



# 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 134

# **TALENTS**

*Sunday, March 19, 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"

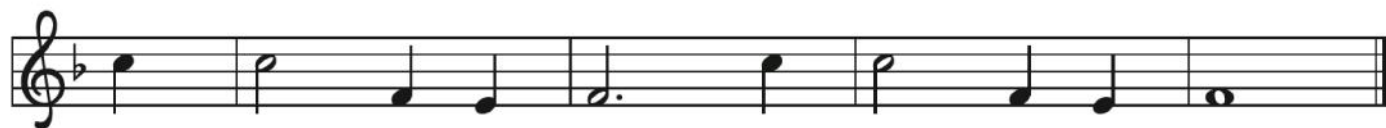
*All Creation Sings, Holy Communion, Setting Eleven*



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 • "TAKE THIS MOMENT"

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1. Take this mo - ment, sign \_ and \_ space, take my friends a -  
 2. Take the time to call \_ my \_ name, take the time to  
 3. Take the tired - ness of \_ my \_ days, take my past re -  
 4. Take the lit - tle child \_ in \_ me, scared of grow - ing  
 5. Take my tal - ents, take \_ my \_ skills, take what's yet to

7 F G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup>



-round; \_\_\_\_\_ Here a - mong \_ us \_ make \_ the \_  
 mend \_\_\_\_\_ who I am \_ and \_ what \_ I've \_  
 -gret, \_\_\_\_\_ let - ting Your \_ for - give - ness \_  
 old. \_\_\_\_\_ Help him/her here \_ to \_ find \_ his/her \_  
 be; \_\_\_\_\_ Let my life \_ be \_ Yours, \_ and \_

12 C Em F#m<sup>7</sup> Em/G E/G# A<sup>sus</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>2</sup>



place been, where Your love is found. \_\_\_\_\_  
 touch all I've failed to tend. \_\_\_\_\_  
 worth all I can't for - get. \_\_\_\_\_  
 yet, made in Christ's own mould. \_\_\_\_\_  
 let it still be me. \_\_\_\_\_



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of holy anticipation,  
you have promised that you would return  
at a time unknown to us.

Make us ready,  
so that when you return we might be welcomed  
into your kingdom with open arms.

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

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

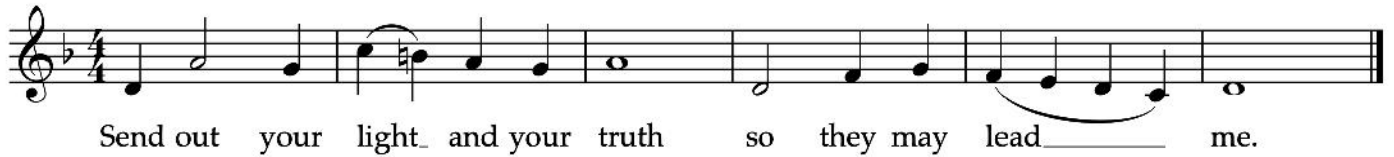


# PSALM 43 • "SEND OUT YOUR LIGHT"

Hildegard of Bingen

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

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



Give judgment for me, O God,  
and defend my cause against an ungodly people;  
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

For you are the God of my strength;  
why have you put me from you?

Why do I go so heavily  
while the enemy oppresses me?

**Refrain.**

That I may go to the altar of God,  
to the God of my joy and gladness;  
and on the harp I will give thanks to you,  
O God, my God.

**Refrain.**

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?  
And why are you so disquieted within me?  
Put your trust in God;

for I will yet give thanks to the Most High  
who is the help of my countenance,  
and my God

**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 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup>For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

*Stand.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY • "IF WHEN YOU GIVE THE BEST OF YOUR SERVICE"

*This Far by Faith 172*

1 If when you give the best of your ser - vice,  
 2 Mis - un - der - stood, the Sav - ior of sin - ners  
 3 So when this life of la - bor is end - ed,  
 4 But if you try and fail in your try - ing,

tell - ing the world that the Sav - ior is come;  
 hung on the cross; he was God's on - ly Son;  
 and the re - ward of the race you have run;  
 hands sore and scarred from the work you've be - gun;

be not dis - mayed when friends don't be - lieve you;  
 oh, hear him call his Fa - ther in heav - en,  
 oh! the sweet rest pre - pared for the faith - ful  
 take up your cross, run quick - ly to meet him;

he un - der - stands; he'll say, "Well done."  
 "Not. . . my will, but thine be done."  
 will be his blest and fi - nal "Well done."  
 he'll un - der - stand; he'll say, "Well done."

*Refrain*

Oh, when I come to the end of my jour - ney,

wea - ry of life, and the bat - tle is won;

car - rying the staff and cross of re - demp - tion,

he'll un - der - stand, and say, "Well done."

# **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*



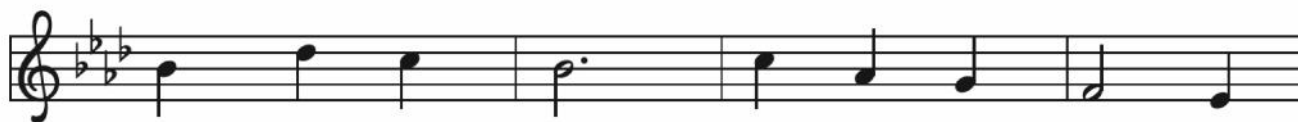
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,

4 God is at work in and a - round us:



fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,

seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,

Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.

gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,

Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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 -

[illegible]

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 -

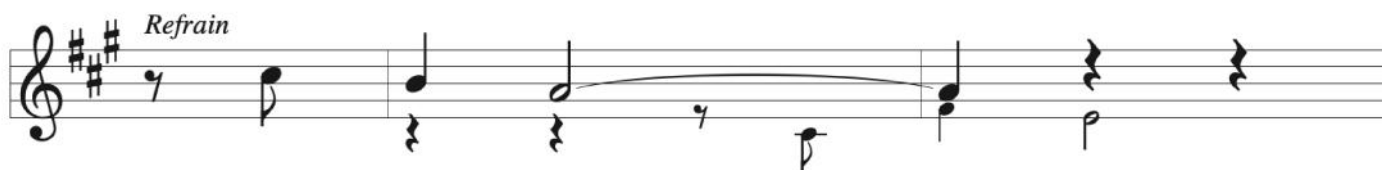


found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly, high, and ho - ly,  
giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so - la - tion,  
dore you; wor - thi - ly let me re - ceive you,





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 - joice!



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

# COMMUNION HYMN • "JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 708

*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

*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 • "LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 674*



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

## SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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*Both services*

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- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Soren Bostrom.
- 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: Michelle Schweikl, Karen Slavens, Ken Swanson (head usher).
- J GREETER: Gloria Ratcliffe.
- J LECTOR: Lori Neptun.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Jeanne Anderson, Gloria Ratcliffe.

*10:45 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Lindy Nelson, Keith Wright, Bob Yost (head usher).
- J GREETER: Diane Nelson.
- J ACOLYTE: Olivia Williamson.
- J LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Amy Lewis, Diane Nelson.
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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

## 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

