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They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we praise you, God of Is - rael, and pray for hearts set free
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.
to bind our - selves to oth - ers in love and loy - al - ty.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

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.

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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 206

RUTH

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

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

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.

Kneel or stand.

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.

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 again.

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.

Stand.

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 • "BAPTIZED IN WATER"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 456



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the people,
your servant Ruth showed great love
when she clung to Naomi.

Teach us
to show great compassion,
and to turn to you
when we are in need.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE • "ALLELUIA"

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 Ruth.

Ruth 1:1-17

¹ In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶ Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰ They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³ would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me."

¹⁴Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!”

4 ¹³So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF PRAISE • "FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 419



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They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we praise you, God of Is - rael, and pray for hearts set free
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
to bind our-selves to oth - ers in love and loy - al - ty.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

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

10:45 a.m.

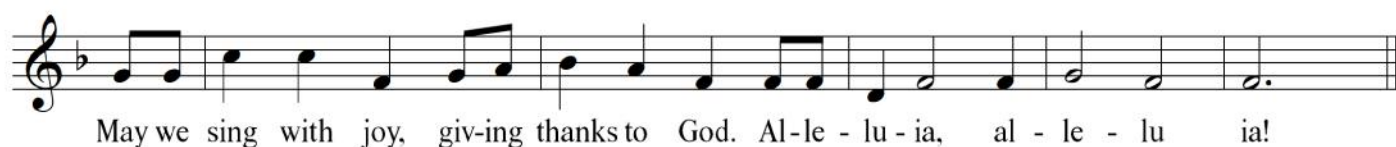
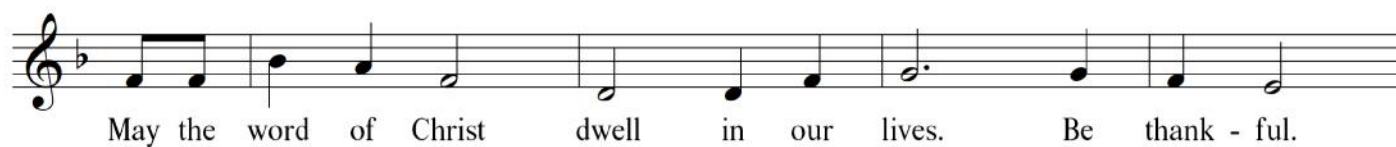
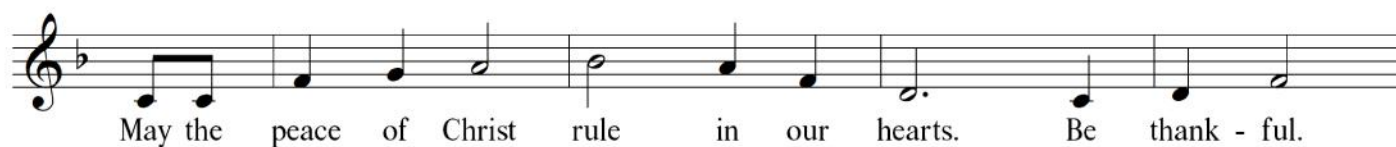
“Whither Thou Goest, There Will I Also Go”

Ellen Leapaldt.

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.

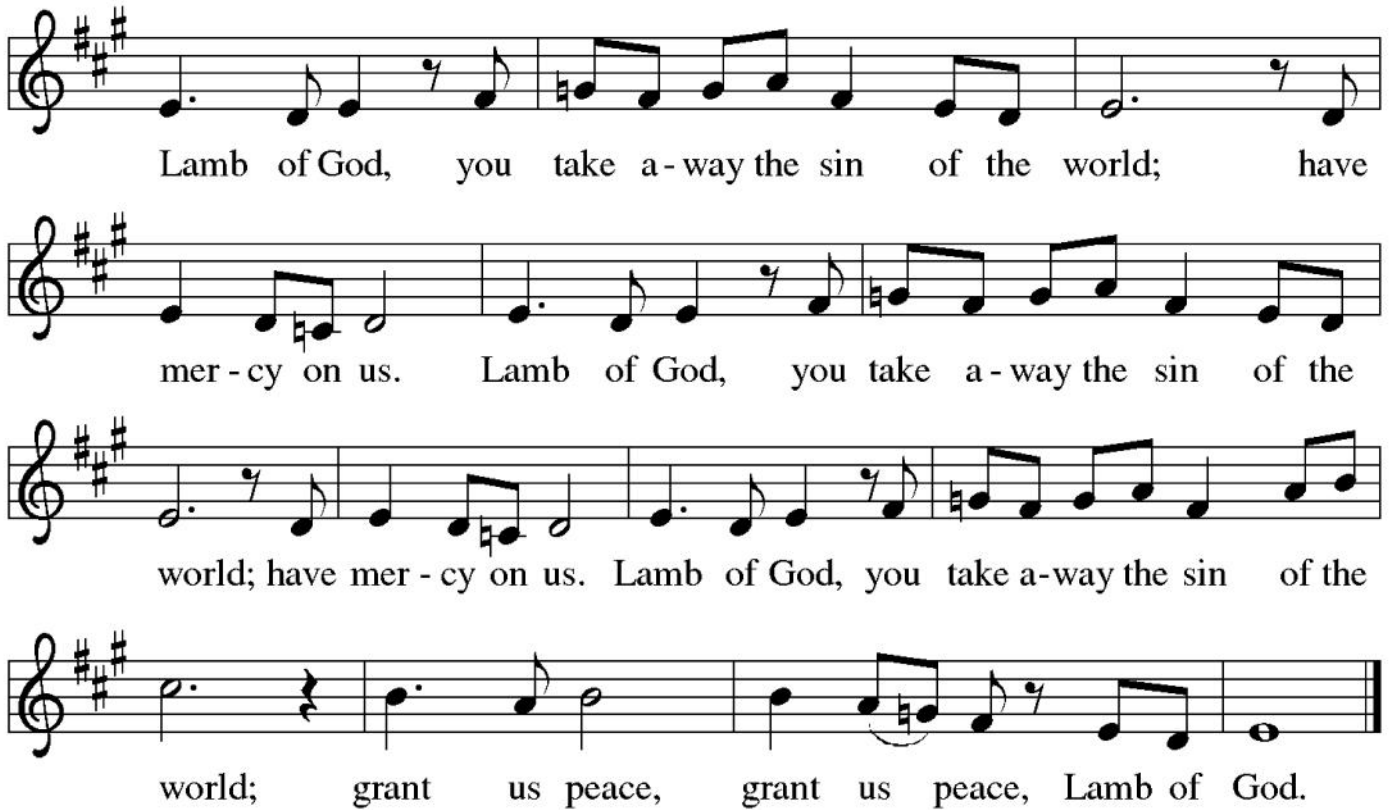
Come, you who have tried to follow
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

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 • "UNITED AT THE TABLE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 498

Refrain



U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is



joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:



all our joy to God be - longs.



1 We will praise God, we will sing
2 We will praise God, we will feast
3 We will praise God, we will play



al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;



we will praise God for the love
we will praise God and give thanks
we will praise God for the love



that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

Refrain

COMMUNION HYMN • "COME, LET US EAT"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 491



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,

All



come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
in Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest.
rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,

All



our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
in the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom.

COMMUNION HYMN • "ONE BREAD, ONE BODY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 496



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain	for	the	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one	in	the	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

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 • "I WILL TRUST IN THE LORD"

This Far by Faith 256



1 I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
2 Sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord, sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord,
3 Broth-er, will you trust in the Lord, broth-er, will you trust in the Lord,



I will trust in the Lord till I die.
sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord till you die?
broth-er, will you trust in the Lord till you die?



I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
Sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord, sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord,
Broth-er, will you trust in the Lord, broth-er, will you trust in the Lord,



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sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord till you die?
broth-er, will you trust in the Lord till you die?

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 Pat Clement
in memory of her grandson
Spencer Allen Smith.*

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8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Mary Beth Dahl, Walt Freed, Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher).
- J GREETER: Pat Clement.
- J LECTOR: Chris Schaefer.
- J ACOLYTE: Nate Schaefer.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Freed, Genie Lennon.
- J SOUND: Gene Quandt.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Bill Hansen (head usher), Diane Nelson, Lindy Nelson.
- J GREETERS: Ellen Leapaldt.
- J LECTOR: Ken Edmonds.
- J ACOLYTES: Nora Thornton, Parker Thornton.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barb Edmonds, Ellen Leapaldt.
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