

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 302

GOD'S PROMISE to ABRAHAM

Sunday, September 15, 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

3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -



Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who

va - tion, come and die to sin, rise



leads us on from death in - to new life.

up to life with - in the Reign of God.

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.

Gathering Hymn reprise:

Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

***Come and gather beneath the tree of life—
root of wisdom, branch of peace,
fruit of healing and release.***

Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the covenant,

as you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars,
you have also promised us that we might live under those stars
as your people, faithful and loved.

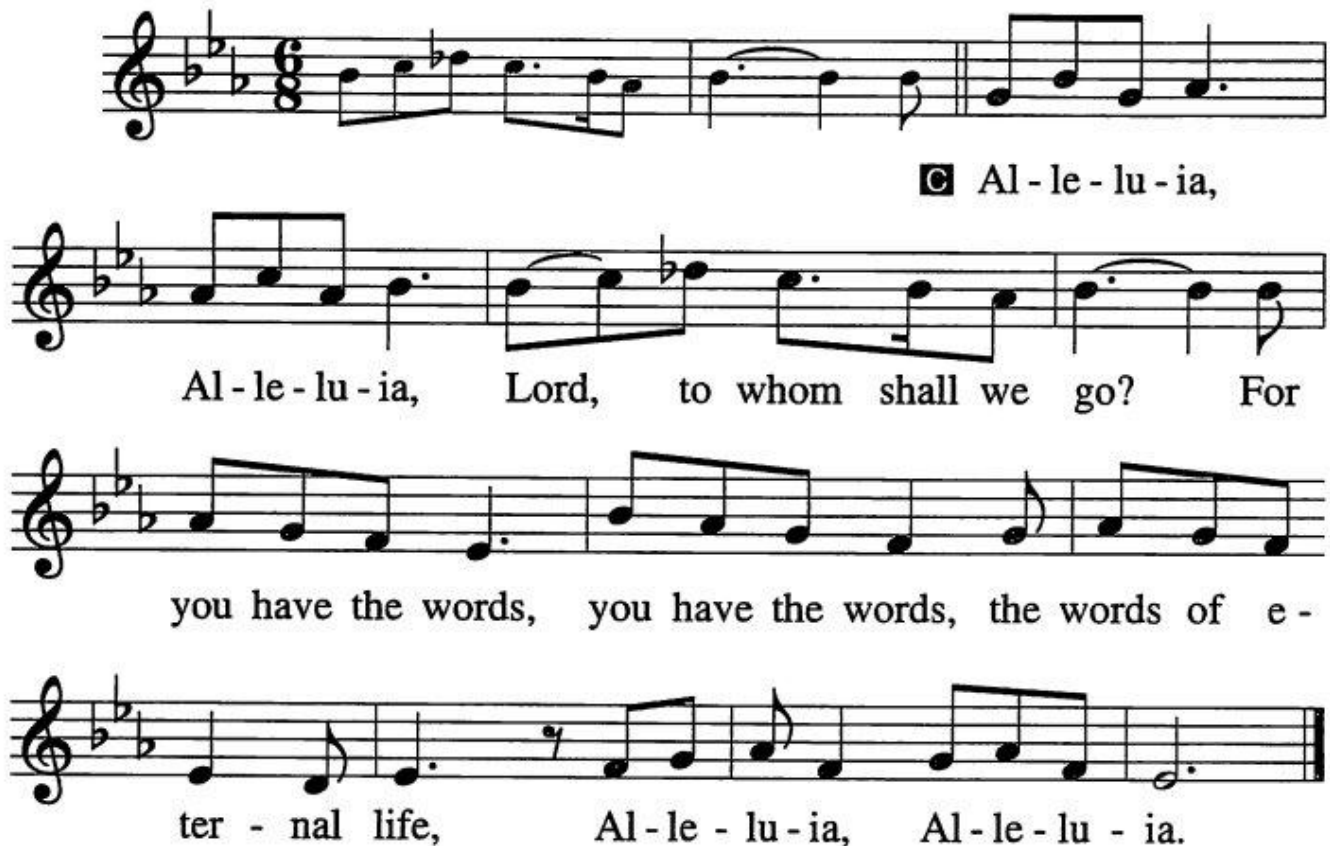
Show us how to live as your people,
and how to nurture all your children
with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night.

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 15:1-6

¹The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "EXALTED BE YOUR NAME"

Come, Beloved of the Maker 72



1 Ex - alt - ed be your name, O God of
 2 Be - neath the des - ert stars, a vis - ion
 3 Ex - alt - ed be your name, O God most
 4 To land of fig and vine, from des - ert
 5 In - to the land be - tween, to wild un -
 6 Ex - alt - ed be your name, O God of



all, pro - tect - or on the path of
 fair: to Sar - ah, Ab - ra - ham, a
 high, who hears sad Ha - gar's call, her
 flight, the peo - ple Is - ra - el move
 known, this peo - ple jour - neys now, but
 all, whose bless - ings man - i - fold rain



great and small; great God of won - ders,
 pro - mised heir, a bless - ing to all
 thirst - ing cry; who saves young Ish - ma -
 from the height and in your pres - ence
 not a - lone, for you are in our
 down on all; may we a bless - ing



hear our grate - ful call; how
 lands you pro - mise there, O
 el from des - ert dry, and
 walk, O Cloud By Light, and
 midst, O Shad - ing Stone; you
 be with love for all, and



bless - ed are your deeds, O God of all.
 God of cov - e - nant, O God of care.
 leads them to the spring, O A - do - nai.
 in your pres - ence tent, O Fire By Night.
 lead us to the spring, O El El - yon.
 you, with - in each heart, be All in All.

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:

Hear us, O God

Your mercy is great.

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

10:45 a.m.

Choir Anthem

“Look Up and Count the Stars” by Peter Latona

Stand.

OFFERING HYMN • "COME, LET US BRING"

Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting

Sung in canon. Group 1 = band side. Group 2 = pulpit side.



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.
Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.



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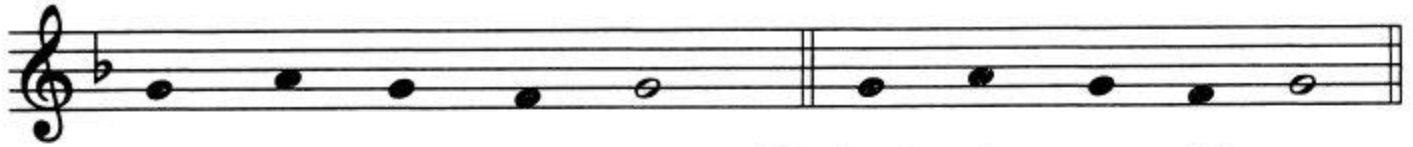
OFFERING PRAYER

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



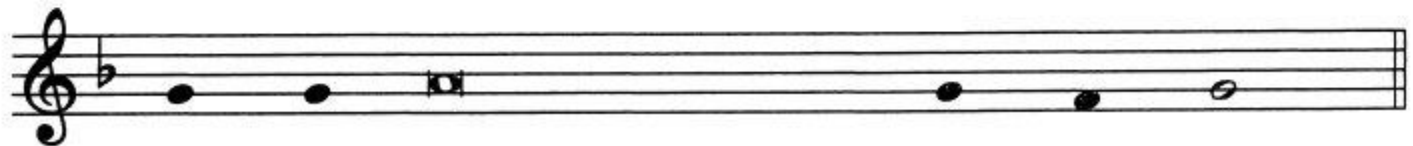
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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 • "SANTO, SANTO, SANTO"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 473



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

COMMUNION HYMN • "AT THE TABLE OF JESUS"

Gather, Third Edition 948

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.

D.C.

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 • "YOU ARE HOLY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 525



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

SENDING

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today
are given to the glory of God
by Dave and Diane Obert.*

*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, Doty Shireman, Diana Smith, Mervina Sturgeon.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Jeanne Anderson, Gary Larson, Ken Swanson (head usher), Terry Wolfe.
- J GREETER: Eileen Newton.
- J LECTOR: Emily Thompson.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Genie Lennon, Sandi Swanson.
- J SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Ken Johnson, Julie Kibler, Mark Kibler.
- J GREETER: Kandy Rose, Marv Rose.
- J LECTOR: Amy Lewis.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Carolee Berntsen, Terry Johnson.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS AT PLU

LUTHERAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Anderson University Center, Pacific Lutheran University

The 2024 Lutheran Studies Conference celebrates the life, work, and commitments of PLU alumna Cecelia Svinth Carpenter, connecting PLU's past, present, and future with the Nisqually, Puyallup, and other Coast Salish people and tribes. Throughout the day, we will celebrate Ms. Carpenter's legacy in Indigenous education, tribal sovereignty, and cultural revitalization through panels, presentations, guest speakers, and the sharing of food, song, and dance.

The conference is free and open to the public and is made possible by the generosity of the anonymous donors who endowed the University Chair in Lutheran Studies.

Register, view the schedule, and learn about speakers at www.plu.edu/lutheran-studies-conference

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BEING OLA

Sunday, September 29, 2024 • 3:00 p.m.

Scandinavian Cultural Center, Pacific Lutheran University

Meet Rahnild Nøst Bergem, director of *Being Ola*, at the U.S. premiere screening of this award-winning Norwegian documentary. Ola, who has an intellectual disability, decides to become self-reliant. Free admission.

View the trailer at tinyurl.com/mwap2s3d

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STAY

Tuesday, October 1, 2024 • 7:30 p.m.

Scandinavian Cultural Center, Pacific Lutheran University

Jan, Mimi, and Sigvald have different kinds of dementia or Alzheimer's disease. How does this affect their lives? Find out in this award winning documentary film. Free admission.

View the trailer at vimeo.com/702778679