



# 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.*

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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 141

# **PETER'S VISION /**

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

*Sunday, April 23, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand.*

# THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Turn to face the baptism font.*

*All may make the sign of the cross,  
+ the sign that is marked at baptism,  
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE • "NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION"

*Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting*

## Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

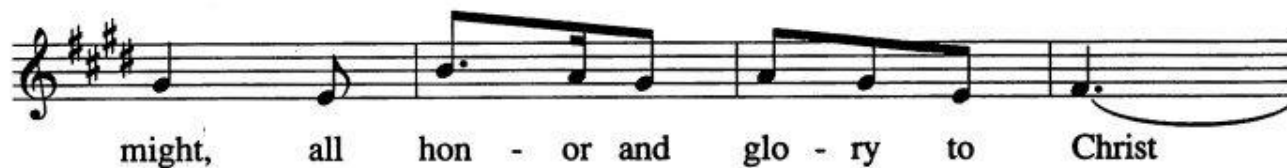
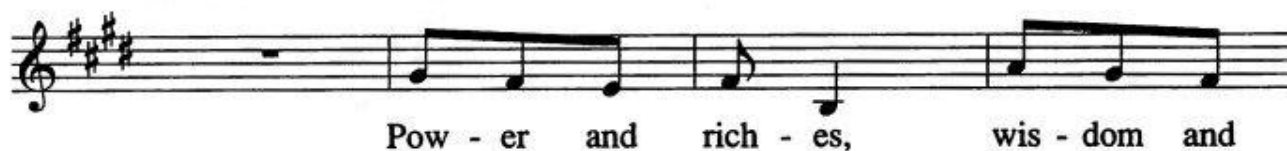
## Verse 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great

*To refrain*



Verse 2



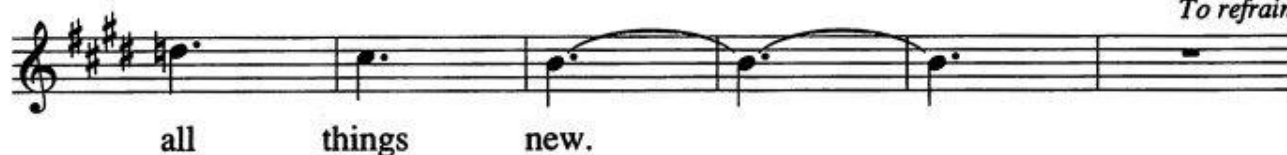
*To refrain*



Verse 3



*To refrain*



## 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.**

**OPENING HYMN • "I'M WALKING WITH MY GOD TODAY"**

*Nick Page • Music by Heart: Paperless Singing for Evening Worship*



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all nations,  
you made it clear that all people  
are invited to partake  
of the glory of your salvation.

Help us to invite all people to your goodness,  
so that no one might be forgotten  
in your saving grace.

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

**Amen.**

*Sit.*

# ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

*Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting*

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

## READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

### Acts 10:1-17, 34-48

<sup>1</sup>In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. <sup>2</sup>He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. <sup>3</sup>One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius." <sup>4</sup>He stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" He answered, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. <sup>5</sup>Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter; <sup>6</sup>he is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the seaside." <sup>7</sup>When the angel who spoke to him had left, he called two of his slaves and a devout soldier from the ranks of those who served him, <sup>8</sup>and after telling them everything, he sent them to Joppa.

<sup>9</sup>About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. <sup>10</sup>He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. <sup>11</sup>He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. <sup>12</sup>In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>13</sup>Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." <sup>14</sup>But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." <sup>15</sup>The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." <sup>16</sup>This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

<sup>17</sup>Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate.

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

*Stand.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY • "I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 325*



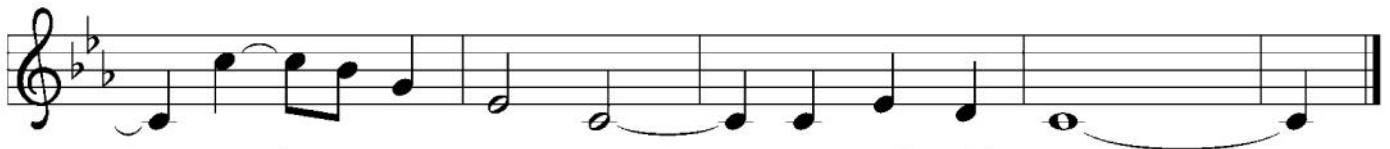
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection,  
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection,  
we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God;  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Sit.*

## OFFERING

The stone has been rolled away!

The tomb is empty!

This is one of the many signs  
that Jesus Christ lives and reigns.

Because he lives, we shall live also.

In gratitude for this gift of life in Christ,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

## OFFERTORY

*10:45 a.m.*

*“Just a Closer Walk”*

*MVLC Sanctuary Choir*

*Stand.*

# OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "TO GOD OUR THANKS WE GIVE"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 682*

*Sing twice.*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are: "To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give." The piano accompaniment features chords and some melodic lines, with two instances of a second ending bracket marked with a '2'.

## 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.**



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting



The musical score is written on five staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 God thanks and praise." The parts are labeled as "Presider:" and "Congregation:".

*Presider:*    *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

*Presider:*    *Congregation:*

you. Lift up your hearts. We

*Presider:*

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:*

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight  
that we should everywhere and always  
offer thanks and praise to you, O God,  
through Jesus Christ  
who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection  
broke the bonds of sin and death  
and gave life to all creation,  
and so with the church on earth,  
all creation, and the host of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

*Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting*

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. 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 know Christ,  
broken and poured out for you.

*Sit.*

## DISTRIBUTION

*At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice an open communion table, which means that everyone who is baptized is welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (You don't have to be a member of MVLC.)*

*If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.*

*If you are not baptized, then we welcome you to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*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"

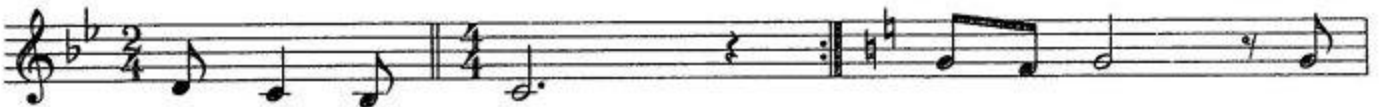
*Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
you break the chains of ha - tred and  
you are the way of jus - tice and  
you are the way of mer - cy and



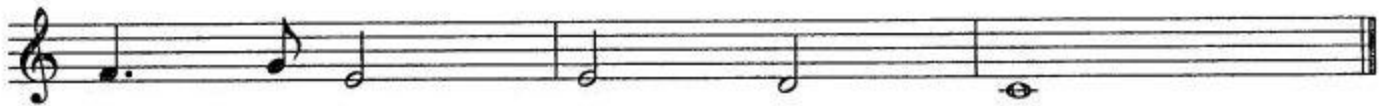
world:  
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
peace:  
love:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

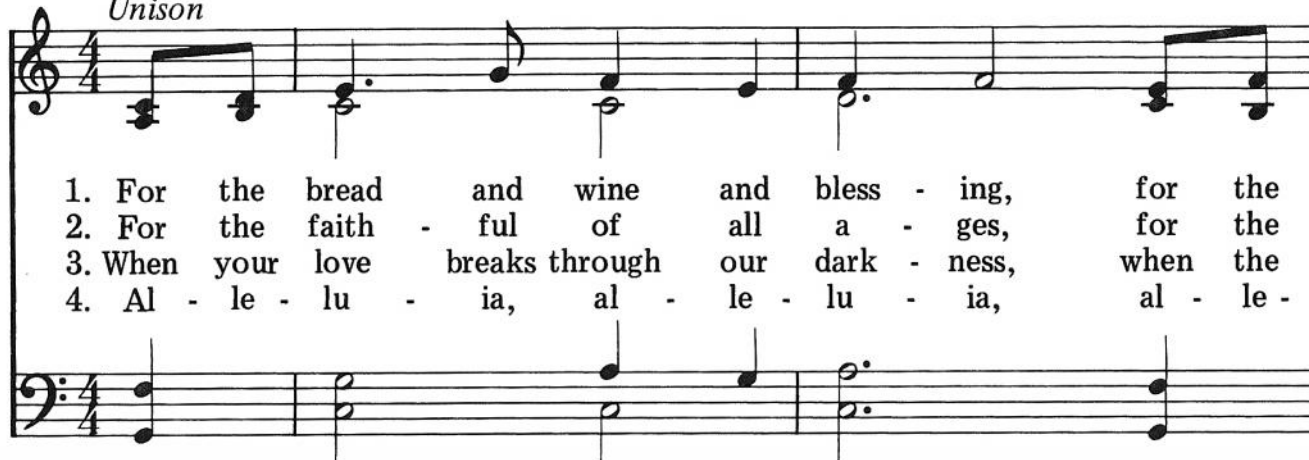


grant us peace, grant us peace.

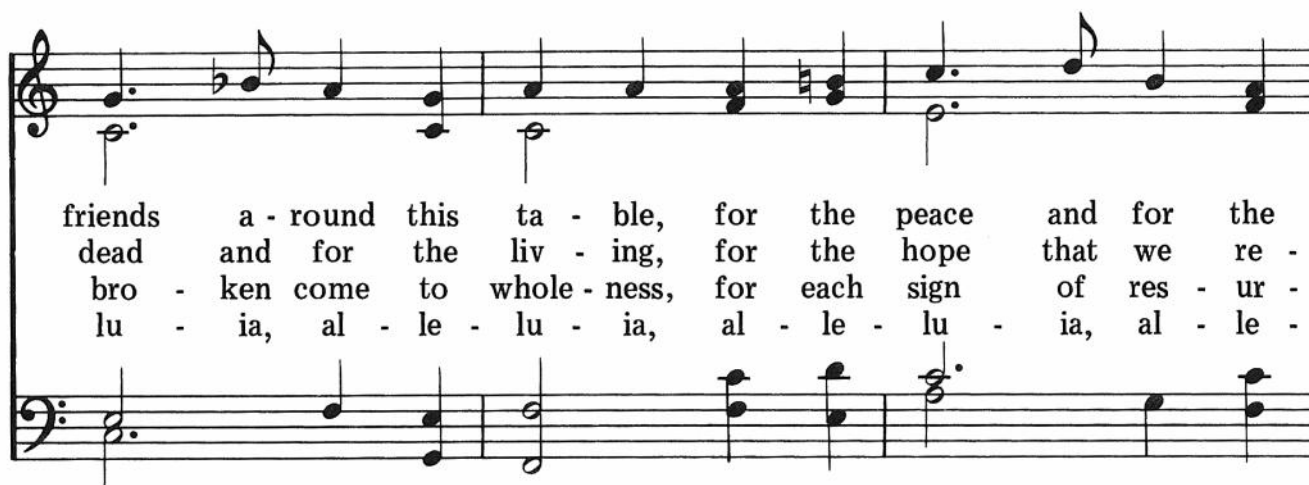
# COMMUNION HYMN • "FOR THE BREAD AND WINE AND BLESSING"

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*Unison*



1. For the bread and wine and bless - ing, for the  
2. For the faith - ful of all a - ges, for the  
3. When your love breaks through our dark - ness, when the  
4. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



friends a - round this ta - ble, for the peace and for the  
dead and for the liv - ing, for the hope that we re -  
bro - ken come to whole - ness, for each sign of res - ur -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



heal - ing, we cel - e - brate you, Je - sus Christ.  
mem - ber, we cel - e - brate you, Je - sus Christ.  
rec - tion we cel - e - brate you, Je - sus Christ.  
lu - ia, we cel - e - brate you, Je - sus Christ!

# COMMUNION HYMN • "EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 492



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!  
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.  
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.  
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Stand.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

**in you we live and move and have our being.**

**With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.**

**Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.**

**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

The God of all,  
who raised + Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

**Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN • "WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 798*



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*

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

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*Both services*

- J PREACHER: Pastor Briana Merkle.
- J PRESIDER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Tore Sleveland.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Janice Harrison, Flora Larson, Diane Nelson, Karen Slavens.

*8:15 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Gary Larson, Ken Swanson (head usher), Sandi Swanson, Terry Wolfe.
- J GREETER: Anne Roff.
- J LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Flora Larson, Anne Roff.
- J SOUND: Don Neptun.

*10:45 a.m.*

- J USHERS: Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson, Diksha Knierim, Erik Knierim (head usher).
- J GREETER: Mary Beth Dahl.
- J ACOLTYES: Kellen Doerr, Colin Hutton.
- J LECTOR: Chris Schaefer.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Jensen, Ellen Leapaltd.
- J SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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# HONORING OUR NEIGHBOR'S FAITH

## *Field Trips / Worship Visits*

In conjunction with Adult Education in the Life Together Hall on three Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.—May 14, May 21, and May 28—we will also be visiting two other faith communities.

Both Temple Beth El and the Islamic Faith Center have graciously offered to host us to visit and worship with them. Please email Pastor Bri at [bmerkle@mtviewlutheran.org](mailto:bmerkle@mtviewlutheran.org) or sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space. We'll work to organize carpooling once we are closer to the dates.

- **Friday, May 12, 2023 • 5:45 p.m.**  
**Worship with Temple Beth El.**

*Temple Beth El, 5975 South 12th Street, Tacoma WA 98465.*

Temple Beth El offers Shabbat services every Friday evening and Saturday morning and uses the prayer book *Mishkan T'filah: A Reform Siddur for Sabbath and Festival Worship*. All are welcome to attend these worship services. Friday evening services begin at 6:30 p.m. and are preceded by an Oneg Shabbat, a dessert reception, at 5:45 p.m.

Learn more at [www.tbetacoma.org/services](http://www.tbetacoma.org/services)

- **Friday, May 19, 2023 • 1:30 p.m.**  
**Prayer with Islamic Center of Tacoma.**

*Islamic Center of Tacoma, 31 Montana Avenue, Tacoma WA 98409.*

The Islamic Center of Tacoma is a place where people of all backgrounds and beliefs are welcomed with open arms. Since 1980, ICT has been a pillar of support for the Pierce County community, serving both the physical and spiritual needs of its members.

Prayer services begin at 1:30 p.m. so plan to arrive by 1:15 p.m. Women should bring a shawl to drape over their heads in respect of the traditions of this community.

Learn more at [www.icoft.com/about](http://www.icoft.com/about)