



*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 231

FIRST LAST and LAST FIRST

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 18, 2024 • 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 the holy Trinity, + one God,
who writes the law on our hearts,
who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel or continue standing. Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors
are hungry and cold.**

We speak in ways that silence others.

We are silent when we should speak up.

We keep score in our hearts.

We let hurts grow into hatred.

**For all these things and for sins only you know,
forgive us, Lord.**

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace:
out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us,
breaks every snare of sin,
washes away our wrongs,
and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

Amen.

KYRIE • "KYRIE"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting 5



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

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 • "THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 320



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of abundant riches,
when asked to give everything
to follow Jesus,
a rich man faltered.

Give us courage
to give everything
that we have to you,
knowing that what you offer
is more valuable
than all the riches in the world.

Amen.

Sit.

PSALM • "YOU, LORD, HAVE THE MESSAGE OF ETERNAL LIFE"

Psalm Songs 2 • Psalm 19

Cantor sings refrain; then all repeat.

Cantor: verses; congregation: refrain.



You, Lord, have the mes-sage of e - ter - nal life._____

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

Refrain.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear.
It gives light to the eyes.

Refrain.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding forever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

Refrain.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

Refrain.

Stand.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting 5



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your



God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to



an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

READING

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Briana Merkle.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "TAKE MY GIFTS AND LET ME LOVE YOU"

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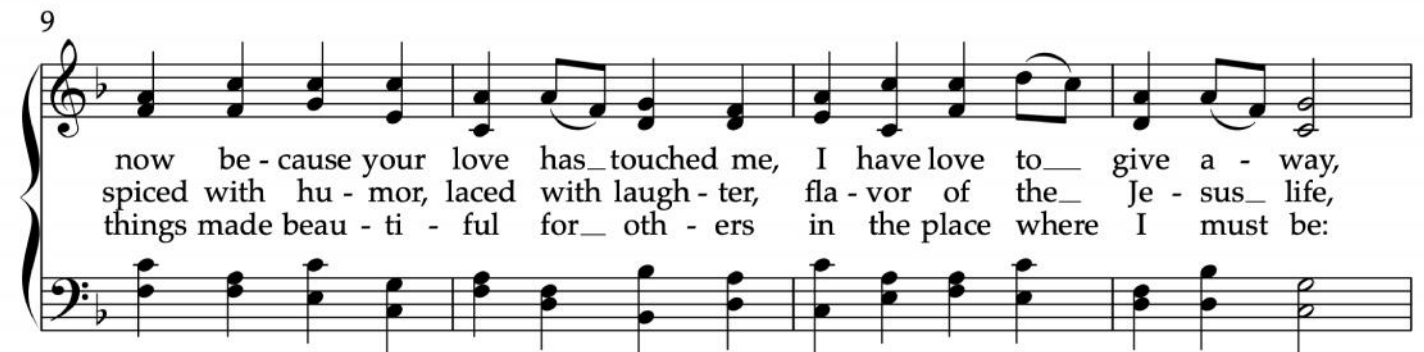
1. Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
2. Take the fruit that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
3. Take what-ever I can offer, gifts that I have yet to find,

5



gave me light and food and shelter, gave me life and set me free,
harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
skills that I am slow to sharpen, talents of the hand and mind,

9



now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
things made beautiful for others in the place where I must be:

13



now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply!
taste of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things,
let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation,
and a world in need.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace,
and receive the prayers of our hearts,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Israel came out of the wilderness
and into a land flowing with milk and honey.
There they were finally able to offer to God
baskets full, in joyful celebration.
We, too, bring the first fruits
of all that God has so generously given us,
with joy and thanksgiving.

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



OFFERTORY

*“Lenten Meditation”
MVLC Sanctuary Choir.*

Stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread of life
and the host of this meal.
Bless these gifts that we have gathered
that all people may know your goodness.
Feed us not only with this holy food
but with hunger for justice and peace.
We pray this in your name.

Amen.

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.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

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"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting 5



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. 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

Bread for the journey.

A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

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.

WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

Come! All who feel new or old,
worthy or unworthy,
loved or unloved.

Come! All who are ready
to weep or to laugh,
to mourn or to dance.

Come! All who are searching
or have given up,
whose lives are in turmoil
or in peace.

Come! All who are here often
or here rarely,
who desire relationship
or are uncertain.

Everyone, come!
Not because the church invites you
but because Jesus Christ invites you.
All are welcome at this table.

Come!

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

With One Voice, Holy Communion, Setting 5



☩ 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.

COMMUNION HYMN • "AROUND YOU, O LORD JESUS"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 468



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



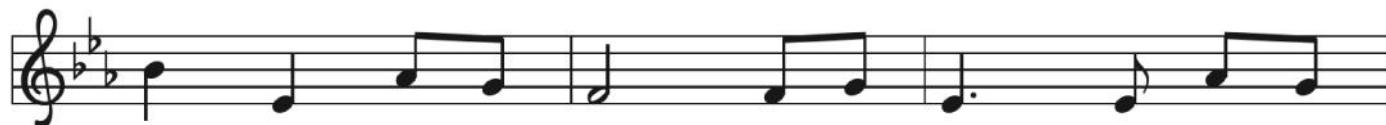
bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

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

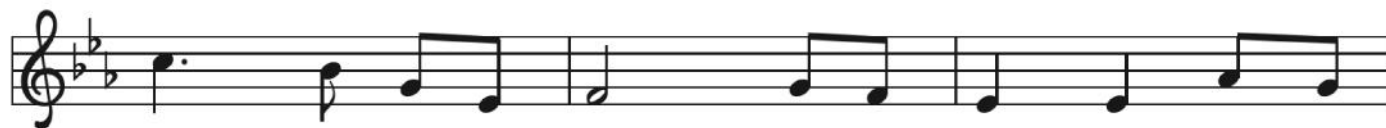


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

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

Generous God,

**at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.**

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,

**whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with our sisters and brothers who are sick and homebound.
In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom
we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son,
that all may feast upon your abundant love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

BLESSING

Beloved, we are God’s own people,
holy, washed, renewed.

God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

SENDING

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

a *week* like no *other*

THE LAST EIGHT DAYS OF JESUS

Wednesday evenings

Lenten Midweek Meal at 5:30 p.m. in the Life Together Hall

Lenten Midweek Worship at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

February 21

Triumphal Entry • Matthew 21:1-11

February 28

Jesus in the Temple • Mark 11:15-19

March 6

The Last Supper • Luke 22:1-34

March 13

Jesus's Crucifixion • Matthew 26:36-45

March 20

The Resurrection • Luke 24:5-7

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Both services

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- J PRESIDERS: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Steven Pahre.
- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC MINISTRIES: Brenna Sage.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Janice Harrison, Janet Larson, Helen Oren, Sandi Swanson.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), Eileen Newton.
- J GREETER: Karen Slavens.
- J ACOLYTES: Nate Schaefer.
- J LECTOR: Emily Thompson.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Barry Johnsrud, Gretchen Johnsrud.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Keith Wright, Marlene Wright, Bob Yost.
- J GREETERS: Ken Johnson, Terry Johnson.
- J LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Jensen, Amy Lewis.
- J SOUND: Megan Hutton.

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