

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 141

PAUL'S MISSION /

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 30, 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

peo - ple of God.

Verse 2

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

To refrain

for ev - er.

Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make

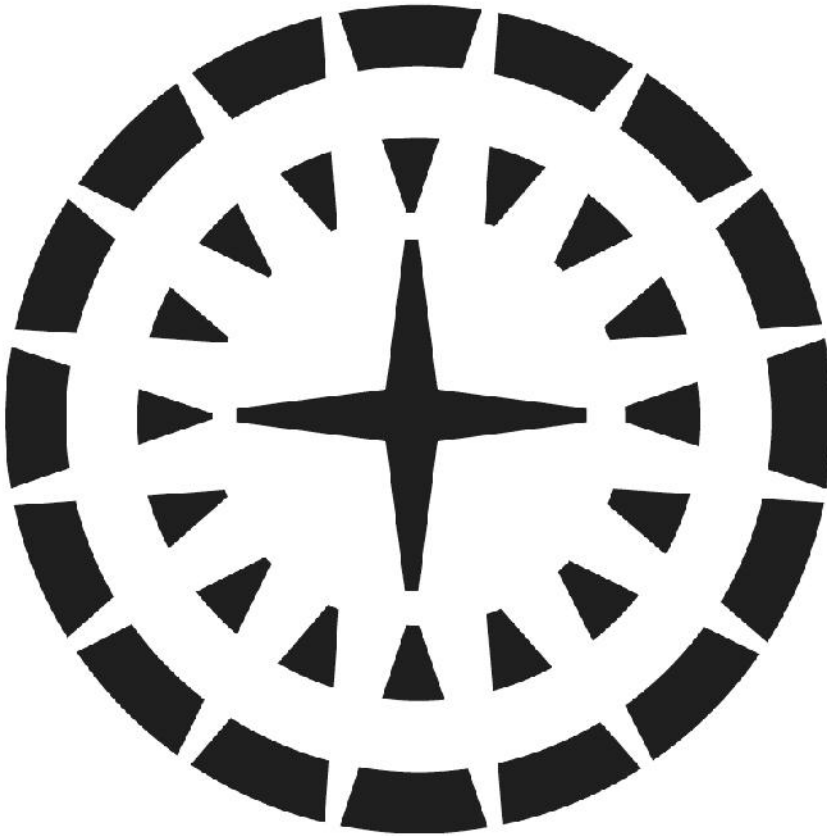
To refrain

all things new.

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 • "ANOINTING FALL ON ME"

All Creation Sings 1013

Sing three times.

A - noint - ing fall on me.

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a dotted quarter note A4, and then a half note B4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a quarter note G2, a dotted quarter note A2, and a half note B2. The lyrics "A - noint - ing fall on me." are written below the treble staff.

A - noint - ing fall on me.

The second system of musical notation is identical to the first system, featuring the same treble and bass staves and lyrics.

Let the pow-er of the Ho - ly Ghost fall on me.

The third system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a dotted quarter note A4, and then a half note B4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a quarter note G2, a dotted quarter note A2, and a half note B2. The lyrics "Let the pow-er of the Ho - ly Ghost fall on me." are written below the treble staff.

A - noint - ing fall on me.

The fourth system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of two sharps and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a dotted quarter note A4, and then a half note B4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with a quarter note G2, a dotted quarter note A2, and a half note B2. The lyrics "A - noint - ing fall on me." are written below the treble staff.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all,
open your arms wide to receive
all your children into the heavenly kingdom.

Help us to be vehicles of promise and proclamation
for all who will listen,
so that every soul might live in your grace.

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

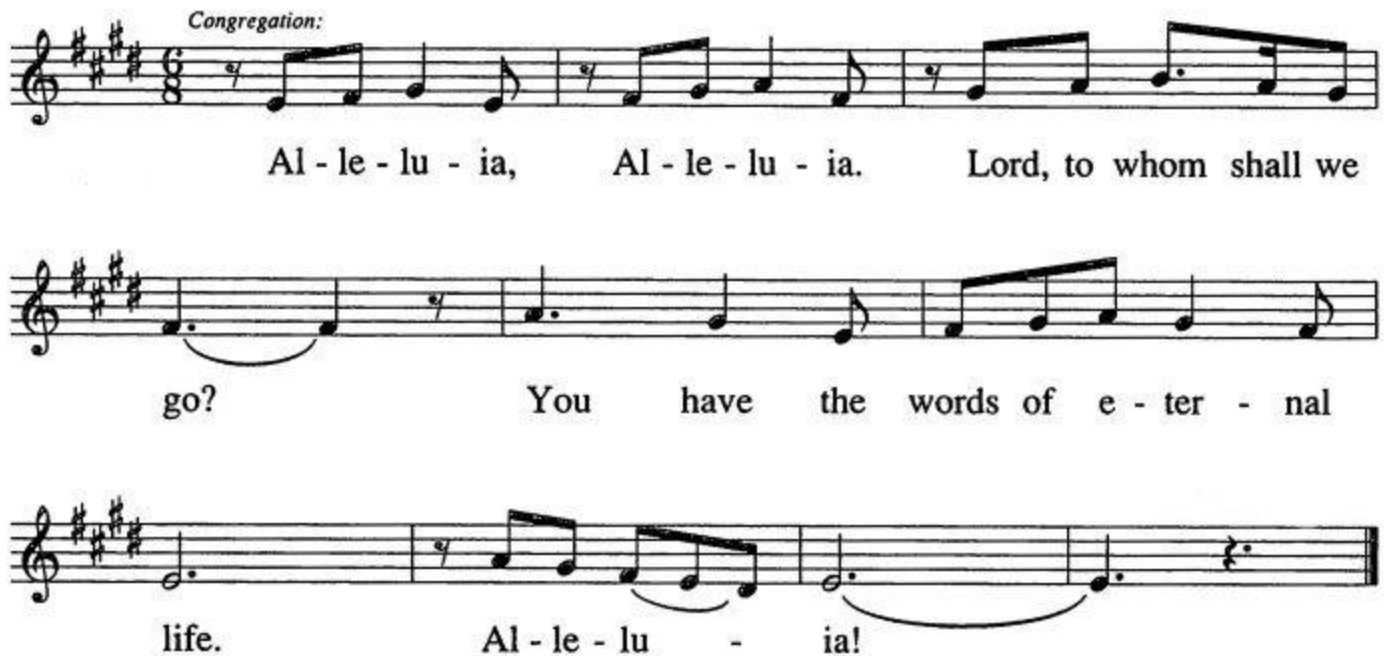
Amen.

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 13:1-3; 14:8-18

¹Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

⁸In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. ⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰said in a loud voice, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man sprang up and began to walk. ¹¹When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" ¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. ¹⁴When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, ¹⁵Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. ¹⁶In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; ¹⁷yet he has not left himself without a witness in doing good — giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy." ¹⁸Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "WHEN THE POOR ONES"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 725



1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:
when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain



We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

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

“He Shall Feed His Flock” • from Handel’s Messiah
Eli Lockhart, flute (8:15 a.m.)
Joan Kohler, flute (10:45 a.m.)

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. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are: "To God our thanks we give, to God our thanks we give,". The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef and a 7/8 time signature. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "to God our thanks we give, our thanks to God we give." The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass clef and 7/8 time signature. Both systems feature a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and include a fermata over the final note of each system. There are also some fermatas over specific notes in the piano accompaniment.

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.

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"

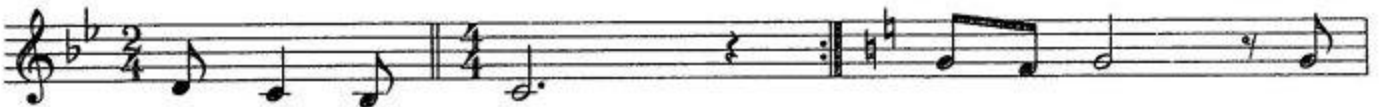
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and



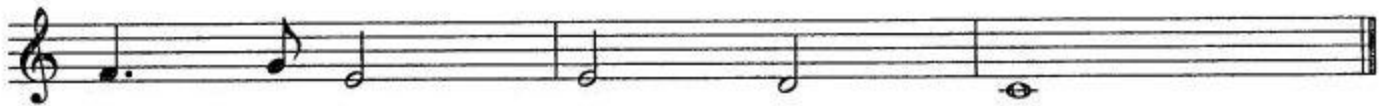
world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:



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 • "AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 465

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

COMMUNION HYMN • "ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 461



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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 • "HERE I AM, LORD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

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Both services

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- J PRESIDERS: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Kevin Dahl.
- 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: Skip Harrison (head usher), Chris Ray, Michelle Schweikl
- J GREETERS: Terry Freed, Walt Freed.
- J ACOLYTE: Ezra Holden.
- J LECTOR: Lori Neptun.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Janice Harrison, Betsy Tunstall.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Erik Knierim (head usher), Diane Nelson, Lindy Nelson, Keith Wright.
- J GREETERS: Barb Edmonds, Ken Edmonds.
- J ACOLYTE: Dutcher Adams.
- J LECTOR: John Dahle.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Diksha Knierim, Amy Lewis.
- 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 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

- **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