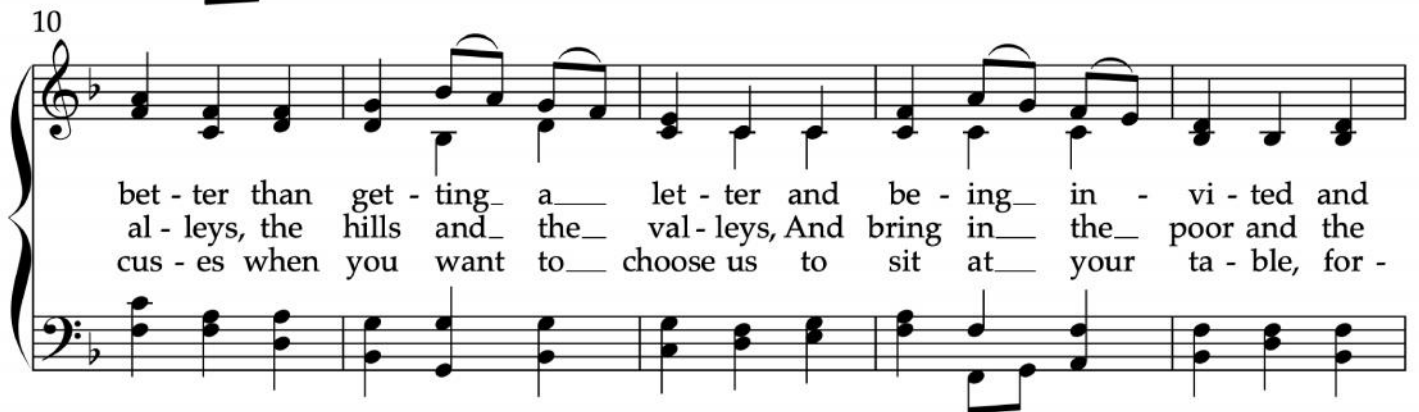
A king planned a par - ty - a feast, rich and heart - y. He
"The wed - ding is read - y! My guests are not wor - thy!" The
O God, you in - vite us! You seek to de - light us. Your

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sent in - vi - ta - tions to all of his guests. So what could be
king told his serv - ants when no - bo - dy came. So go search the
ta - ble is read - y for those who say "Yes!" Do we make ex -

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bet - ter than get - ting a let - ter and be - ing in - vi - ted and
al - leys, the hills and the val - leys, And bring in the poor and the
cus - es when you want to choose us to sit at your ta - ble, for -

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wel - comed and blessed? "My work needs at - ten - tion," said one, "Not to
blind and the lame." That day there was sing - ing and halls that were
giv - en and blessed? And, Lord, as you wel - come us in - to your

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men - tion, My fam - 'ly is grow - ing. There's so much to
 ring - ing with laugh - ter and joy in that won - der - ful
 king - dom, May we reach to wel - come the world by your

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do." "My farm," said an - o - ther, "Is big, and - oh,
 place. For those who at - ten - ded knew how they de -
 grace. You love the out - sid - er. Now may we reach

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broth - er - I'm bu - sy with hob - bies I want to pur - sue."
 pend - ed up - on the king's gen - er - ous mer - cy and grace.
 wid - er to wel - come the world with your lov - ing em - brace.

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

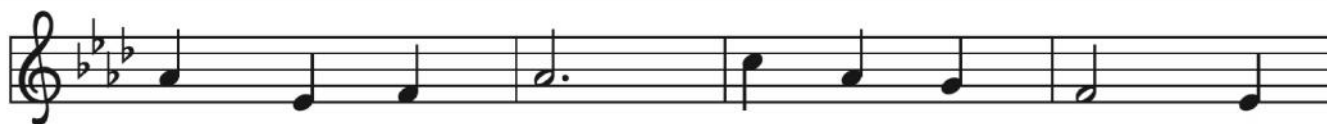
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*“What Wondrous Love” • Laura Farnell
MVLC Sanctuary Choir*

Stand.

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

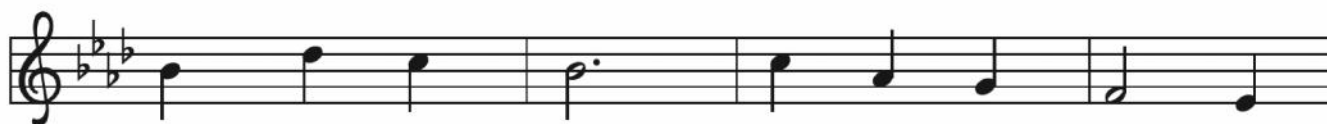
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2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,



fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,



walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,



run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.



Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,



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

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 . . . mer - cy up - on us.



Grant us your peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN • "ABIDE IN US, O BREAD OF LIFE"

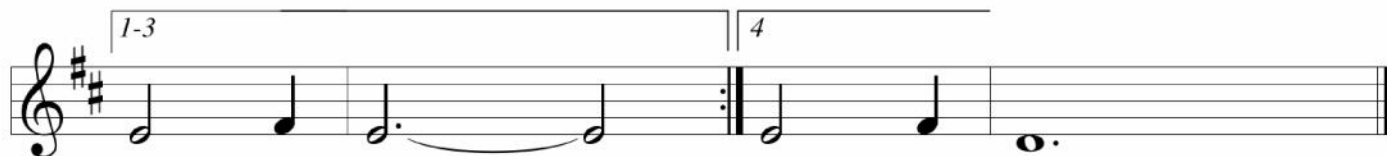
Peace, Be Still 57



1 A - bide in us, O Bread of Life, That we a - bide in
 2 True food in - fuse our ver - y flesh; True drink our days re -
 3 Now for the jour - ney streng - then us; Your Heart in us in -
 4 So change us by this ho - ly grace, This gift of love out -



You, And we in tak - ing bread par - take Of all that
 vive, As in Your-self we find our-selves And You in
 crease, That here Your Spir - it may a - bide And make each
 poured, That we be-come Your bread on earth And live for



is in You. all the world.
 us give life.
 day a feast.

COMMUNION HYMN • "BREAK NOW THE BREAD OF LIFE"

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1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

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 • "THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

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1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy;
2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace;
3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice;
4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal;



For Je - sus re - stores what sin would de - stroy.
The cap - tives are freed, the sin - ners find place,
Be - lieve the good news, re - pent and re - joice!
In Je - sus be - gun, in heav - en made whole.



God's pow - er and glo - ry in Je - sus we know;
The out - cast are wel - comed God's ban - quet to share;
God's love for us sin - ners brought Christ to his cross:
The heirs of the king - dom shall an - swer his call;



And here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
And hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
Our cri - sis of judge - ment for gain or for loss.
And all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God all in all.

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Upcoming stories from the Bible during Sunday worship:

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*

APRIL 9 • *Easter Sunday • Matthew 28:1-10*

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Adult Education this morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Together Hall 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 Eric Bostrom.
- J PRESIDERS: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Karin Weberg.
- 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: Chris Ray, Ken Swanson (head usher), Sandi Swanson.
- J GREETER: Anne Roff.
- J ACOLYTE: Nate Schaefer.
- J LECTOR: Chris Schaefer.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Eileen Newton, Anne Roff.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson, Diksha Knierim, Eric Knierim (head usher).
- J GREETER: Mary Beth Dahl.
- J ACOLYTE: Addison Williamson.
- J LECTOR: Amy Lewis.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carolee Berntsen, Bob Linden.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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COMING SOON / SAVE THE DATE

Lenten Midweek Worship

Wednesday evenings of March: 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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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