



Beauty

*won't take over
your entire
garden.*



As a community following Christ,
we LOVE with an open heart
GROW with a curious mind
and SHARE with a generous spirit.

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.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the Narthex.

Child care is available for children ages 5 years and under in the Child Care Area, across from the Life Together Hall.

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 201

GARDEN of EDEN

Sunday, September 10, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

True Vine Music / Michael A. Schmid



I con - fess to you, — O — Lord, that I have sinned. — I con -
fess to you, — O — Lord, that I have sinned. — I con -



fess to you, — O — Lord, all my sin with - in. — I have
fess to you, — O — Lord, all my sin with - in. — I have



failed to live for you — in the things I say and
placed my - self a - bove, — and have hurt the ones I



do, — and have fall - en short — of liv - ing in — your love. —
love, — and I know that on - ly you — can set — me free. —



I con - Lord, have mer - cy — on — me. — Lord have



mer - cy — set me free. — O for - give me, Lord, I pray, and —



take my sin a - way, by the cross and emp - ty grave for my soul. —

Take us back — to the wa - ter, — wash a - way — our sins. —

Wel - come us, — O — Fa - ther, — back to your home — a - gain. —

Bless your sons — and — daugh - ters, — and let the feast — be - gin, —

let it be - gin...

The pastor declares the absolution over instrumental music.

**You take us back to the water. You wash away our sins.
 You welcome us, O Father, back to your home again.
 You bless your sons and daughters.
 Now let the feast begin, let it begin.**

**Lord, your mercy covers me.
 Lord, your mercy has set me free.
 You've forgiven me today, and my sins are washed away,
 by the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

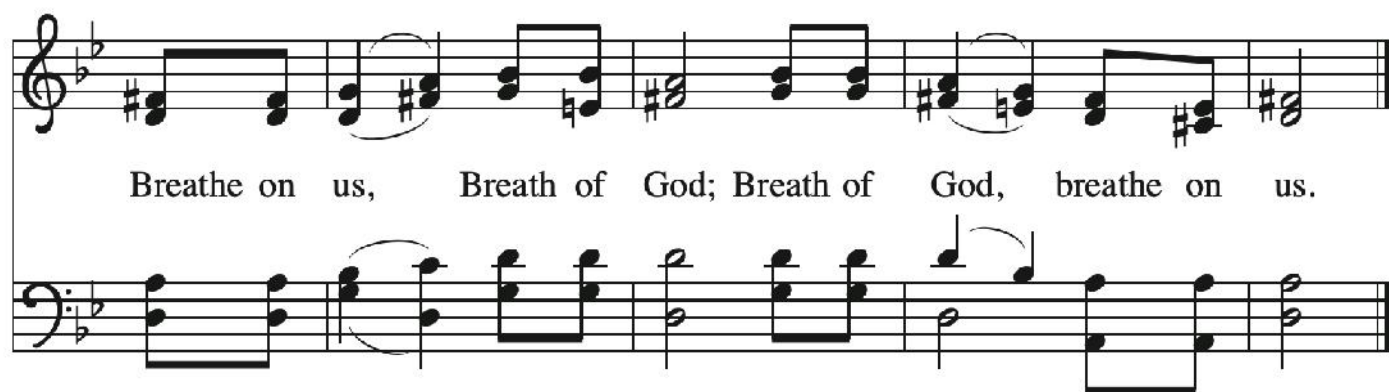
GREETING

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 • "BREATHE ON US, BREATH OF GOD"

All Creation Sings 941



Breathe on us, Breath of God; Breath of God, breathe on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy Creator,
you created women and men
in your own image
to till the earth
and to help one another.

Give us hearts to continue tending
to all that you have made
so that the earth will sustain life
for generations to come.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE • "ALLELUIA"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship • Holy Communion, Setting Eight



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia. *whistle along*



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



whistle along Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

READING

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 2:4b-25

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; ¹²and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” ²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

CHILDREN’S SERMON + BACKPACK BLESSING

Pastor Briana Merkle.

SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "MORNING HAS BROKEN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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

Remembering the caring and generous works of God,
we pray for the church, creation,
and the needs of our neighbors.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love
as we offer these and the prayers of our heart,
trusting in your compassion
made known through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

OFFERING

God's beautiful creation overflows with water, sunlight,
and the rich, dark soil to grow our food.

When we share the fruits of this earth, there is more than enough for all:
there is a table of plenty set by a God who loves every one of us.

At this table, all are fed and still there are gifts
overflowing into the world God loves.

Our giving supports this ministry that God is growing stronger each day.

Let us gather our gifts together
and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

*You can participate in the Offering electronically
by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.*



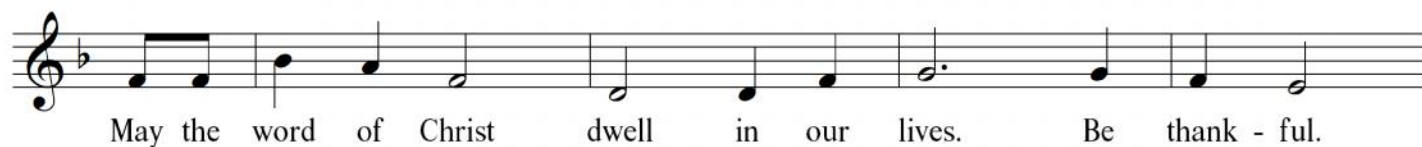
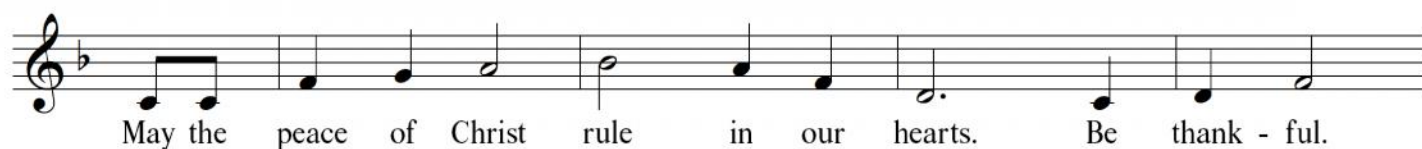
OFFERTORY

*“Turn the World Around”
MVLC Sanctuary Choir.*

Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "BE THANKFUL"

Lutheran Summer Music 2023



OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE 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;
who on this day overcame
death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way
of everlasting life.

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"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship • Holy Communion, Setting Eight

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, 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

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice an open communion table, which means that everyone 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 unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who are loved by God,
whether you feel loved or not.

It is for those who desire to grow in love with God.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

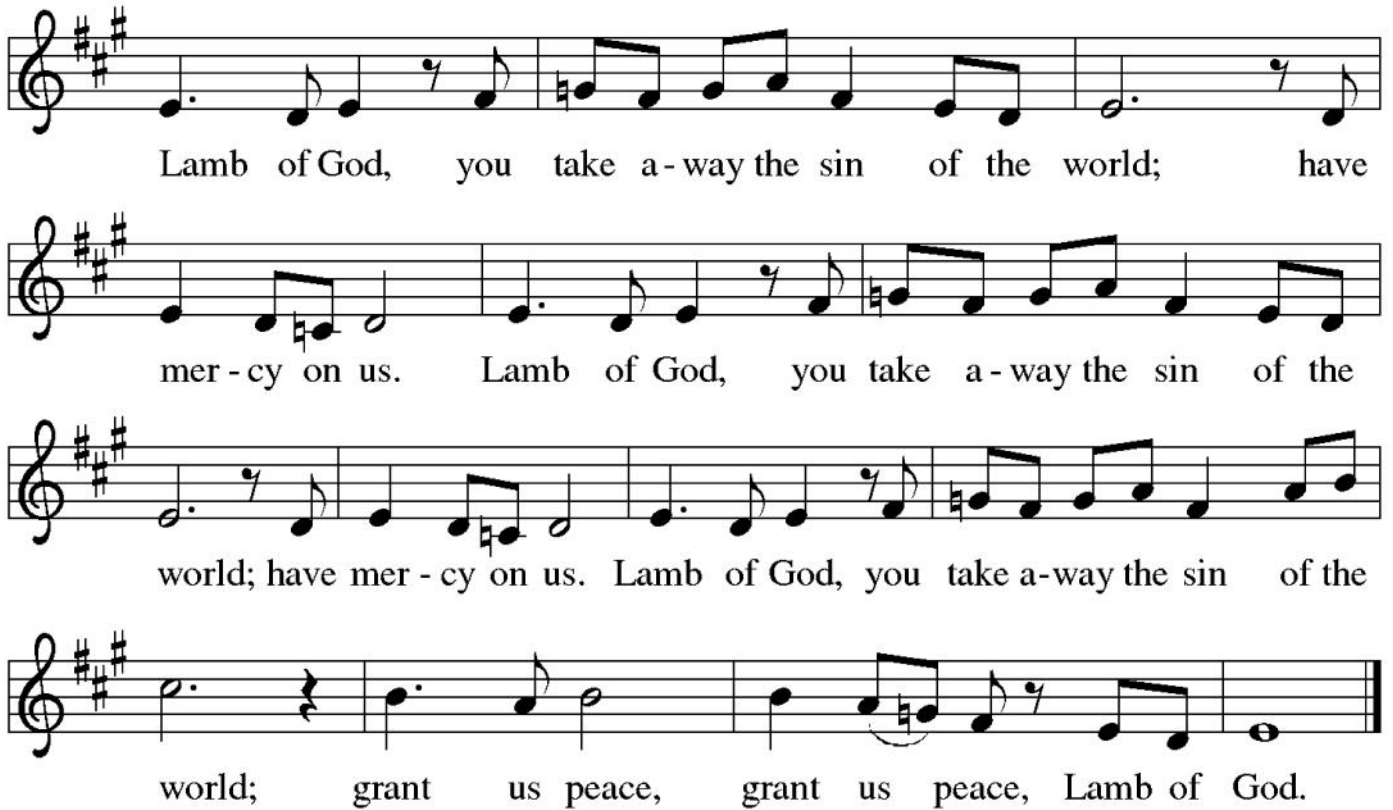
Come, you who have tried to follow
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

Come, not because the Church invites you;
it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed and loved here.

Please come. Receive the gifts of God for all the people of God.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship • Holy Communion, Setting Eight



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN • "THIS IS CHRIST'S BODY"

All Creation Sings 967



This is Christ's bod - y, bro - ken and blest. Feed us with



mer-cy and love. We are Christ's bod - y,



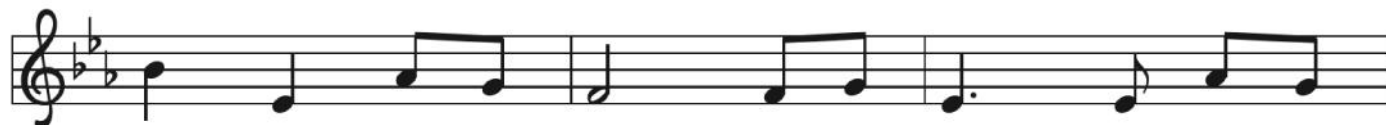
bro - ken and blest. Heal us and make us one.

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

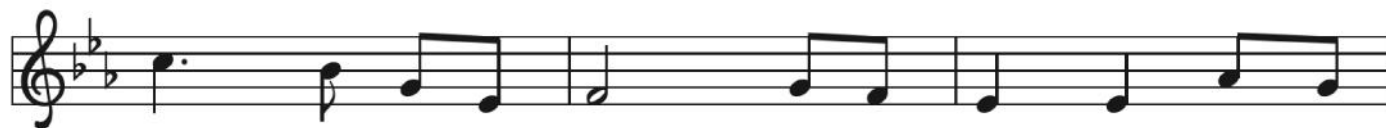


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

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

Blessed be your name, O God,
**for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.**

**Strengthened by this food,
send us as a community following Christ,
to LOVE with an open heart,
GROW with a curious mind,
and SHARE with a generous spirit.**

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

DEACON SENDING

Gracious God,
**you took the form of a servant,
offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength
to a sick and hurting world.**

**Anoint with a servant heart
those who take your word and sacrament
to our siblings in their homes and in hospitals.**

**Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those
who feast on your body and blood
and receive your words of new life.**

**May we all recognize that we have a place and a home
in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

BLESSING OF TEACHERS

SENDING HYMN • "SEND ME, LORD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 809

SENDING

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today
are given to the glory of God
by Nils and Julie Luckman
in memory of Julie's mother Linda Cook
and Nils's father Stewart Luckman.*

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- J ALTAR GUILD: Diksha Knierim, Sandy Knierim, Angela Machumu, Dotty Shireman.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Skip Harrison, Gary Larson, Sandi Swanson.
- J GREETER: Flora Larson.
- J LECTOR: Diane Tyler.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jeanne Anderson, Lori Neptun.
- J SOUND: Gene Quandt.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson, Erik Knierim (head usher).
- J GREETER: Diksha Knierim.
- J ACOLYTES: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.
- J LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Corie Adams, Barb Egan.
- J SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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LOVE • GROW • SHARE

Parent Meeting for MVLC Youth

TODAY at 12 noon in the Library

Learn about fall events for 8th-12th grade youth and the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2024.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, September 14 • 10:00 a.m. in the Library

MVLC's Prayer Shawl Ministry's purpose is to share God's love with others by creating shawls that can be given to our members, their family and friends, and non-members, comforting a person suffering pain or grief. This group will meet on the second Thursday of each month. If you have any questions, then please contact Barb Egan at barbandedegan@comcast.net.

Worship and Service Retreat / Acolyte Training

Sunday, September 17 • 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

This Rock Ministry retreat is for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and their parents, and includes lunch, learning about worship leader roles and those that kids and youth can serve in, and acolyte training. Please RSVP to Pastor Bri at bmerkle@mtviewlutheran.org.

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, September 21 • 9:30 a.m. in the Library

Women's Bible Study returns from its summer vacation! All women of the congregation and their friends are welcome to attend this pastor-led Bible study. This study will continue to meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month. If you have any questions, then please contact Barb Edmonds at edmondsbk@comcast.net.

Men's Bible Study and Breakfast

Saturday mornings • 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel Basement

All men of the congregation and their friends are welcome to attend this member-led Bible Study that is currently exploring the Gospel of Mark. Breakfast is at 7:00 a.m. and Bible study at 7:30 a.m. This study meets each Saturday morning. If you have any questions, then please contact Bruce Sisco at bruce.sisco@wa.net.



Wednesday Midweek Meal and Gatherings *resume on Wednesday, September 13, 2023*

Join us for faith, food, fellowship, and fun!

Each Wednesday evening:

-) Dinner in the Life Together Hall at 5:30 p.m.
-) Classes/worship/activity together at 6:30 p.m.
-) Choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Last year, we learned about Holy Communion at MVLC, including baking various types of bread; discussed our mission statement; and learned more about one another in meaningful conversations.

This year's activities will include midweek worship; funeral planning; a guided, creative Liturgy Workshop; a hymn sing; and more!

