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Mountain View
Lutheran Church



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 144

GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT /
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 14, 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 the Pacific Ocean and Lake Tapps,
for Surprise Lake and Five-Mile Lake,
for the Puyallup, White, and Carbon Rivers,
for Clarks Creek and the Hylebos Wetlands.

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 • "WHEN IT SEEMS THE DAY WILL END"

All Creation Sings 1034



1 When it seems the day will end, and all
2 When it seems the day will end, sink - ing
3 When it seems the day will end, and a



light gives way to fear, we will speak your name a -
low un - der our skin, we are dead and born a -
cold - ness fills our bones, we will walk the way you've



gain to re - mind us you are here.
gain, and with you now en - ter in.
been, and our hearts will be your home.

Refrain



New life ris - ing, New life ris - ing, ash - es fall - ing, ash - es fall - ing,



joy and weep - ing, joy and weep - ing, in your call - ing. in your call - ing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
you have welcomed all people
into your kingdom.

Remove from us the barriers
that we build to keep people from you,
so that all might live in your grace and peace.

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 letter to the Romans.

Romans 3:28-30; 5:1-11

²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. ²⁹Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, ³⁰since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "MOTHERING GOD, YOU GAVE ME BIRTH"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 735



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

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

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken?”

MVLC Band

Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "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

Refrain

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

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

Presider: Congregation:

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 musical score consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is for the Presider, and the second through fifth staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "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 God thanks and praise." The score ends with a double bar line.

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"

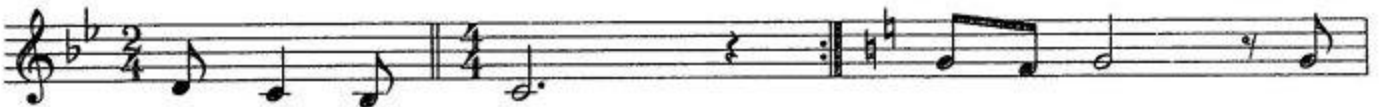
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and



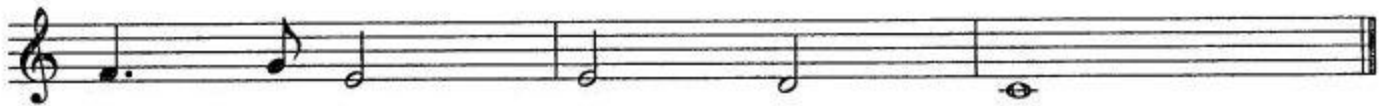
world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



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



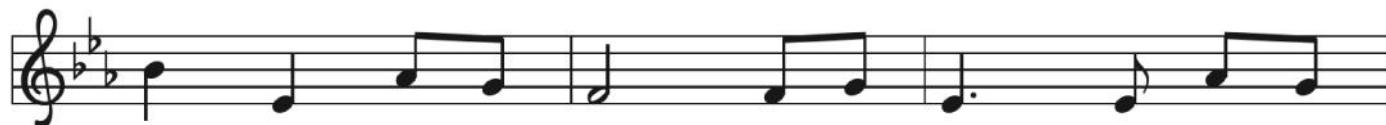
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN"

All Creation Sings 966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

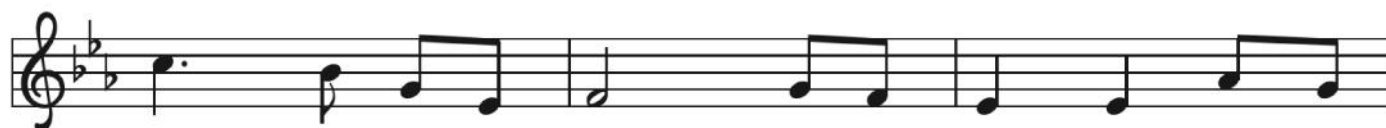


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN • "WELCOME TABLE"

All Creation Sings 969



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

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 • "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

*Flowers on the altar today
are given to the glory of God
by Skip and Janice Harrison
in honor and memory of their mothers
and all mothers on this special day.*

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- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
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- J ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Gray, Sandy Knierim, Karen Lonn, Helen Oren.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Joe Anderson, Walt Freed, Ken Swanson (head usher).
- J GREETER: Terry Freed.
- J ACOLYTE: Ezra Holden.
- J LECTOR: Julie Williams.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Freed, Sandi Swanson.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Corie Adams, John Dahle, Erik Knierim (head usher).
- J GREETER: Ellen Leapaltd.
- J ACOLYTES: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.
- J LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Diksha Knierim, Ellen Leapaltd.
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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, May 21, 2023 • 12 noon in the Life Together Hall

We gather as a community of faith to conduct business of the congregation, including the following: elect members of the MVLC Church Council, Nominating Team, and Mission Endowment Fund Team; vote to approve our new mission statement; and learn about mission and ministry at MVLC. You must be present ***in person*** to vote. Gym time will be available for kids and youth during the meeting.



MVLC YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE

This morning, immediately following each worship service.

Boxes will include a variety of desserts made with love by youth and congregational members. Suggested donation is \$5.00 per box.