



*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.

*Child care is available for children ages 5 years and under in the Child
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 240

YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 7, 2024 • 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Turn to face the baptism font.

*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,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE • "HAIL THEE, FESTIVAL DAY!"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 394

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



Easter 1 All the fair beau - ty of earth from the

3 God the Al - might - y, the Lord, the . .
5 Spir - it of life and of pow'r, now . .



death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - 'ry good

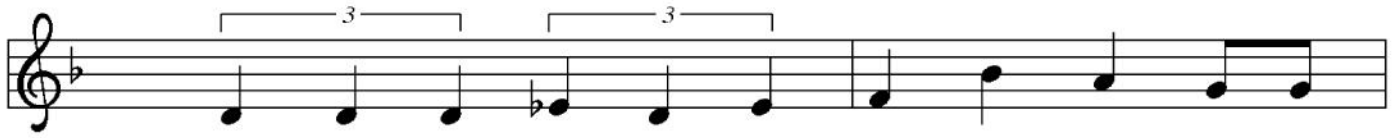
rul - er of earth and the heav - ens, guard us from
flow in us, fount of our be - ing, light that en -



gift of the year now with its mas - ter re - turns:

harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:

Refrain



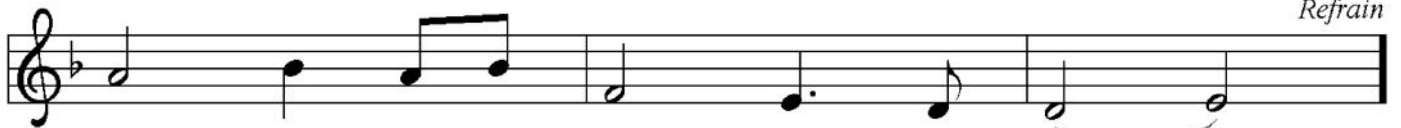
Easter 2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of

4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our
6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and



life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of

minds, great re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
Au - thor of con - cord, pour out your balm on our



death, new life you give to us all:

preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
days; or - der our ways in your peace:

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord, Jesus,
after your death and resurrection
you sent your followers into the world
to proclaim your resurrection
to the entire world.

Send us in to the world
to bear witness to all you have done
in our lives.

Amen.

Sit.


ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting

Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 1:1-14

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 364



M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain



Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen
and love has triumphed over fear,
let us pray for the church, the world,
and all those in need of good news.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, most merciful God,
we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your abiding love;
through Jesus Christ,
our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Christ has called us to be
his witnesses to the ends of the earth.
So let us give generously to fulfill that call.

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



OFFERTORY

*“In Christ Alone”
Joan Kohler, flute*

Stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. 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

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's 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.

WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

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"

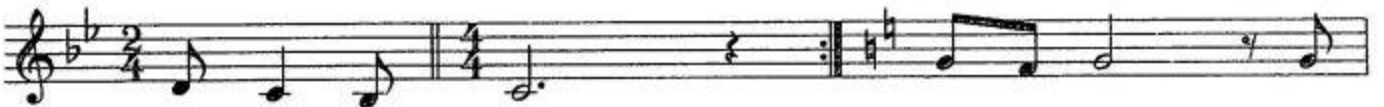
Hymnal Supplement 1991 • "Now the Feast and Celebration" Eucharistic Setting



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and



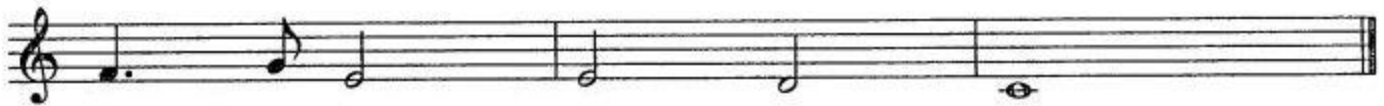
world:
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
peace:
love:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



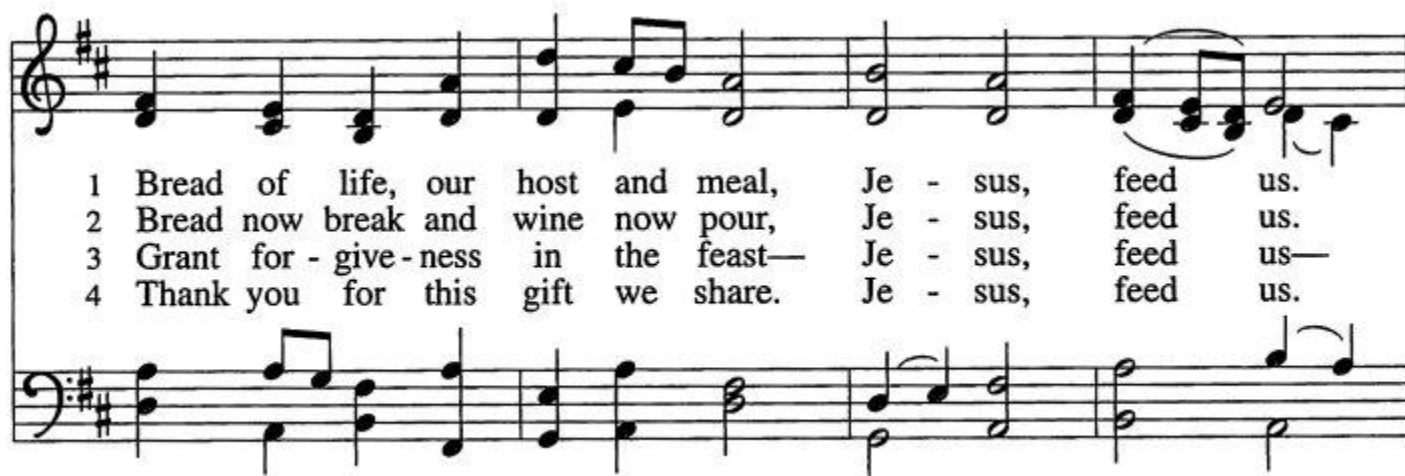
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "BREAD OF LIFE, OUR HOST AND MEAL"

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1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

COMMUNION HYMN • "YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 484



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Refrain

COMMUNION HYMN • "IN THE SINGING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 466



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

in you we live and move and have our being.

**With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.**

**Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.**

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.

Eternal 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 or 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 we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

God of the Resurrection, as we go into your world
help us love with an open heart,
grow with a curious mind,
and share with a generous spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "SOON AND VERY SOON"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 439



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

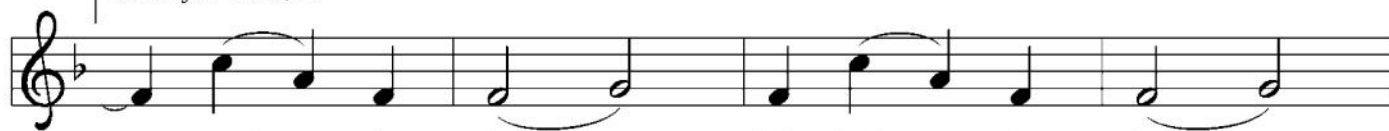


soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today
are given to the glory of God
by Emily Thompson
in honor of Murphey's baptismal anniversary.*

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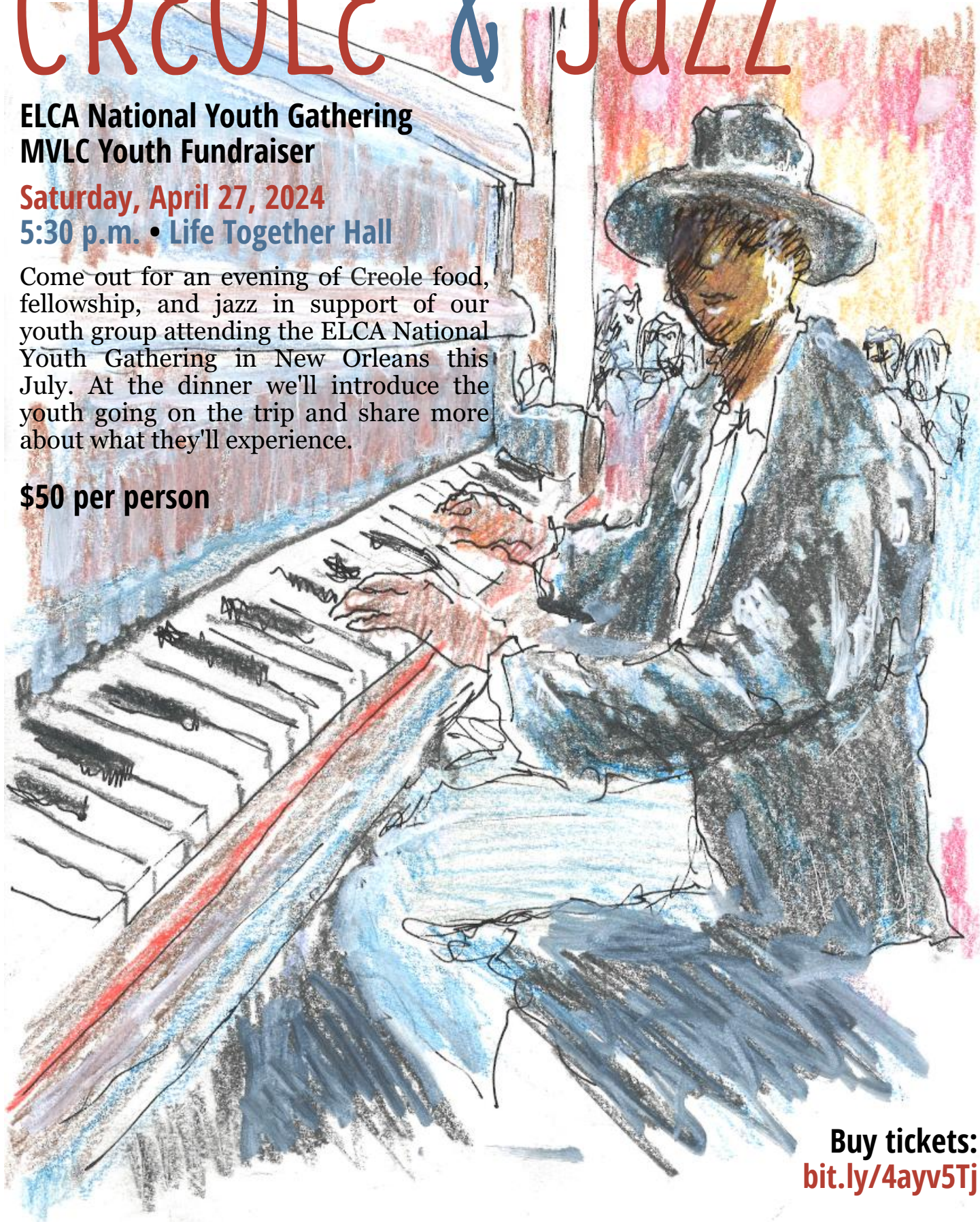
**ELCA National Youth Gathering
MVLC Youth Fundraiser**

Saturday, April 27, 2024

5:30 p.m. • Life Together Hall

Come out for an evening of Creole food, fellowship, and jazz in support of our youth group attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. At the dinner we'll introduce the youth going on the trip and share more about what they'll experience.

\$50 per person



**Buy tickets:
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ENVISIONING OUR
SYNOD PATH -
WALKING AND
WORKING TOGETHER

2024 SYNOD EDUCATIONAL GATHERINGS

**The first SWWA Synod Educational Gathering is held at
Mountain View Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 20, 2024.**

We gather with other rostered and lay members of the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA to worship together, attend workshops on a variety of topics, eat lunch together (included in \$30 fee), honor ordination anniversaries, and get to know other Lutherans in our synod.

9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	Registration
10:00 to 10:30 a.m.	Welcome and Worship
10:30 a.m. to 12 noon	Synod Mission Plan
12 noon to 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.	Workshops — Session One
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Workshops — Session Two
3:00 to 3:15 p.m.	Blessing and Sending

Workshops — Session One

-] Living Stones - We're Still Alive
-] Conversations in Black & White
-] Transforming Conflict: How to listen and communicate

Workshops — Session Two

-] ELCA Youth Gathering: Getting the Most Out of the Gathering!
-] Companionship the Bereaved: An Introduction to Grief Care
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REGISTER at <https://event.me/qlro7v>

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