

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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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 210

# **HOSEA**

*Sunday, November 12, 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 • "IN GOD ALONE"

*Songs and Prayers from Taizé 19*

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in  
*Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de*

God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my  
*lui vient mon se - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon*

soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.  
*â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.*

*Last time* ☺

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Faithful God,  
you have continued to love your people  
despite our faithlessness to you.

Receive our thanks  
for never giving up on us.

**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 prophet Hosea.

### Hosea 11:1-9

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup>The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. <sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. <sup>4</sup>I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. <sup>5</sup>They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. <sup>6</sup>The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. <sup>7</sup>My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

<sup>8</sup>How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. <sup>9</sup>I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

*Stand.*



# HYMN OF PRAISE • "AS A MOTHER LOVES HER CHILDREN"

*Protest of Praise*



1. As a moth - er loves her chil - dren and de -  
2. As a moth - er seeks her chil - dren where the  
3. As a moth - er guards her chil - dren from un -  
4. Though our hu - man moth - ers leave us when by



lights in their great glad - ness, so you rev - el in our  
prod - i - gals have wan - dered, so you find those long a -  
need - ed pain and sor - row, so to - day you will de -  
death's hand they are tak - en, we are al - ways your own



pleas - ure and bring com - fort to our sad - ness.  
ban - doned, for your love is nev - er squan - dered.  
fend us and give strength for our to - mor - row.  
chil - dren, nev - er or - phaned or for - sak - en.

## 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

Let us turn our hearts to God,  
our breath and life,  
as we pray for the church, the world,  
and all who are in need.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer our spoken prayers  
and those held in our hearts  
trusting in your mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**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.*

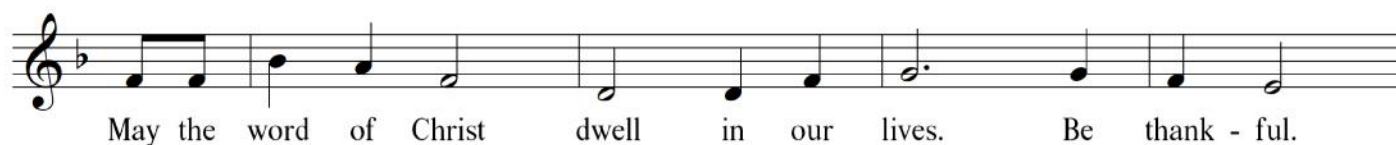
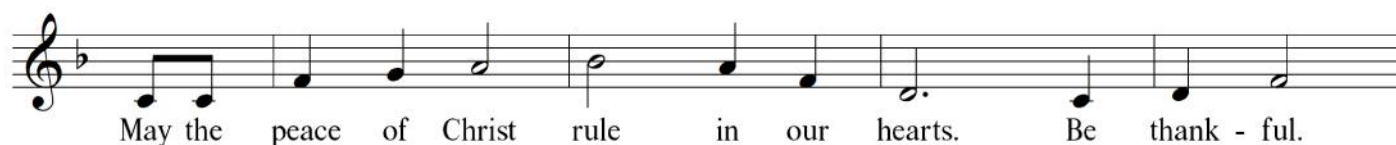
*“I Am Bound for the Promised Land”*

*Todd Kelley*

*Stand.*

# OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "BE THANKFUL"

*Lutheran Summer Music 2023*



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**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

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

*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.

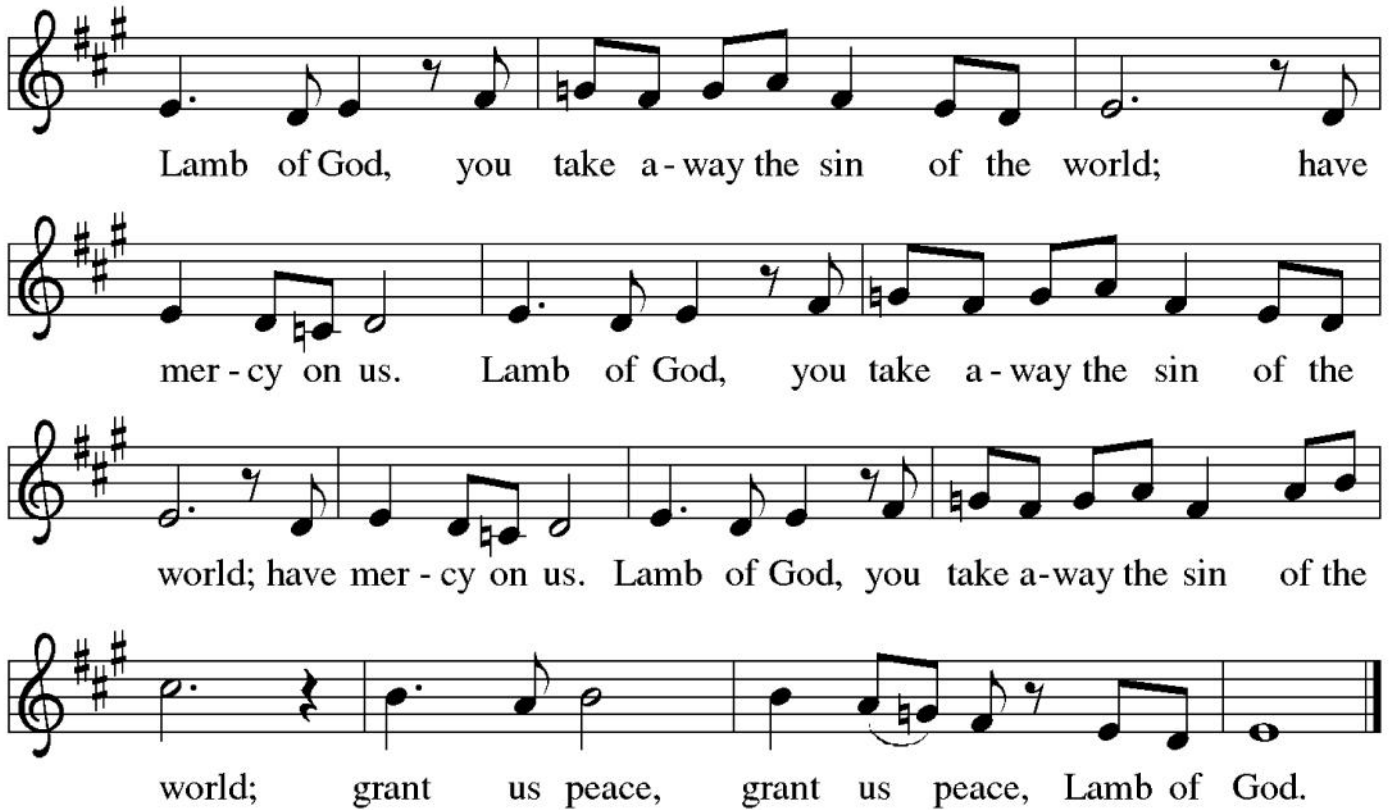
Come, you who have tried to follow  
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

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 • "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 • "TASTE AND SEE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 493

Refrain – All



Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.  
3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
To - geth - er let us all . . . . praise God's name.  
You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;  
I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;  
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.  
from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
in God we need put all our trust.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,

**in this simple meal you have set a banquet.**

**Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.**

**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.

Gracious God,

**you took the form of a servant.**

**Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers.**

**Grant grace and hope to those who feast on your body and blood as a sign of the promised kingdom.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN • "JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 697



*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;  
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*



## SENDING

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today  
are given to the glory of God  
by Zoya Walker  
in memory of John Walker's birthday.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN LIFE TOGETHER

Sunday, November 12 • 9:30 a.m. in the Life Together Hall

### **2024 SPENDING GUIDELINE PREVIEW**

MVLC Treasurer presents the proposed 2024 Spending Guideline and the highlights of how it interacts with our congregation's mission and ministry.

Monday, November 13

**MVLC CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** in observance of Veterans Day.

Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19 at Black Diamond Camp

### **ELEMENTARY RETREAT**

Our Rock Ministry elementary students (1-6 grade) gather for an overnight retreat at Black Diamond Camp in Auburn.

Sunday, November 19 • 12 noon in the Life Together Hall

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

We gather to conduct the business of our congregation, including the adoption of our 2024 Spending Guideline.



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### Both services

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- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Gray, Kathy Harris, Diksha Knierim, Helen Oren.

### 8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Joe Anderson, Gary Larson, Chris Ray.
- J GREETER: Michelle Schweikl.
- J LECTOR: Chris Schaefer.
- J ACOLYTE: Gretchen Schaefer, Nate Schaefer.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Flora Larson, Lori Neptun
- J SOUND: Gene Quandt.

### 10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: John Dahle, Erik Knierim (head usher), Keith Wright.
- J GREETERS: Barb Egan.
- J LECTOR: Megan Hutton.
- J ACOLYTES: Dutcher Adams.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barb Egan, Diksha Knierim.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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What child is this,  
who, laid to rest,  
on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet  
with anthems sweet  
while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in  
such mean estate  
where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear,  
for sinners here  
the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
hail, hail the Word made flesh  
the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense,  
gold, and myrrh;  
come, peasant, king,  
to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
joy, joy, for Christ is born  
the babe, the son of Mary!



# ADVENT QUIET MORNING 2023

## What Child Is This?

Readings • Prayers • Reflections

*Saturday, December 2, 2023  
9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary*

*Join MVLC Communications Director  
Troy Kehm-Goins  
for three short sets of related readings,  
with each set followed by time  
for prayer, reflection, creative response,  
meditation, and/or silence.*

*Come and practice “deep listening”  
and enjoy a few moments of quiet  
in the midst of holiday busy-ness.*