

# NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 301

## **CREATION and FALL**

*Sunday, September 8, 2024 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.*

### 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.**

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Stand.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God,  
who gifted us with life and Creation to sustain life.

**We praise God for the wondrous Creation.**

Come, let us follow Lord Jesus Christ,  
who inspires us to hope and act for justice and righteousness.

**We give glory to God,  
who restores the groaning Creation and the vulnerable.**

Come, let us move with the Holy Spirit,  
striving to establish justice and produce the firstfruits of hope.

**We praise God for the abundant life  
that is assured to all Creation.**

Heavenly Triune God and Creator of all,  
we gather here, made in the image of the Creator,

**Who created in love.**

We gather in the name of the redeemer,  
our Savior Jesus Christ,

**Who reconciles all of Creation.**

We gather in the presence of the life Giver,  
your Holy Spirit,

**Who inspires new life and instills hope.**

# GATHERING HYMN • "BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE"

*Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting*

## Refrain



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of



heal - ing and re - lease. Come and



gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

### Verses



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of  
2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and



Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who  
pas - sion, Oh how sweet the taste, how



leads us on from death in - to new life.  
deep and rich the well - spring of your love.

## 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.**

# KYRIE

*Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting*



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:



**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. **A** 1. For the  
**A** 2. For your



reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
peo - ple here who have come to give you



world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Lord: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, and de -

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

fend us, O God: **C** A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, grand architect of the universe,  
your design of creation is unflawed.

Yet we continue to litter your creation  
with defects and imperfections.

Show us how not to destroy, but to create,  
not to demean, but to uplift,  
not to hate, but to love,  
so that your creation may be made perfect once again.

**Amen.**

*Sit.*



# ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

*Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting*

Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -

ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

## READING

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

<sup>4b</sup>In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup>but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— <sup>7</sup>then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.



<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. <sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON + SERMON**

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

# HYMN OF THE DAY • "HE COMES TO US AS ONE UNKNOWN"

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship 737*



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -  
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -  
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and  
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

# 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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we pray with confidence for the church,  
God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*At the conclusion of each petition:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God,  
in the name of your beloved child, 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

Let us be glad in our Maker and rejoice in our King.

Let us praise God's name with dancing and music;  
let us bring to God our tithes and offerings.

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



## OFFERTORY

*Stand.*

# OFFERING HYMN • "COME, LET US BRING"

*Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting*



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.  
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.



Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.  
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.  
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.  
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.

## OFFERING PRAYER

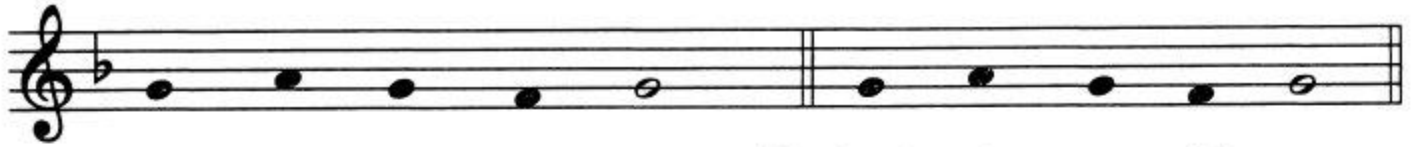
Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of your creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting*



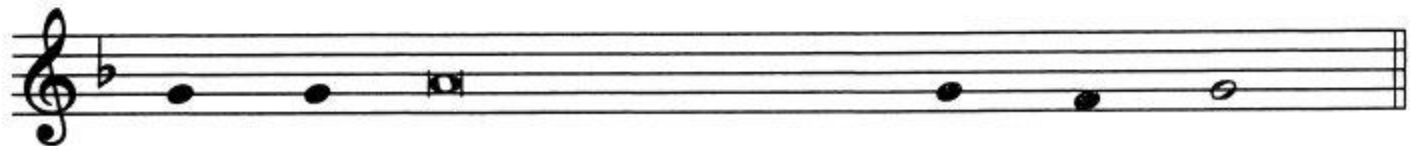
**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good  
that we should everywhere and always  
offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God,  
mighty and immortal, through Christ, our Lord,  
who on this day broke the bonds of death,  
opening to us the way of everlasting life  
and giving us a foretaste of the feast to come.

And so, with the Church on earth  
and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn.

# SANCTUS • "HOLY"

*Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting*



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,



God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your



glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he, 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, 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

Jesus welcomes you to this table.  
Come, here is your God.

*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"

*Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "TAKE AND EAT THE BREAD"

Gather, Third Edition 928

## Refrain



Take and eat this bread. Take and drink this cup.



This is my bod - y and my blood.

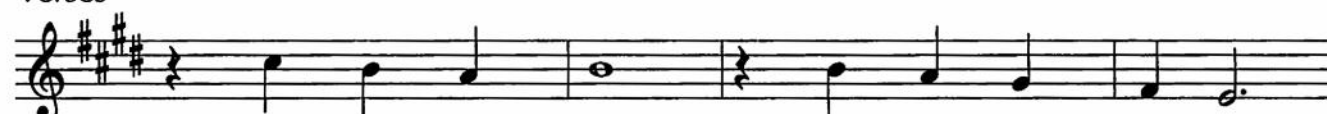


When you eat this bread, when you drink this cup,



you live in me and I in you.

## Verses



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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. This is the bread   | come down from heav-en; |
| 2. Gath - ered as one  | a - round one ta - ble, |
| 3. With - in our hands | we hold the mys-t'ry,   |
| 4. Come all who thirst | for life e - ter - nal, |



this is the cup of our sal - va - tion.  
sent forth to wit - ness to sal - va - tion.  
dy - ing and ris - ing to sal - va - tion.  
come to the ta - ble of sal - va - tion.

D.C.

# COMMUNION HYMN • "AT THE TABLE OF JESUS"

Gather, Third Edition 928

## Refrain



At the ta - ble of Je - sus we are nour - ished and fed By the  
bless - ing cup and heav - en's liv - ing bread. At the  
ta - ble of Je - sus earth and heav - en are wed. To a  
hun - gry world, by our God we are led.

## Verses



1. Where love and char - i - ty are found There God is a - mong us; God's
2. Now, as we gath - er all as one, Di - vi - sion is end - ed, com -
3. Joined with the an - gels and the saints, Be - hold - ing God's glo - ry and



good - ness a - bounds. As Christ gath - ers man - y as one,  
mun - ion be - gun. Let fear, an - ger, ha - tred now end.  
tast - ing God's grace, We'll sing praise in God's ho - ly place,



Let our hearts be glad and re - flect God's love.  
Let us dwell in love as our God in - tends.  
And with heav - en's hosts we'll come face to face.



# COMMUNION HYMN • "IN THIS FEAST OF LOVE"

All Creation Sings 962



1 In this feast of love, in this  
2 In this bread and wine, in this  
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



feast of love, Lord, you share your  
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,  
peace, O Lord; fill us with the



blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.  
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.  
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

*Stand.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,

**you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.**

**Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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,

**grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## BLESSING

God all mighty,  
God most merciful,  
+ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.

**Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN • "O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 880



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

## SENDING

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today  
are given to the glory of God  
by Jim and Debbie Hushagen  
in memory of Debbie's mother Dorothy Herivel.*

*As a community following Christ,  
we **LOVE** with an open heart,  
**GROW** with a curious mind,  
and **SHARE** with a generous spirit.*

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### Both services

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- J DIRECTOR of MUSIC: Amy Boers.
- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Harris, Dotty Shireman, Diana Smith, Mervina Sturgeon.

### 8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Joe Anderson, Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), Terry Wolfe.
- J GREETER: Anne Roff.
- J ACOLYTE: Penelope Neptun.
- J LECTOR: Lori Neptun.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Chris Ray, Anne Roff.
- J SOUND: Henry Peck.

### 10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Kandy Rose, Marv Rose, Bob Yost (head usher).
- J GREETER: Ellen Leapaltd.
- J ACOLYTES: Brian Grayum, Nora Thornton.
- J LECTOR: Bob Linden.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jenny Grayum, Kate Grayum.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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## GATHERING DAY

### ***Today!***

8:15 a.m. = worship in the Sanctuary.

- ⌋ Backpack tags during the Children's Sermon!

9:30 a.m. = Rock Ministry in the Gym / Education Building.

- ⌋ Instrument petting zoo.
- ⌋ LOVE, GROW, SHARE scavenger hunt.
- ⌋ Snacks.

9:30 a.m. = Adult Education in the Life Together Hall.

- ⌋ The Call Committee shares its work to date.
- ⌋ You have a chance to participate!

10:45 a.m. = worship in the Sanctuary.

- ⌋ Backpack tags during the Children's Sermon!

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

### ***Wednesday, September 11, 2024.***

5:30 p.m. = dinner in the Life Together Hall.

6:30 p.m. = class led by Pastor Eric in the Life Together Hall.

- ⌋ Meaningful Conversations on The Ten Commandments.

7:30 p.m. = choir rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

- ⌋ High school youth and adults are invited to join the choir!
- ⌋ Help deepen the richness of worship at MVLC through music.