



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 203

JACOB WRESTLES GOD

Sunday, September 24, 2023 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

AFFIRMATION OF NEW ACOLYTES

Today, our congregation gives thanks for your service and leadership as acolytes in worship.

Words of thanksgiving:

We celebrate each of these young people.

We give thanks that they are here in worship.

We give thanks that they desire to serve and lead in worship.

We will support and encourage the ways they choose to serve, now and in years to come.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be God, the one who forms us,
+ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

The “Kyrie” refrain on the facing page is sung once through.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed
by the world’s violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Amen.

The “Kyrie” refrain on the facing page is sung once through.

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Amen.

KYRIE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion, Setting Eight

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

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 • "O HOLY SPIRIT, ROOT OF LIFE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 399



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God,
your servant Jacob wrestled
with your angel and prevailed.

In honor of his persistence
you gave him a new name.


Teach us to persist in the face of struggle,
and call us by name.

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 32:9-13, 22-30

⁹And Jacob said, “O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, and I will do you good,’ ¹⁰I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan; and now I have become two companies. ¹¹Deliver me, please, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I am afraid of him; he may come and kill us all, the mothers with the children. ¹²Yet you have said, ‘I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted because of their number.’”

¹³So he spent that night there, and from what he had with him he took a present for his brother Esau.

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "BRING MANY NAMES"

All Creation Sings 1094



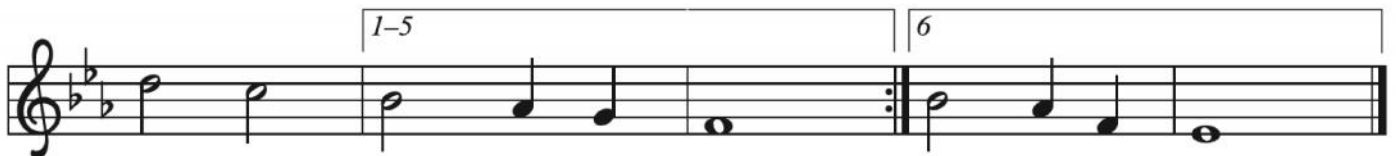
1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than



glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -



san - na! Bring man - y names!
 san - na, strong moth - er God!
 san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 san - na,

6 great, liv - ing God!

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

Hospitality—a warm welcome—is generosity.

When we welcome each child of God into the life of this church,
we extend God’s own generous hospitality.

Our gifts help this graceful ministry to flourish
and to grow and to give glory to God.

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 • "COME, O THOU TRAVELER UNKNOWN"

MorningStar Music

Choir sings verses 1-3; congregation joins choir on verse 4.



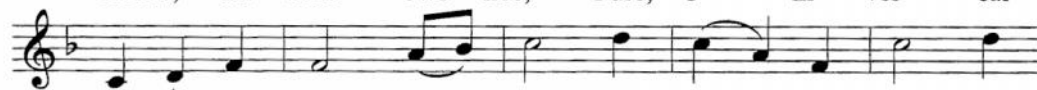
Choir: 1. Come, O thou Trav - el - er un - known, Whom
Choir: 2. I need not tell thee who I am, My
Choir: 3. Yield to me now, for I am weak, But
All: 4. 'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I



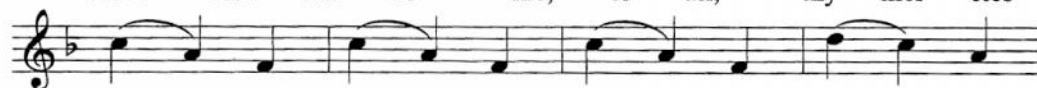
still I hold, but can - not see! My com - pa -
mis - er - y and sin de - clare; Thy - self has
con - fi - dent in self - de - spair! Speak to my
hear thy whis - per in my heart. The morn - ing



ny be - fore is gone, And I am left a -
called me by my name, Look on thy hands and
heart, in bless - ing speak, Be con - quered by my
breaks, the shad - ows flee, Pure, U - ni - ver - sal



lone with thee. With thee all night I mean to
read it there. But who, I ask thee, who art
in - stant prayer. Speak, or thou nev - er hence shalt
Love thou art. To me, to all, thy mer - cies



stay, And wres - tle till the break of
thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me
move, And tell me if thy name is
move; Thy na - ture and thy name is



day; With thee all night I mean to
now. But who, I ask thee, who art
Love. Speak, or thou nev - er hence shalt
Love. To me, to all, thy mer - cies

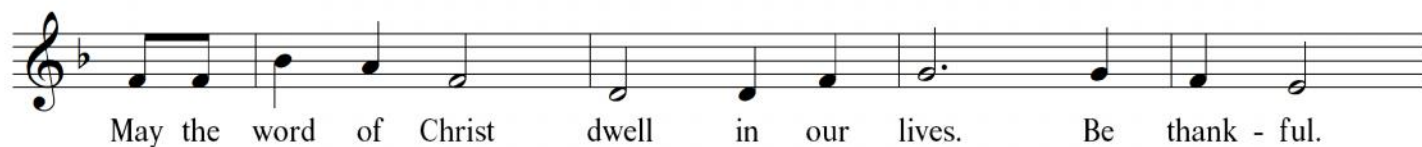
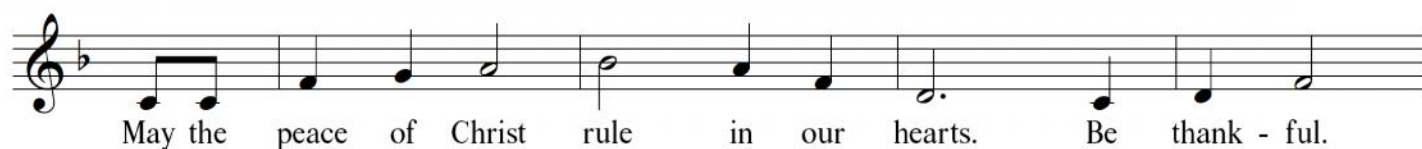


stay, And wres - tle till the break of day.
thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me now.
move, And tell me if thy name is Love.
move; Thy na - ture and thy name is Love.

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.

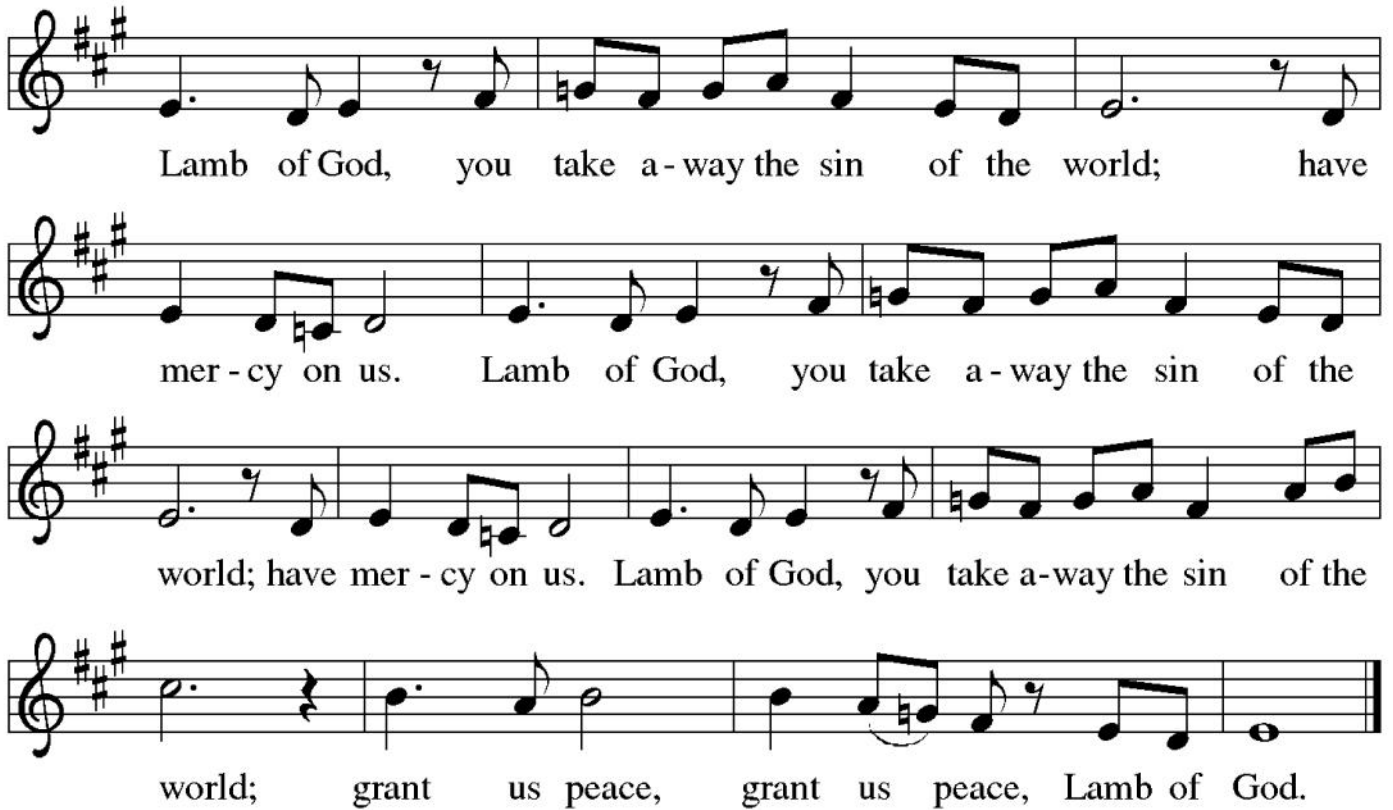
Come, you who have tried to follow
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

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 • "GOD EXTENDS AN INVITATION"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 486



God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

COMMUNION HYMN • "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

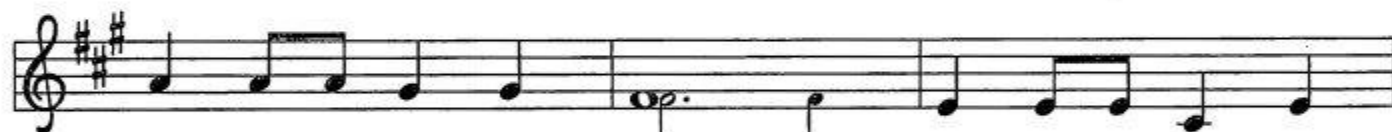
Evangelical Lutheran Worship 485



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
 I am the life. . . . If you be -
 you are the Christ, the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain

All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day.”

COMMUNION HYMN • “HERE IS BREAD”

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 483



1 Here is bread,	here is wine,	Christ is with us,	he is with us.
2 Here is grace,	here is peace,	Christ is with us,	he is with us.
3 Here we are,	joined in one,	Christ is with us,	he is with us.



Break the bread,	taste the wine,	Christ is with us	here.
Know his grace,	find his peace,	feast on Je - sus	here.
We'll pro - claim	till he comes	Je - sus cru - ci -	fied.

Refrain



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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

The God of glory,
+ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who live in you,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME"

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1. We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, We are
 2. Ev - 'ry round goes high - er, high - er, Ev - 'ry
 3. Chil - dren, do you love my Je - sus? Chil - dren,
 4. If you love him, why not serve him? If you
 5. Rise, shine, give God glo - ry, Rise,

climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, We are climb - ing
 round goes high - er, high - er, Ev - 'ry round goes
 do you love my Je - sus? Chil - dren, do you
 love him, why not serve him? If you love him,
 shine, give God glo - ry, Rise, shine,

Ja - cob's lad - der, Sol - diers of the cross.
 high - er, high - er, Sol - diers of the cross.
 love my Je - sus? Sol - diers of the cross.
 why not serve him? Sol - diers of the cross.
 give God glo - ry, Sol - diers of the cross.

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 Keith and Marlene Wright
in honor of their 33rd wedding anniversary.*

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- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Karin Weberg.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Diksha Knierim, Sandy Knierim, Angela Machumu, Dotty Shireman.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Joe Anderson, Walt Freed.
- J GREETER: Terry Freed.
- J LECTOR: Lori Neptun.
- J ACOLYTE: Ezra Holden.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Chris Ray, Gloria Ratcliffe.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: John Dahle, Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson, Bob Yost (head usher).
- J GREETERS: Diane Nelson, Lindy Nelson.
- J ACOLYTES: Alison Hutton, Colin Hutton.
- J LECTOR: Megan Hutton.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Mary Beth Dahl, Amy Lewis.
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