

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

—MARK 28:30-31

For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

—MATTHEW 18:20

Find someone sitting near you with the other half of the heart to make it whole!

MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*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 234

GREAT COMMANDMENT

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 10, 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 • "WHEN THE POOR ONES"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 725



1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:
when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:



We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of love,
you have taught us
that love is your greatest commandment.

Teach us to love
as unconditionally
as you love us.

Amen.

Sit.

PSALM • "FOREVER WILL I SING"

The Lyric Psalter • Psalm 89



For ev-er I will sing, for ev-er I will sing the
good-ness of the Lord, for ev-er I will sing.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The melody is simple and melodic, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

I will sing forever of your mercies, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity,
I have declared you mercy is established forever;
your fidelity stands firm as the heavens.

Refrain.

How blessed the people who know your praise,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice their joyful acclaim.

Refrain.

For you are the glory, the glory of their strength;
by your favor it is that our might is exalted.
Behold, the Lord, the Lord is our shield;
he is the Holy One of Israel, our king.

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 12:28-44

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

³⁵While Jesus was teaching in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Messiah is the son of David? ³⁶David himself, by the Holy Spirit, declared,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet.””

³⁷David himself calls him Lord; so how can he be his son?” And the large crowd was listening to him with delight.

³⁸As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "THE CALL IS CLEAR AND SIMPLE"

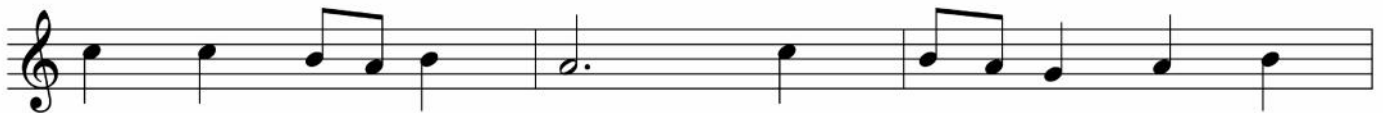
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1. The call is clear and sim - ple: "Love God and hu - man -
2. God, help us sort our mo - tives, That lov - ing may be
3. God, teach us strength and wis - dom When false love takes the
4. O wise and ho - ly Lov - er, Teach us as sea - sons



kind," But love de - mands much wis - dom And
whole. High aims or base am - bi - tion? Com -
lead. Too well we learn sub - mis - sion And
turn To know our - selves and oth - ers— Deep,



clar - i - ty of mind. "Be wi - ly as a
pas - sion or con - trol? Then help us clear our
si - lence our own need. When oth - ers would mis -
hon - est love to learn. So may we nur - ture



ser - pent, Though gen - tle as a dove," For
sched - ules Of ev - 'ry fran - tic task That
use us Or lure us t'ward the wrong, God,
liv - ing In all we say and do, In



man - y are the dan - gers Up - on the path of love.
leads a - way from do - ing The one thing that you ask.
tem - per love with cour - age To keep our bound - 'ries strong.
strong and gen - tle giv - ing To hu - man - kind and you.

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

Because we believe that in Jesus Christ,
God's time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near,
we respond in tangible ways.

By doing acts of justice and compassion
and by sharing our resources,
we bear witness to the good news of the gospel.

The offering is received in gratitude to God.

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



OFFERTORY

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 • "LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 471



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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 • "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.

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 • "LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

SENDING

Go in peace. Share your bread.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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-) ALTAR GUILD: Flora Larson, Karen Lonn, Diane Nelson, Karen Slavens.

8:15 a.m.

-) USHERS: Fred Albert (head usher), Terry Freed, Walt Freed, Michelle Schweikl.
-) ACOLYTE: Dutcher Adams.
-) GREETER: Joe Anderson.
-) LECTOR: Eileen Newton.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Kathy Harris, Gloria Ratcliffe.
-) SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

-) USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Keith Wright, Marlene Wright.
-) GREETERS: Diane Nelson, Lindy Nelson.
-) LECTOR: Jeanne Anderson.
-) COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Terry Jensen, Diane Nelson.
-) SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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