

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 212

JOSIAH'S REFORM **and CHRIST the KING**

Sunday, November 26, 2023 • 9:30 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 • "LORD, LET MY HEART BE GOOD SOIL"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of faithfulness,
your servant Josiah restored your holy words
to a people longing for your guidance.

Help us learn your Scriptures
so that we might carry your words in our hearts,
in our words and in our actions.

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 second book of the Kings.

2 Kings 22:1-20; 23:1-3

22 ¹Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. ²He did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

³In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the LORD, saying, ⁴Go up to the high priest Hilkiah, and have him count the entire sum of the money that has been brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people; ⁵let it be given into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of the house of the LORD; let them give it to the workers who are at the house of the LORD, repairing the house, ⁶that is, to the carpenters, to the builders, to the masons; and let them use it to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the house. ⁷But no accounting shall be asked from them for the money that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly."

⁸The high priest Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." When Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, he read it. ⁹Then Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workers who have oversight of the house of the LORD." ¹⁰Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "The priest Hilkiah has given me a book." Shaphan then read it aloud to the king.

¹¹When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes. ¹²Then the king commanded the priest Hilkiah Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary, and the king's servant Asaiah, saying, ¹³Go, inquire of the LORD for me, for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our ancestors did not obey the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.

¹⁴So the priest Hilkiah, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to the prophetess Huldah the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah, son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; she resided in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter, where they consulted her. ¹⁵She declared to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me, ¹⁶Thus says the LORD, I will indeed bring disaster on this place and on its inhabitants — all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. ¹⁷Because they have abandoned me and have made offerings to other gods, so that they have provoked me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. ¹⁸But as to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, ¹⁹because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before the LORD, when you heard how I spoke against this place, and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and because you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, says the LORD. ²⁰Therefore, I will gather you to your ancestors, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring on this place." They took the message back to the king.

23 ¹Then the king directed that all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem should be gathered to him. ²The king went up to the house of the LORD, and with him went all the people of Judah, all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the house of the LORD. ³The king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to follow the LORD, keeping his commandments, his decrees, and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. All the people joined in the covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "COME NOW, O PRINCE OF PEACE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 247



- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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

*“This Is Amazing Grace”
Barry Johnsrud and Elsa Lysne.*


Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • "BE THANKFUL"

Lutheran Summer Music 2023



May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Be thank - ful.



May the word of Christ dwell in our lives. Be thank - ful.



May we sing with joy, giv-ing thanks to God. Al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia!



May we sing with joy, giv-ing thanks to God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia!

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.

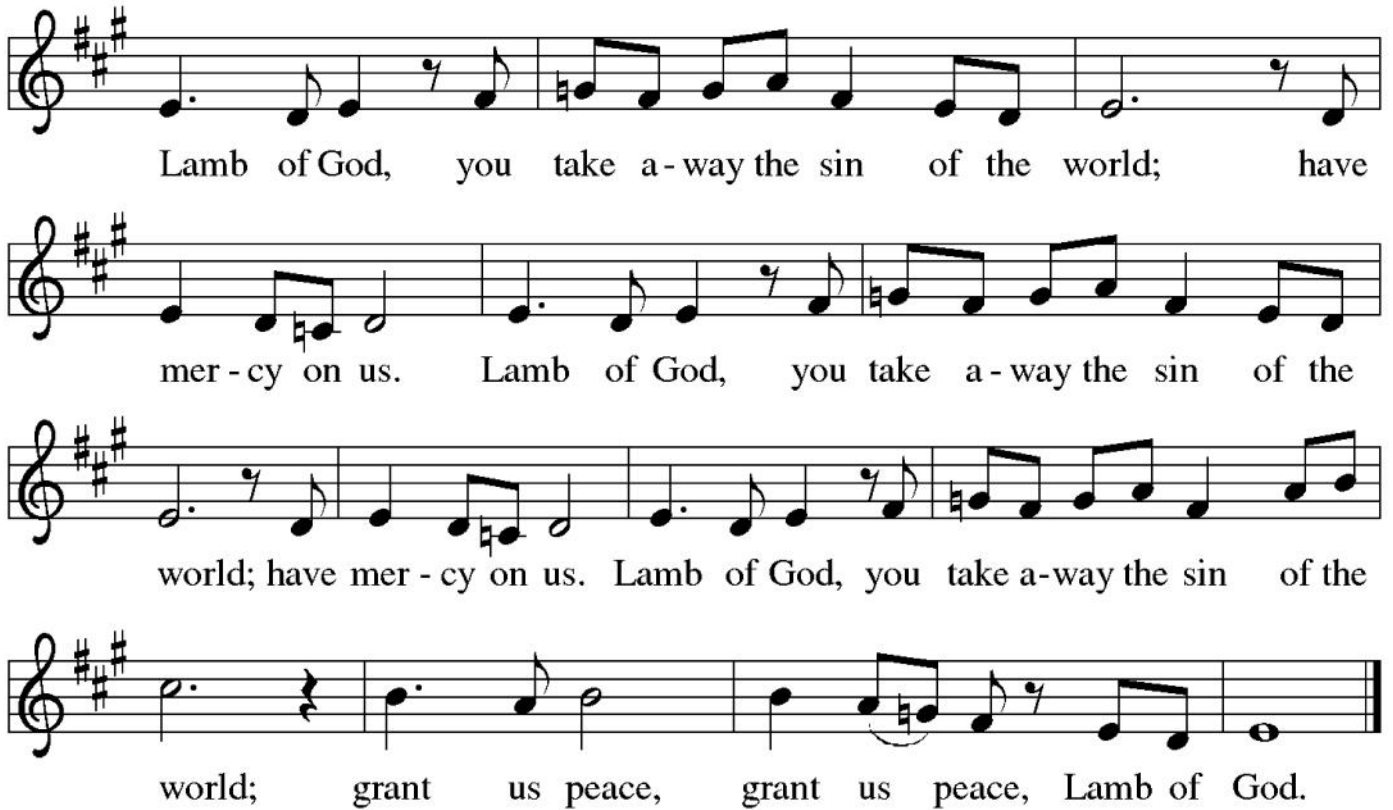
Come, you who have tried to follow
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

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 • "THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

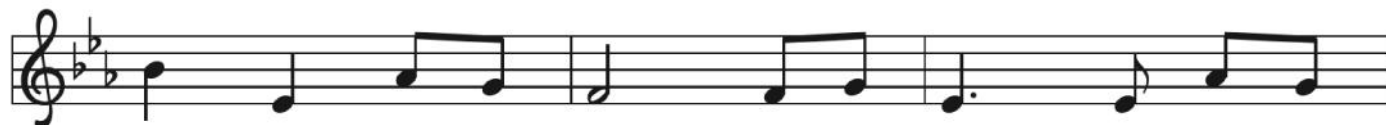
6 And so, through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

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

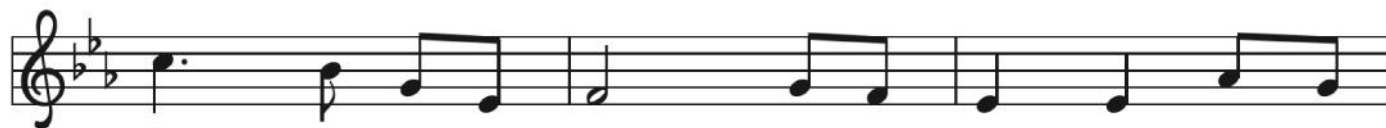


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

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 • "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.

Stand.

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 • "AWAKE! AWAKE, AND GREET THE NEW MORN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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 Jeanne Anderson.*

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SEASON of ADVENT

Wednesday, November 29 • 5:30 p.m. / 6:30 p.m.
ADVENT MIDWEEK #1

Soup-and-bread dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Life Together Hall.
Advent Midweek Worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Saturday, December 2 • 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
ADVENT QUIET MORNING

Readings, reflections, prayers, and moments of silence. This year's theme is "What Child Is This?"

Saturday, December 2 • 12 noon in the Life Together Hall
BABIES SHOWER

We celebrate with three of our families that are expecting babies in December and January.

Sunday, December 3 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT WORSHIP

"Promise of the Messiah." Jeremiah 33:14-18.

2024 FLOWER CHART goes up in the Gathering Space on 12/3. If you are a "regular," then please allow others to sign up first!

Sunday, December 3 • 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
RAINIER RINGERS CONCERT

The Rainier Ringers present "Home for the Holidays," their 2023 Christmas Concert. Admission is free.

Wednesday, December 6 • 5:30 p.m. / 6:30 p.m.
ADVENT MIDWEEK #2
Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 10 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
CHRISTMAS CANTATA WORSHIP

This special worship service features the MVLC Sanctuary choir and a group of instrumentalists. The service also includes Holy Communion.

Wednesday, December 13 • 5:30 p.m. / 6:30 p.m.
ADVENT MIDWEEK #3
Dinner at 5:30 p.m. and worship at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 17 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT WORSHIP
"Rebuilding the Temple." Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13.

Wednesday, December 20 • 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
LESSONS and CAROLS

We celebrate the approach of the Nativity of our Lord in scripture and familiar/favorite Christmas carols.

Sunday, December 24 • 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT WORSHIP

We celebrate the fourth and final Sunday of Advent with a "unified" worship service.

SEASON of CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 24 • 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

We celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord with two Christmas Eve worship services. Join us for Christmas hymns, the Good News of Christmas, Holy Communion, and candlelight "Silent Night."

Monday, December 25
OFFICE CLOSED in observance of Christmas Day.

Sunday, December 31 • 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
FIRST SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS WORSHIP
We celebrate the first Sunday of Christmas with a "unified" worship service.

Sunday, December 31 • 10:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
WATCH NIGHT WORSHIP SERVICE
Welcome the new year of 2024 during a "watch night" worship service.

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POINSETTIAS • ALTAR GUILD

Help the MVLC Altar Guild beautify the Sanctuary for Christmas.

Please fill out this form, attach/include \$11 per plant, and return it to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate.

Your name: _____

Number of poinsettias: _____

Given in memory of or in honor of: _____

Donation amount: _____

Please note that this is considered a donation and does not guarantee that you will receive a poinsettia.

MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE BY 11/30

Applications for this year's round of MEF Grants are now available, in order for you to share the details of your potential project, and how it will benefit the community.

The project must fit within certain criteria:

1. Missions: Local, Regional, and World Projects.
2. Education: College and seminary scholarships and special programs within Mountain View Lutheran Church.
3. Youth: Support for ministry and programs for youth of all ages.
4. Worship and Music: Support for the worship and music life of the church.
5. Capital Projects: major renovations and building of new facilities.

Applications are due either in the MVLC Church Office, or via email, no later than Thursday,

November 30, 2023. Decisions will be made in December. Please note that applying for funding is not a guarantee of receiving funds. Checks will be distributed in January of 2024.

View application at <https://mtviewlutheran.org/2023mefgrantapplication.pdf>