



NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 303

GOD WORKS through JOSEPH

Sunday, September 22, 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.

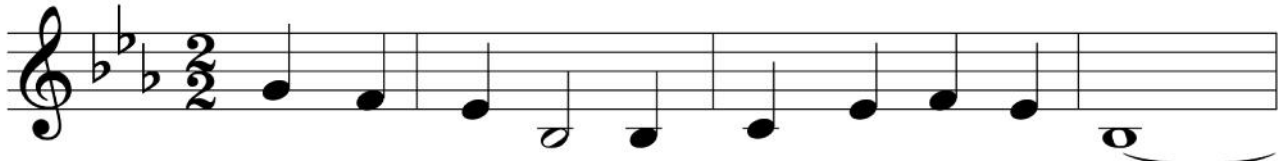
We gather in the presence of the life Giver,
your Holy Spirit,

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.



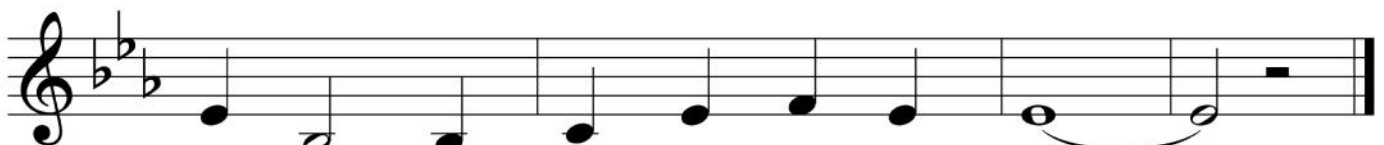
Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of



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

4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your



Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who

mer - cy, we in - voke your name, re -



leads us on from death in - to new life.

mem - ber how your love has set us free.

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 dreams and hope,
you spoke to Joseph in his dreams,
and those dreams led him to great danger.

Yet you used the challenges in his life
to save the lives of others.

In you, no good thing is accidental.

You work in us and through us,
even when we are not aware of your presence.

Help us to know that you are with us,
and that only you are capable of turning all evil to good.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

Sit.

ACCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Holy Communion, Tree of Life Setting



C 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 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

³Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

⁵Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ⁶He said to them, “Listen to this dream that I dreamed. ⁷There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf.” ⁸His brothers said to him, “Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?” So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

¹⁷So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” ²¹But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” ²²Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

²⁶Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. ²⁸When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. ²⁹When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. ³⁰He returned to his brothers, and said, “The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?”

³¹Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³²They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." ³³He recognized it, and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." ³⁴Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Destiny Magnett.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "I WILL TRUST IN THE LORD"

This Far by Faith 256



1 I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
2 Sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord, sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord,
3 Broth-er, will you trust in the Lord, broth-er, will you trust in the Lord,



I will trust in the Lord till I die.
sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord till you die?
broth-er, will you trust in the Lord till you die?



I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,
Sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord, sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord,
Broth-er, will you trust in the Lord, broth-er, will you trust in the Lord,



I will trust in the Lord till I die.
sis - ter, will you trust in the Lord till you die?
broth-er, will you trust in the Lord till you die?

4 Preacher, will you trust...

5 People, will you trust...

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 give as God has so abundantly given to us.

*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

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.



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.
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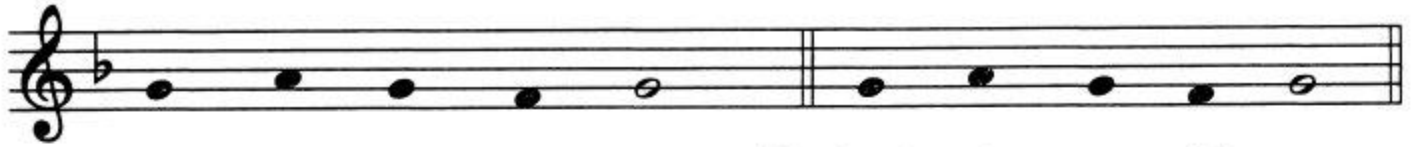
OFFERING PRAYER

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



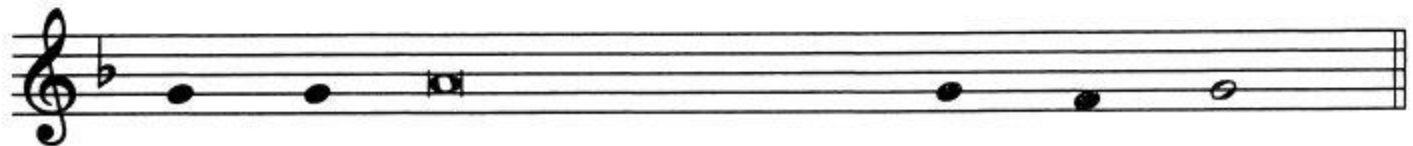
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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 pow-er 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 • "BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 474

Refrain



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;	giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass a - way;	set your
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love for you,	gave him -
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells in you;	make your



thanks,	hun - gry	ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be		
hearts	on	the	food	that	en - dures.	Come,	learn	the	true	and	the	
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one	who	is
home	in	the	life -	giv - ing	Word.	Know	on - ly	Christ,	Ho - ly			

Refrain



sat - is - fied;	in	Christ's	pres - ence	the	loaves	will	a - bound.			
liv - ing	way,	that	the	full - ness	of	life	may	be	yours.	
food	for	you,	that	your	hun - ger	and	thirst	be	no	more.
One	of	God,	and	be - lieve	in	the	truth	you	have	heard.

COMMUNION HYMN • "WE COME NOW TO YOUR TABLE"

All Creation Sings 970



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread.



We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed.



You are the Liv - ing Bread, let ev - 'ry soul be fed:



and now may ev - 'ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

COMMUNION HYMN • "THIS BREAD THAT WE DRINK"

Dancing at the Harvest 30



1 This bread that we break This wine that we pour
2 This love in our heart This faith in our mind
3 This meal that we eat This song that we sing



Sign of the cov - e - nant re - stored:
Nour - ish the hopes of hu - man - kind:
Share we with ev - 'ry liv - ing thing:



Bod - y and blood of Christ the Lord.
Bod - y and blood for this de - signed.
Bod - y and blood to life we bring.

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.

CHOIR BENEDICTION *at 10:45 a.m.*

“As You Go on Your Way” by James Engel

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 840



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

SENDING

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Flowers on the altar today
are given to the glory of God
by Keith and Marlene Wright
in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary
and their son Connor's birthday.*

*Learn more about the mission and ministry
of Churches for Middle East Peace at cmep.org*

*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 PRESIDER: Pastor Eric Bostrom.
- J ASSISTING MINISTER: Peter Briggs.
- 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), Gary Larson.
- J GREETER: Betsy Tunstall.
- J LECTOR: Eileen Newton.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Flora Larson, Betsy Tunstall.
- J SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Diksha Knierim, Erik Knierim (head usher), Lindy Nelson, Marlene Wright.
- J GREETER: Diane Nelson.
- J LECTOR: John Dahle.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Ellen Leapaltd, Diane Nelson.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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3 meals and a comfortable bed to sleep in.

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